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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 R. D. REVIE, USMC

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1970: Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major Billy H. DRAFFEN	1-28 Feb
Base Services Officer	Capt Calvin J. GOMEZ	1-28 Feb
Legal Officer	1stLt John T. CASCIO	1-28 Feb
Administrative Officer	WO Juan M. LEM	1-28 Feb

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
Off	Enl
21	578

USN	
Off	Enl
5	23

OTHER	
Off	Enl
None	

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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 February 1970 was the MABS-13 First Annual Field and Track Meet for personnel of MAG-13 and the dedication of an athletic field in honor of First Lieutenant Daniel J. MINAHAN, VMFA-115, MAG-13, Radar Intercept Officer, killed in action on 22 January 1969. Construction of the field was done by MABS-13 personnel and all activities of the meet were manned by eager Squadron volunteers. This event was held with the purpose of increasing Unit and Group morale and to foster a spirit of competition among the Squadrons.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. Personnel. 4 Officers were joined to this organization during February and there were 3 Officer attritions. 103 enlisted personnel joined while 63 were transferred.
- b. Administration. There were 37 enlisted Marines promoted and 1 Officer promotion was effected. 12 enlisted reductions were effected during this period.
- c. Civic Action. During the month of February, 27 patients were treated by the Medical Section under the Med-Cap program.
- d. Food Services. Meals served by this section numbered 148,542 while providing 7,641 sandwiches and serving 5,808 midnight rations. An additional steamline has been put on the enlisted side of the messhall. This has helped tremendously to get the troops through the line faster. Twenty tables (4 man) were procured from the MAG-12 messhall and thirty chairs. Seating is sufficient now even with the influx of personnel from MAG-12 utilizing the MAG-13 messhall. In addition, 1 large salad bar, 1 small salad bar, 1 dishwashing machine, 1 dough divider, 7 tableware outfits (field), 14 food containers, 1 65 cubic foot refrigerator, 2 milk dispensers, 1 meat slicing machine, and 5 stainless steel worktables were also procured from the MAG-12 messhall prior to their departure.
- e. Medical. The Medical Section treated 1,018 patients, filled 1,152 prescriptions, and administered 1,082 immunizations during this period.
- f. Launch and Recovery. Members of this section performed 256 aircraft arrestments out of which 249 were F-4 arrestments and 4 were emergencies.
- g. TAFDS. This section received 3,892,594 gallons of JP-4 and issued 3,909,622 gallons which constituted refuel service for 2,810 aircraft.
- h. Ground Defense. During this period, two sweeps for unfriendlies were conducted outside the MAG-13 perimeter area producing negative results. One practice alert was conducted for the Squadron CLDC Platoon. A total of 125 lights are now operational on the outer perimeter, providing full lighting of Sub-Sector VI of the MAG-13 area of responsibility. This section assumed responsibility for 1 gate at the entrance to the MAG-12 area on 26 February.
- i. Crash Crew. On 7 February 1970, the services of this section were called upon when a F4B aircraft crashed on take-off and again on 11 February when a UH-1 Army helicopter crashed. During February, 36 other emergencies were attended and escort service was provided for 30 medical evacuations. In addition, 10 fires were controlled, 15 hot refuels and 40 washdowns necessitated the utilization of members of this section.

j. Utilities. During this period, approximately 165 work orders were completed, which included the construction of bleachers, backstop, player's benches and other accessories for the MAG-13 Athletic Field, and also the painting and relocation of buildings in the PX complex. Laundry service has improved, both in quality and quantity. With the completion of an addition to the present building, a third laundry unit will be in operation further increasing service. This section has assumed operation of two additional water points that were previously operated by MAG-12. This makes a total of five water points operated by this section. The electric shop generator crew has increased responsibilities by taking over MAG-12's commitments, now providing lighting to the East and West perimeters.

k. Communications. This section assumed all communication responsibilities for 1st MAF Units at Chu Lai and the support of Chu Lai Air Base. The communication center processed a total of 28,472 messages during February. Electronic maintenance support was provided to 1st CAG and MCB-7. The MAG-13 cable/wire system is being upgraded and tied into a main frame preparatory to cutting all circuits into the FCC to facilitate installation/restoration of DCS circuits.

l. Heavy Equipment. This section totaled over 2,058 hours of operations during this period and the 3rd echelon shop completed 20 out of 40 work orders on engineer equipment. A total of 16 Engineer Equipment operators were issued licenses during February.

