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Encl: (1) MABS-13 Command Chronology for 1-29 February 1968
1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 13, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13
CHU LAI, RVN
PERIOD 1 - 29 FEBRUARY 1968

PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commander and Staff.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>	
		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
LtCol Leroy A. MADERA	Commanding Officer	4Oct67	Present
Maj John I. HUDSON	Executive Officer	12Nov67	Present
CWO4 Harold E. WILSON	Administrative Officer	24Jul67	Present
Maj George W. FRITSCHI	Base Operations Officer	12Nov67	Present
Maj Daniel I. CARROLL	Base Services Officer	12Nov67	Present
SgtMaj Caleb G. DUNN	Sergeant Major	26Oct67	Present

2. Task Organization and Data.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>	<u>Date in Country</u>
MABS 13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Leroy A. MADERA	7Sep66 Present

3. Average Monthly Strength.

a. Naval Aviators	4
b. Aviation Ground	15
c. Enlisted	420
d. Total Average Strength	439

4. Important Vistors. None.

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 Base Operations section has been very successful. However, the continual loss of MABS-13 personnel has hampered the overall effectiveness of this section.

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. Twenty three enlisted personnel were transferred, while receiving fourteen enlisted. One officer was transferred, while joining three.

2. Administration. There were seven enlisted personnel promoted during this period.

3. Awards. Four Meritorious Masters, five Navy Achievement Medals, six Purple Hearts and three Good Conduct Medals were awarded.
4. Casualties. ~~None~~ / WIA on 14 FEB. 843
5. Morale. Morale remains at a high level.
6. Informational Services. 92 Fleet Home Town News Releases were submitted during February 1968.
7. Air Operations. All facilities are operational at West Field. East field will be utilized as an emergency back-up for Jet aircraft in the event West field has a fouled deck.
 - a. Controlled take-offs/landings at Chu Lai totaled 33,366.
 - b. Launch and Recovery Section arrested 949 aircraft of which 35 were declared emergencies; this brings the cumulative total to 13,835.
 - c. Crash Crew conducted 129 washdowns, 92 Hot refuelings, and 30 Medical Evacuations. The smudge pot detail worked 465 man hours.
8. Ground Defense. Alert Platoons responded to calls on 5, 7, and 14 February due to Rocket attacks. An inspection of all bunkers was completed. All discrepancies were brought to the attention of individuals concerned.
9. NBC Warfare. On the 14th, Group conducted an Administrative and Material inspection of NBC; was awarded Satisfactory with discrepancies. M17 protective field masks were issued to all personnel.
10. Training. On the job training continued in all sections. GMST and Technical training programs are being implemented in all sections.
11. Logistics. TAFDS received 3,007,933 and issued 3,026,809 gallons of JP-4 fuel while refueling 1,622 aircraft. The new MARES reporting system became effective. This report eliminated the Logistics Summary and the Combat Essential deadline report.
12. Motor Transport. The statistical data for the operation of the Motor Transport Section are as follows:
 - a. The Welding and Machine shop completed 172 work orders yielding 439 man hours of work.
 - b. Licensing section conducted driver licensing school for 30 students and give 26 road tests; issued 26 new licenses for

motor vehicles; issued 15 renewal licenses; there were 15 Heavy Equipment licenses, and one Explosive license issued during this period. Four students failed their tests.

c. Operations Section complied the following statistics while traveling 15,309 miles:

Cargo Hauled	1,643 Tons
Passengers Hauled	32,494
Total runs	2,513

d. Refueler Section totaled 2,685 miles traveled in delivering the following:

Fuel	477,538 Gal
Water	89,557 Gal
Oil	2,575

13. Engineering. Engineering Equipment has been separated from the Motor Transport section and put under the Base Services Officer. Engineering Equipment Section completed 28 work orders with eight work orders pending.

14. Base Development.

a. A bank of nine 50 KVA transformers was installed to power the Group Mess Hall. Expeditionary equipment continues to phase out as Garrison equipment becomes available. MABS Utilities Section constructed three six foot revetment separators to provide for napalm separation from other ordnance in the flight line revetment areas.

b. Laundry service has increased to approximately 2000 lbs. per day. The two new single trailer laundry units are now fully operational. MABS laundry continues to provide laundry service to MASS-3.

15. Maintenance. MABS continues to handle trash and head details for the working and living areas. The camp maintenance functions have gradually been referred to NSAD. MABS is almost completely out of the normal camp maintenance business.