

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON-13  
Marine Aircraft Group-13  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-13 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology Report for January 1968

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Encl: ✓(1) MABS-13 Command Chronology for 1-31 January 1968

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGYPART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commander and Staff.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Leroy A. MADERA	Commanding Officer	T/O LtCol.	LtCol.
John I. HUDSON	Executive Officer	Maj.	Maj.
Harold E. WILSON	Administrative Officer	Capt. WD	CWO-4
George W. FRITSCHI	Base Operations Officer	Maj.	Maj.
Daniel I. CARROLL	Base Services Officer	Maj.	Maj.
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	4
(2) Aviation Ground	14

b. Naval Officers	3
c. Marine Enlisted	466
d. Naval Enlisted	19
e. Total Average Strength	506

PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Marine Air Base Squadron-13 continued its support of Marine Aircraft Group-13 and the Air Base at Chu Lai, RVN.

2. Integration of MAG-13 and MAG-12 into a single Airfield Operations section has been very successful. However, the loss of MAG-13 Operations personnel will hamper the overall effectiveness of this section during the coming months.

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. Sixty Seven Enlisted personnel were transferred, while receiving only Twenty Eight Enlisted and One Officer.

2. Administration. There were Eight Enlisted personnel promoted.

3. Awards. Five Meritorious Masts, Three Navy Commendation Medals and Two Purple Hearts were presented.

4. Casualties. None.

a. Destruction of Facilities/Equipment.

(1) Communications Van needs major repairs work prior to becoming operational.

(2) Two PRC 25's were damaged and will need higher echelon repairs.

(3) Two EE-8 telephones were destroyed.

(4) One Sea Hut destroyed.

(5) Fifty percent of living area needs minor repairs.

5. Morale. Morale remains at a high level despite the increased enemy activity in the Chu Lai area. Twenty Five personnel went on Rest and Recuperation trips during this period.

6. Air Operations. All facilities are operational at the West field. East field was utilized twice as emergency back-up for Jet aircraft while West field was down with fouled deck.

a. There were 35,930 take-offs and landings at Chu Lai Air Base. The joint services Air Freight and Passenger Terminal handled 14,702 passengers, 3,898 tons of cargo and 673 Air Medical Evacuation Patients.

b. Launch and Recover made 1,445 aircraft arrestments, of which 23 were declared emergencies; a cumulative total of 12,890.

c. Crash Crew extinguished four aircraft fires that were due to enemy rocket attack, 188 washdowns, 32 Medical Evacuations, 75 Hot refuels and smudge pot detail worked 465 man hours.

7. Motor Transport. The statistical data for the operation of Motor Transport Section is as follows:

a. The welding and machine shop completed 170 work orders yielding 833 man hours of work.

b. Heavy equipment section completed 24 of 51 work orders with 27 pending.

c. The licensing section conducted licencing school for 28 students. 25 students passed road test; 20 new licences, 5 driver permits, 7 heavy equipment and 9 explosive licenses were issued. There were 10 renewals.

d. Operations section compiled the following statistics while traveling 43,803 miles:

Cargo Hauled	1,636
Passengers Hauled	23,653
Total runs	2,190

e. Refueler section totaled 2,677 miles traveling in delivering the following:

Fuel	397,693 Gal.
Water	75,955 Gal.
Oil	1,663 Gal.

f. Received eight M-35A2s; one 2½ ton Lube trailer, one M-35 from Rehab.

8. Training. On the job training continued in all sections, while enemy attacks provided all with the opportunity of applying the art of self cover/concealment. Formal MOS and GMS training programs were developed for all sections.

9. Logistics. TAFDS received 3,874,410 gal. issued 3,960,929 gal. while refueling 2,088 aircraft.

#### 10. Base Development

a. Aerology sections of MAG 12 and MAG 13 are combined to form an airfield weather service.

b. Revetments were constructed around arresting gear West field.

c. There were two fresnel lens certified during this period.

d. A new stateside rotating beacon was installed on top of H&MS 13 hangar.

e. MAG 12 and MAG 13 photo sections have combined to provide an Air Base photo services, which are located to the rear of the Air Base Operations section.

f. Utilities Section installed 500 CM wire to provide full power for H&MS 13 Avionics complex.

g. Nine 50KVA transformers were installed at the mess hall by Utilities to provide power for the newly installed electrical fixtures and appliances.

h. The MABS 13 Laundry building was modified to accomodate two new laundry units which are now in full operation.

i. Utilities Section installed a shower and wash basin in the Special Services Recreation Hut.

j. The Officers Club Snack Bar was completely renovated by the Utilities Section.