m. Motor Transport. This section amassed 67,695 road miles traveled for this month. This accounted for 1,653 tons of cargo hauled and 12,830 passengers transported. Fuel dispensed to all vehicles in the Chu Lai Air Base by the Refueler Section amounted to 316,174 gallons. This section also hauled 30,000 gallons of JP-4 and 18,600 gallons of Diesel Fuel to LZ Baldy in support of MAG-16 helicopters.

n. MAG-13 Post Exchange. The month of February found the base exchange facilities in continual improvement. This was amplified by uninterrupted progress on the MAG-13 Gift Shop. This Gift Shop is expected to open for business during the first week of March. This month was highlighted by two electronics sales that netted close to \$3,000. All exchange facilities are functioning exceptionally well considering the fact that this section is assuming control over MAG-12 exchange facilities. The MAG-13 exchange's total sales for the month of February amounted to \$65,000 to keep proportionate sales higher than any other exchange in the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

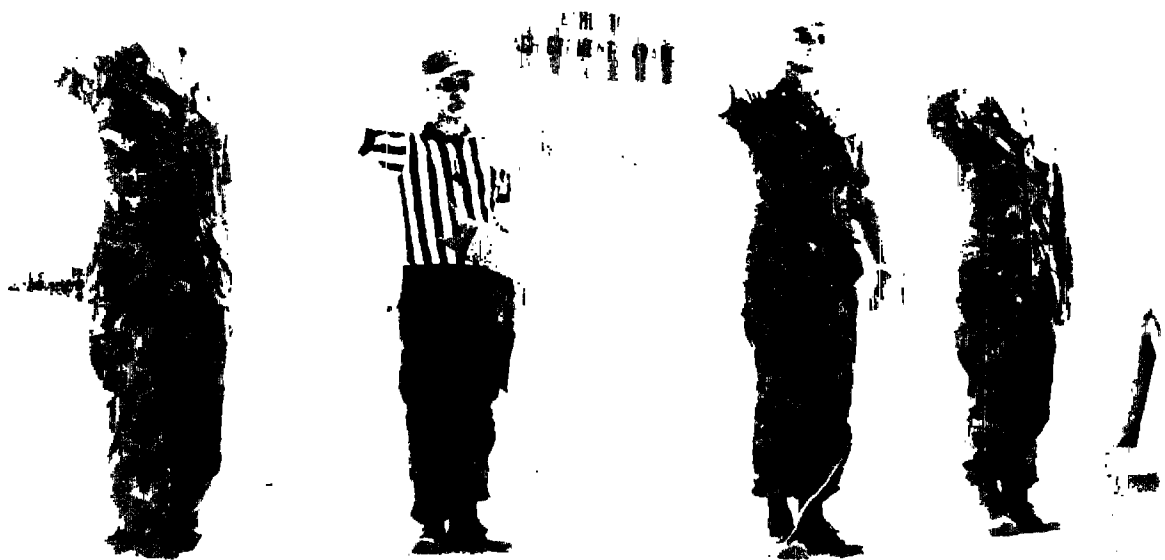
o. MATCU-67. This unit averaged 811 daily operations at Chu Lai Air Base during the month of February. The East Tower accounted for 10,702 operations while the West Tower accounted for 11,990. Tower operations processed by this unit to date total 1,274,208 and GCA approaches number 65,245.

