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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON-13
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LtCol Richard D. REVIE, USMC

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 December 1969: Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Period</u>
Executive Officer	Major Billy H. DRAFFEN	1-31 Dec69
Base Services Officer	Major Bernard R. HALPRIN	1-31 Dec69
Legal Officer	Capt Robert L. FRANTZ	1-31 Dec69
Administrative Officer	WO Juan M. LEM	1-31 Dec69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
		<u>Off</u> <u>Enl</u>
Naval Aviators - 8	Officers - 3	None
Naval Flight Officers - 2	Enlisted - 30	
Aviation Ground - 9		
Enlisted - 518		
	Total Average - 33	
Total Average - 537		

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Air Base Squadron-13 continued its support of Marine Aircraft Group-13 at Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. Services encompassed operations dealing with personnel administration, billeting, food services, heavy equipment operations, transportation, clubs operation, medical services and support of Chu Lai Air Base operations, ie., aircraft refueling, crash and rescue services, aerology and launch and recovery operations. Highlighting the month of December 1969, was the opening of a new barber shop in the Marine Aircraft Group-13 cantonment on 29 December 1969 and the forwarding of letters conveying season's greetings to families of members of this organization.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. Personnel. 1 Officer was joined and there was 1 officer attrition. 75 enlisted personnel were joined and 67 transferred.
- b. Administration. In an effort to make families of squadron members aware of the Marine Corps' appreciation for the members' service in Vietnam, season's greetings were conveyed to all families of members of this squadron. Approximately 550 such letters were prepared, signed and mailed to families of members who desired them. To prevent unpleasant surprises due to an official envelope arriving to these families, an appropriate stamp was placed on the envelopes advising them of the contents. To date, many favorable replies from parents and wives have been received. There were 14 enlisted Marines promoted and 2 reductions effected. There were no officer promotions during this period.
- c. Awards. There were 6 Navy Commendation Medals recommended and 2 Naval Achievement Medals.
- d. Casualties. One. Corporal Ronald F. LISCUM died 28 December 1969 as a result of a C-117 aircraft crash in the surroundings of Chu Lai. He was assigned duties aboard the aircraft as radio operator.
- e. Civic Action. On 7 December 1969, the dispensary in the village of An-Tan ceased operations due to lack of support by the Village Chief. From 1 July 1969, until the close of the dispensary operated under the MEDCAP program, 12,554 patients had been treated.
- f. Food Services. Meals served by this section numbered 139,703. It provided 9,988 sandwiches and served 6,619 Midnight rations. Work was commenced to provide for a new scullery for the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer's and Officer's mess. This will greatly enhance sanitation conditions and reduce the workload of the one scullery now in operation.
- g. Medical. The Medical Section treated 686 patients during this period and administered 950 immunizations.
- h. Utilities. Greatly due to the work of this section, it was possible to open the new MAG-13 Barber Shop. Work projects accomplished included the installation of plumbing and lighting fixtures and the painting of the interior. In addition, an existing Mail Room was enlarged to accommodate the voluminous amount of mail received by the squadron. A golf driving range was built for the enjoyment of personnel in Chu Lai. For this month, 3 water points operated by this section purified and distributed 2,400,000 gallons of potable water.

i. Launch and Recovery. This section reports the 30,000th M-21 arrestment accomplished on 30 December 1969. Total arrestments accomplished for this month were 924.

j. TAFDS. This section received 2,866,951 gallons of JP-4 and issued 2,855,186. During December 1969, 1,651 aircraft were serviced.

k. Ground Defense. Three sweeps for unfriendlies were conducted outside the perimeter area with negative results. Additionally, during the month of December 1969, 3 practice alerts were conducted for the Squadron CLDC platoon.

l. Crash Crew. On 6 December 1969, an A4E aircraft blew its right main tire on take-off and went off the runway accounting for one crash where the services of this section were called upon. During this period, 49 other emergencies were attended and escort service was provided for 70 medical evacuations.

