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Marine Aircraft Group 15  
Task Force Delta  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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Encl: (1) Marine Air Base Squadron 15 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) through (e), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Marine Air Base Squadron 15

COMMANDERMajor W.W. Harding, Jr.  
(25 April 72 - 30 June 72)Major R. L. Beckwith  
(1 January - 24 April 72)ATTACHED UNITSMATCU-60 (1 January - 27 May 1972)  
MATCU-62 (27 May - 30 June 1972)2. LOCATIONMarine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan (1 January - 6 June 1972)  
Nam Phong Air Base, Thailand (7 June - 30 June 1972)3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major L.R. Cushman  
(28 April - 30 June 1972)Major D.M. Bassett  
(1 January - 2 April 1972)

Administrative Officer

CWO-3 R.G. Morilla  
(1 January - 30 June 1972)

Legal Officer

1stLt R.W. Treanor  
(1 January - 30 June 1972)

Base Operations Officer

Capt C.J. Conlon, Jr.  
(7 June - 30 June 1972)1stLt R. Damiani  
(16 March - 6 June 1972)REF ID: A65125  
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Material Officer	1stLt R.G. Carracino (1 January - 30 June 1972)
Communications Officer	Capt G.J. Taylor (1 January - 30 June 1972)
Base Services Officer	Capt F.P. Heller (7 June - 30 June 1972)
	1stLt T.M. Thomas (4 April - 6 June 1972)
	1stLt G.M. Kingsland (1 January - 3 February 1972)
Motor Transport Officer	CWO-2 J.W. Barotti (22 June - 30 June 1972)
	Capt F.P. Heller (1 January - 21 June 1972)
Utilities Officer	1stLt L.E. Sharpless (5 February - 30 June 1972)
	1stLt J.F. Lupo (1 January - 30 January 1972)
TAFDS Officer	1stLt R.G. Mellon (1 January - 30 June 1972)
Officer in Charge MATCU-60	Capt D.L. Hendrix (1 January - 27 May 1972)
Officer in Charge MATCU-62	Capt R.D. Anderson (27 May - 30 June 1972)

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

USMC		USN		MATCU-62	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
14	278	5	41	5	52

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1 January to 7 April 1972 MABS-15 continued to provide normal services for all units of MAG-15, provided motor refueler support for all Squadrons within MAG-15, TAFDS for both MAG-12 and MAG-15, and supplemented the facilities and services of MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan.

During the period 8 April to 24 June 1972, MABS-15 supplied personnel and equipment in support of combat operations to DaNang, RVN, in support of MAG-15.

On 27 May 1972 MATCU-60 was transferred to MABS-12 and MATCU-62 was attached to MABS-15.

On 28 May 1972 MATCU-62 and an advance party of 63 personnel, including personnel from TAFDS, Utilities, Motor Transport, Launch & Recovery, and Crash Crew, were deployed in support of MAG-15 deployment to Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand.

During the period 5 to 15 June 1972 the entire MABS-15 deployed to Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand.

On 24 June 1972 the element deployed to DaNang, RVN, rejoined MABS-15 in Nam Phong, Thailand.

During the period 28 May to 30 June 1972 MABS-15 personnel and equipment have engaged in buildup, and support of combat operations at Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand.

## PART III

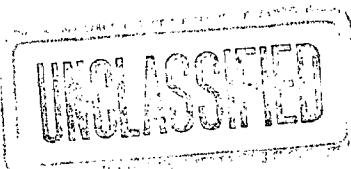
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

JOINED		DROPPED	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
8	252	6	198

On 25 April 1972 a portion of MABS-15 deployed to DaNang, RVN, in support of MAG-15. On 26 May 1972, an advance party consisting of 63 MABS personnel and MATCU-62 deployed to Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand in support of MAG-15.

Commencing 5 June 1972 MABS-15 deployed to Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand, in support of MAG-15.

On 24 June 1972 the element in DaNang, RVN, rejoined MABS-15 at Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand.



3. Intelligence

Included intelligence briefings and All Officer meetings by the Commanding Officer in connection with MABS-15 deployments in support of MAG-15 during this period.

4. Training

Essential Military Subjects testing during February, March, and April. Drug Abuse and People Training Seminars on a continuous basis until May 1972. Preventive Medicine and Field Sanitation lectures during June 1972.

5. Special Operations

As in Part II, Narrative Summary.

6. Command Relations

Normal.

7. Equipment

Normal equipment support provided to local Group and Air Station units until 7 April 1972, at which time was provided in support of MAG-15 deployments through June 1972. Normal preventive Maintenance performed on all equipment.

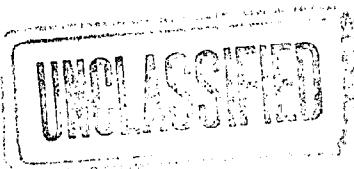
8. Logistics

Material: Completion of Marine Corps Property inventory during April 1972. During May and June 1972, provided personnel with necessary items of equipment for deployments.

TAFDS: Received 3,292,780 gallons of JP4 and JP5 and dispensed 3,074,159 gallons during this period.

Motor Transport: Fuel dispensed: 2,660,675 gallons of JP4, and 25,418 gallons of 80 Octane during this period. Total miles driven in support of MAG-15: 102,829.

Communications: During the period 1 Jan to 7 April 1972 MAG-15 Communications furnished a UHF radio for emergency communications to aircraft by the ASO/S-3; maintained an AN/GIC-1 alert system between MAG-15 Headquarters and all squadrons; provided PRC-25 radios for the Group Duty Officer and roving patrol. On 7 April 1972 32 personnel and 95% of all communications gear deployed to DaNang, RVN, in support of MAG-15.



Communications cont.: Upon arrival in DaNang, RVN, this communications section was integrated with MWCS-18. This section rejoined MABS-15 at Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand, on 24 June 1972.

Utilities: 1 January to 7 April 1972 normal construction repair and support functions for the Group were performed. On 7 April 1972 portions of the following shops were deployed to DaNang, RVN, in support of MAG-15: Carpenter shop, Heavy Equipment, generator and electric shop and water supply. On 2 May 1972, the Carpenter shop returned to Rear. Other Utilities personnel returned to Rear at staggered times. During June 1972 all Utilities personnel and equipment were in support of buildup of Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand.

Security: Group Guard provided security for the Group area Rear. MABS-15 security element provided security for the Group area at Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand.

MATCU-60: remained fully operational with MABS-15 until it's attachment to MABS-12 on 27 May 1972.

MATCU-62: On 27 May 1972 MATCU-62 was attached to MABS-15. On 28 May 1972 MATCU-62 deployed to Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand, to provide ATC services. Continued to provide ATC services during this period.

Crash Crew: Deployed with the advance party to initiate crash crew facilities, at Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand. Continued to provide crash crew services during this period by standing by on aircraft emergencies and accidents.

Launch & Recovery: Deployed with advance party on 28 May 1972 to initiate launch & recovery facilities at Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand. Continued to provide launch & recovery facilities during this period.

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9. Inspections
10. Community Relations
11. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation.

Launch & Recovery cont.: Installed two (2) sets of M-21 arresting gear, and two (2) Fresnel Lens during June 1972.

No inspections held this reporting period.

Weekly visits to the Garden of Light Orphanage to work on buildings, clean up the area and visit with the children until deployment in June 1972.

None.

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