p. Special Services. On 15 February 1970, this section coordinated the MABS-13 sponsored First Annual Track and Field Meet for personnel of MAG-13 (App 1). The occasion was commenced with a dedication ceremony of the Minahan Memorial Athletic Field in honor of First Lieutenant Daniel J. MINAHAN USMC and to MAG-13 Marines who have given their lives in the service of their country. Lieutenant MINAHAN, a Radar Intercept Officer with VFA-115, MAG-13, was killed in action on 22 January 1969. Colonel Thomas E. MURPHREE, MAG-13 Commander, officiated the ceremony and at its conclusion, the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Band played the National Anthem (App 2). The first event of the day was the 100 yard dash (App 3). Each running event had two heats and a final. There were other field events which included the highjump (App 4); the broadjump (App 5); and the shotput (App 6). A favorite event was the 50 yard hurdles (App 7). The hurdles were specially constructed for the field day by the MABS-13 carpenter shop. The highlight of the day was the tug of war which took place over a mud pit. MABS-13, with Lieutenant Colonel REVIE leading his team through some very tough competition, was the victor of this event (App 8). There was a variety of events which took place during the meet. One was the 4 man mixed relay which included 2 220 yard dashes, a 50 yard backwards crawl and a 50 yard duckwalk. Another event which caused much enjoyment for the spectators as well as the participants was the 50 yard 3 man legged race (App 9). This event consisted of 3 men with their legs tied together much like a 3 legged sack race. It provided some interesting results. The athletic field was graded, leveled and laid out by Marine Air Base Squadron-13 personnel and heavy equipment. MABS-13 Marines also set up the refreshment stands, tents, flags, and built the stand for the band. MABS-13 cooks and Squadron volunteers served spectators 2,000 hamburgers, 1,280 hot dogs, 3,800 rolls, 1,050 candied apples and 10 trailer loads of assorted beverages cooled with 9,000 pounds of ice, (App 10). At the conclusion of the meet and when the points were totaled, VFA-311 emerged victorious. This squadron was awarded the Group Commander's Cup for their performance and it is now displayed proudly outside their squadron headquarters. The track and field meet was considered a total success. Members from all organizations of MAG-13 expressed their appreciation to MABS-13 for sponsoring the most outstanding event that the Group as a whole has been able to participate in.

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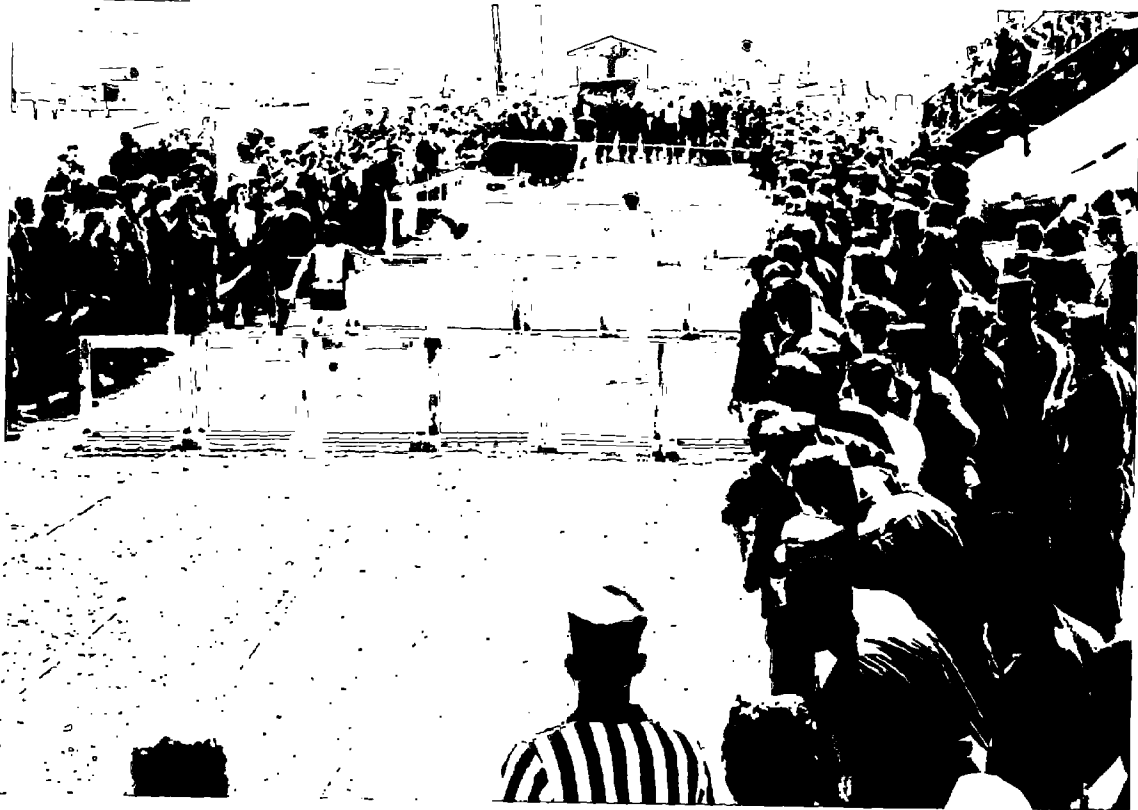




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