

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 13
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From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: Command Chronology Report for March 1968
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Encl: ✓(1) MABS 13 Command Chronology for 1-31 March 1968

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


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MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 13, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13
CHU LAI, RVN
PERIOD 1-31 MARCH 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 Harole 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 Date.

<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	16
c. Enlisted	445
d. Total Average	465

4. Important Visitors. 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.

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. Seventy nine enlisted and one officer were joined while transferring thirty five enlisted.

2. Administration. Threr was one enlisted person promoted during this period.

3. Awards. Three Air Medals, two Purple Hearts and one Navy Achievement Medal were awarded.

4. Casualties. None

5. Morale. Morale remains at a high level.

6. Informational Services. 70 Fleet Home Town News Releases were submitted during March 1968.

7. Air Operations. All facilities are operational at West Field. The site for the installation of the E-28 arresting gear is now under construction. The E-28 gear will be located 1300' from each end of the West Field and the South gear is estimated to be operational by 7 April 1968.

a. Chu Lai Air Base was host to ten World Airways 707's and additional 707's are scheduled to use the facilities located at Chu Lai.

b. Controlled take-offs/landings at Chu Lai totaled 40,084 which is an all time record for Chu Lai Air Base. MTCU-67 averaged 1,293 daily operations. The joint services Air Freight and Passenger Terminal handled 22,579 passengers, 3,924 tons cargo and 354 Air Medical Evacuation Patients.

c. Launch and Recovery arrested a total of 1,065 aircraft of which 24 were declared emergencies. This brings the cumulative total to 14,887.

d. Crash Crew also conducted 108 washdowns, 24 Medical Evacuations and the smudge pot detail worked 465 hours. On 24 March 1968, the Chu Lai Air Base Crash Crew showed an excellent performance of duty in fighting and putting out the fire caused by an A-4 crash on the north end of the west runway.

8. Ground Defense. The Alert Platoons continued to muster daily. The perimeter platoon is still used on the perimeter at night.

9. NBC Warfare. A new NBC Order is being staffed and should be ready for distribution within ten days.

10. Training. On the job training continued in all sections. GMST and technical training programs are being implemented in all section.

11. Logistics. TAFDS received 4,640,953 gallons and issued 4,654,312 gallons of JP-4 fuel while refueling 2,408 aircraft.

12. Motor Transport. The statistical data for the operations of the Motor Transport Section are as follows:

a. The Welding and Machine Shop completed 116 work orders yielding 1080 man hours of work.

b. Licensing Section conducted driver licensing school for 14 students and gave 15 road tests; issued 20 new licenses for motor vehicles, issued 3 renewal licenses, 15 Heavy Equipment licenses, and one explosive license during this period.

c. Operations Section compiled the following statistics while traveling 55,552 miles:

Cargo Hauled - 1,698 tons
Passengers Hauled - 27,931
Total runs - 2,749

d. Refuelers Section totaled 2,947 miles traveled in delivering the following:

Fuel - 477,538 gal
Water - 89,557 gal
Oil - 2,575 gal

13. Engineering Section. Completed 23 work orders with 44 pending.

14. Base Development. During the month of March the MABS 13 Utilities Section completed over eighty written and verbal work requests. These requests varied from small jobs, such as the installation and repair of Air Conditioners, to larger jobs like the completion of the 450 K.V.A. Transformer Bank for the mess hall. The Laundry Section washed 54,672 pounds of clothes while the Water Point supplied approximately 2,100,000 gallons of water for the personnel in the MAG 13 Cantonement.

15. Maintenance. The Construction Shop built 97 mount out boxes for the mess hall and also completed several other work requests for signs, tables, crates, and mount out boxes for the MAG 13 area. Besides numerous requests for wiring through out the area, the Electric Shop furnished a generator crew for the runway. This crew's responsibilities covered the functioning of the Approach and Strobe lights, Mirror, and Security Lights. The Sanitation Department continued to haul many thousands of pounds of trash away from the MAG 13 area.