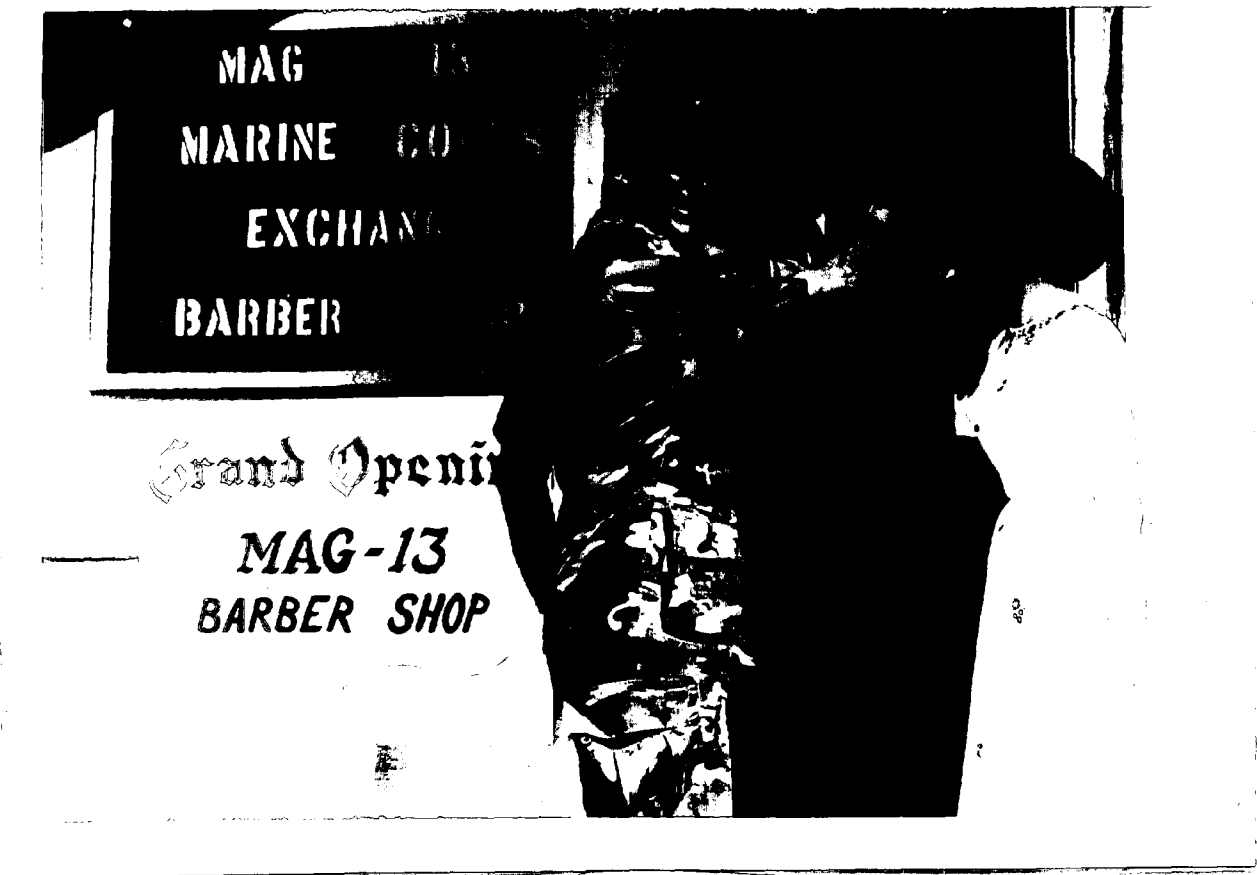
m. MAG-13 Post Exchange. 29 December 1969 marked the opening of the new MAG-13 Barber Shop. This event was highlighted by the ribbon-cutting ceremonies officiated by Colonel Thomas R. MURPHREE, MAG-13 Commander, who was assisted by the concessionaire of the facility (App 1). The opening ceremonies were followed by the offering of cookies and refreshments to the first patrons of the facility (App 2). The first official customer was the Group Commander, Colonel MURPHREE (App 3). The opening of this facility is an additional convenience to MAG-13 Marines with the added space, better lighting and the service of more barbers.

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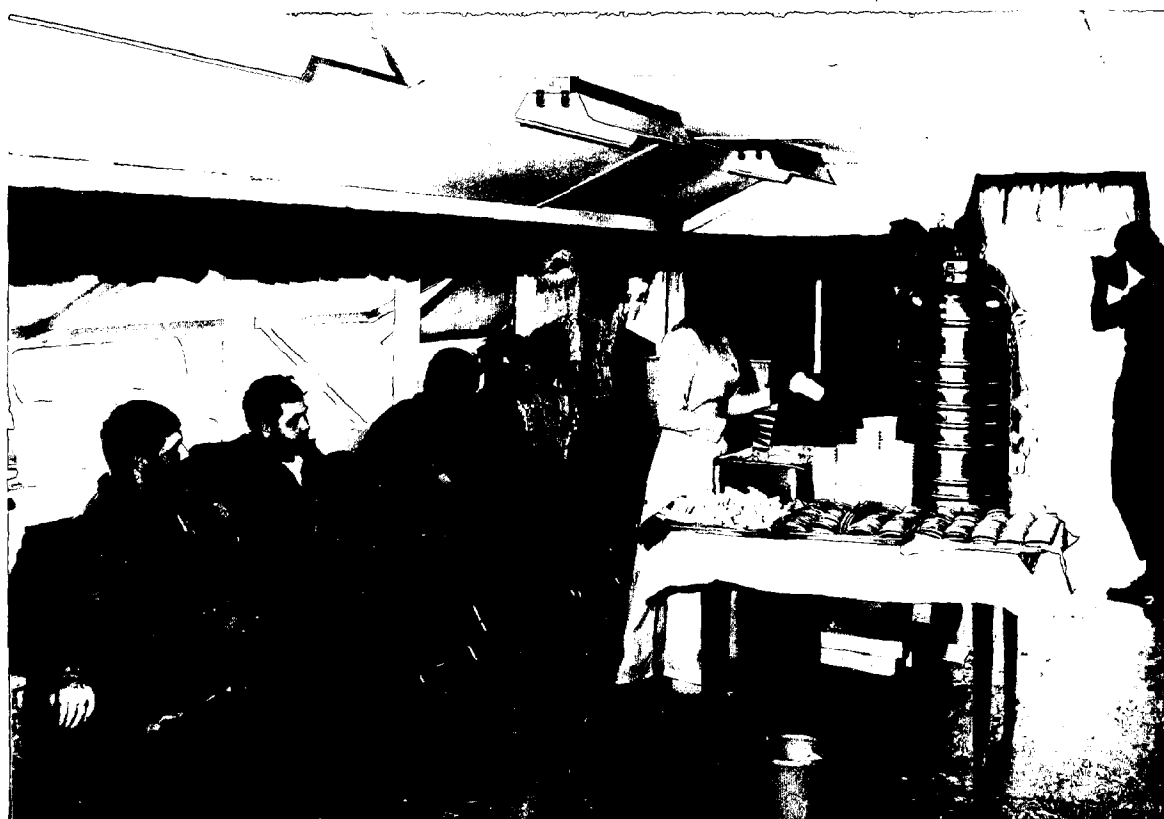
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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