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To: Commanding General, Marine Aircraft Wing (attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 - 29 February 1968
Ref: (a) WgC 5750.1C

- Encl: (1) Command Chronology, Marine Air Control Group Eighteen
 (2) Command Chronology, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron Eighteen
 (3) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron Two
 (4) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron Three
 (5) Command Chronology, Marine Air Control Squadron Four
 (6) Command Chronology, 1st Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion
 (7) Command Chronology, 2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion

- In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are hereby submitted.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP EIGHTEEN
1 — 29 FEBRUARY 1968

Enclosure (1)
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
Organizational Data

1. Unit Designation and Location

Marine Air Control Group Eighteen	Da Nang, RVN
Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron Eighteen	Da Nang, RVN
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang, RVN
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai, RVN
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang, RVN
1st Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion	Da Nang, RVN
2nd Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion	Chu Lai, RVN

2. Period Covered by this Report. 1 February — 29 February 1968

3. Task Organization. Same as in paragraph 1 above.

4. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer and Staff, MACG-18

Commanding Officer	COL L. V. TOPE
Executive Officer	LtCOL J. W. DILLON
Adjutant	1stLt J. D. CALDWELL
S-1	1-13 February 1968
S-1	14-29 February 1968
S-2	None assigned
S-3	LtCOL C. P. BUSCHMANN
S-4	LtCOL J. O. GREGGERSON
	1-26 February 1968
	26-29 February 1968
CEO	Major D. H. CORMACK
CAO	1stLt M. C. CHASE
	Capt M. E. FRANCIS

5. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer of Subordinate Units

H&HS-18	LtCOL T. W. RIGGS
MASS-2	LtCOL J. M. JOHNSON JR.
MASS-3	LtCOL H. R. BUMPAS
	LtCOL J. O. GREGGERSON
	LtCOL W. A. COHN
MACS-4	LtCOL M. J. TREADO
1st LAAM Bn	LtCOL S. A. HERMAN
2nd LAAM Bn	LtCOL D. E. GUNTHER
	1-7 February 1968
	8-29 February 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~6. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 During the Period 1-29 February 1968

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Enlisted</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
18/180	4	1739	32

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General (C) Marine Air Control Group Eighteen continued to operate air control/anti-aircraft warfare and air support facilities for the First Marine aircraft Wing during the month of February. Operations for which support was provided by MACG-18 are as follows: Kentucky, Fortress Attack, Napoleon Saline, Lancaster II, Osceola II, Badger Catch, Scotland, Hue City, Houston and Niagara. There was an increase during February over January of 182.2% in the total ordnance dropped and 138.3% in the number of targets hit.

2. Personnel (C) MASS-2, MASS-3 and MACS-4 all joined sufficient personnel to offset normal rotation losses, and remain in a C-1 category. The 1st and 2nd LAMM Battalions are considered C-2; while H&HS-18 is placed in category C-3.

3. Administration (U) Routine administration progressed throughout the month; with an annual Administration & Material Inspection of 1st LAMM Battalion being conducted on 15, 16 and 17 February.

4. Morale/Welfare (U) Liberty remained secured in Da Nang and Hoa Phut Village, outside Da Nang Air Base, throughout February. As a result, the majority of recreation was provided through the utilization of the facilities offered by Special Services. In addition, R & R flights to the following locations were conducted during the month of February:

HAWAII	27 Personnel
BANGKOK	22 Personnel
TOKYO	8 Personnel
SINGAPORE	4 Personnel
KUALA LUMPUR	2 Personnel
OKINAWA	6 Personnel
PENANG	5 Personnel
MANILA	4 Personnel
SYDNEY	14 Personnel
TAIPEI	16 Personnel
HONG KONG	16 Personnel

5. Casualties (C) Twenty-One (21) casualties were experienced by the Group during February: Eleven (11) Nonhostile and Ten (10) hostile.

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6. Intelligence (U) The following tasks were completed by the S-2 section during February:

- 7 Top Secret Clearances issued
- 0 Top Secret Clearances requested
- 14 Secret clearances issued
- 6 Secret clearances requested

42 "Spot Reports" were processed

7. Air Operations (C) During the month of February, MASS-2 provided air support control for the Dong Ha and Phu Bai areas; while MASS-3 provided air support control for the Chu Lai, Da Nang and Khe Sanh areas. MACS-4 provided air control facilities for the above mentioned areas. In addition, to the support provided to the 26th Marines at Khe Sanh, the above mentioned units provided air support control for the resupply of Khe Sanh strong points as dictated by First Marine Aircraft Wing's Operation Plan 3-68. The monthly data tally is as follows:

a. MASS-2

<u>Air Support Radar Teams:</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> 2,261	<u>BOMBS</u> 6,732.9 tons	<u>TARGETS HIT</u> 2, 389
<u>Direct Air Support Centers:</u>	<u>HELO MISSIONS</u> <u>MED EVAC/OTHERS</u> 422/1,664		<u>FIXED WING A/C</u> <u>MISSIONS</u> 1,033

b. MASS-3

<u>Air Support Radar Teams:</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> 2,841	<u>BOMBS</u> 9,854.7 tons	<u>TARGETS HIT</u> 3,712
<u>Direct Air Support Centers:</u>	<u>HELO MISSIONS</u> <u>MED EVAC/OTHERS</u> 604/877		<u>FIXED WING A/C</u> <u>MISSIONS</u> 2,048

c. MACS-4

<u>A/C Provided NAV Ass't</u> 13,845	<u>GCI/GCA</u> 3,261	<u>IFF/SIF CHECKS</u> 13,053
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d. TADC

<u>Fixed Wing A/C</u> 6,624	<u>HELO</u> 11,488	<u>KC-130</u> 743
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e. Target Coverage = $\frac{16,578.73}{6,101}$ tons targets = 2.717 tons per target

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~8. Training (U)

a. Troop Indoctrination Lectures and individual weapons safety lectures for newly joined personnel were conducted.

b. General Military Subjects training was conducted by units of this command.

c. Technical Training, on the squadron/battalion level, took the form of technical instruction and on-the-job training.

9. NBC Defense (U) No significant events occurred during the reporting period.

10. Communications/Electronics (U) The communications sections of all units of this command provided the communications to support the tactical air control/defense system for First Marine Aircraft Wing operations in the Republic of Vietnam.

11. Logistics (U)

a. Military Construction. MACG-18 submitted 27 Special Work Requests for units of this command for the 4th Quarter FY 68. All were approved by Wing Base Development Board and will be considered by the III MAF Development Board in the near future.

b. Motor Transport. The cargo/mileage for MACG-18 vehicles was 8,850 short tons of cargo transported and a total mileage driven of 98,282 miles. In addition, one (1) M37B1 was damaged beyond repair by enemy action.

c. Embarkation. The below listed equipment was airlifted as indicated in support of combat operations:

1 AN/TRC 75	from Da Nang to Dong Ha
1 PU/52300	from Da Nang to Dong Ha
1 PU/296	from Da Nang to Phu Bai
1 PU/296	from Da Nang to Khe Sanh
1 PU-499, PU-565 and PU-57700	from Chu Lai to Da Nang

d. Maintenance. The Group is making maximum use of the FMPAC rebuild/repair program for generators.

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