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 ✓(3) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron Two
 ✓(4) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron Three
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MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP EIGHTEEN
DANANG, RVN
1 -- 31 MAY 1968

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I: Organizational Data

1. Name and Rank of Commanding Officers and Staff of MACG-18

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>PERIOD COVERED</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>
Commanding Officer, MACG-18	1 - 22 May 1968	COL Lyle V. TOPE
Commanding Officer, MACG-18	23 - 31 May 1968	LtCol James W. DILLON
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 31 May 1968	LtCol Thomas W. RIGGS
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 31 May 1968	LtCol John M. JOHNSON JR.
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 31 May 1968	LtCol Johnny O. GREGERSON
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1 - 31 May 1968	LtCol David S. TWINING
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM Bn	1 - 31 May 1968	LtCol Marshall J. TREADO
Commanding Officer, 2nd LAAM Bn	1 - 31 May 1968	LtCol Donald E. GUNTHER
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 22 May 1968	LtCol James W. DILLON
Executive Officer, MACG-18	23 - 31 May 1968	LtCol Conrad P. BUSCHMANN
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1968	1stLt Jackie D. CALDWELL
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1968	Capt Clifford E. ROBERSON
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1968	1stLt Joseph M. DAVID
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 22 May 1968	LtCol Conrad P. BUSCHMANN
S-3, MACG-18	23 - 31 May 1968	Maj Alvin M. YOUNGER
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1968	Maj Donald H. CORMACK
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1968	Maj Joseph G. FOTI
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1968	1stLt Marshall C. CHASE

2. Task Organization and Unit Locations with inclusive dates.

Marine Air Control Group Eighteen	Da Nang, RVN	1 - 31 May 68
Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron Eighteen	Da Nang, RVN	1 - 31 May 68

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Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang, RVN	1 - 31 May 68
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai, RVN	1 - 31 May 68
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang, RVN	1 - 31 May 68
1st Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion	Da Nang, RVN	1 - 31 May 68
2nd Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion	Chu Lai, RVN	1 - 31 May 68

3. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 During the Period 1 - 31 May 1968

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Enlisted</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
18/199	4	1982	29

4. Important visitors to this Command. None.

PART II: NONE

PART III: Significant Events.

1. General (C) Marine Air Control Group Eighteen continued to operate air control/anti-aircraft warfare and air support facilities for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing during the reporting period. Operations for which Marine Air Control Group Eighteen provided support are as follows: Scotland, Lancaster II, Kentucky VI, Napoleon/Saline, Scotland II, Rice, Samurai VI, Houston, Carentan II, Tennessee Grove, Delaware/Lam Son 216, Jeb Stuart III, Nevada Eagle, Allen Brook, Mamaluke Thrust.

2. Personnel (C) All units with the exception of H&HS-18 joined sufficient personnel to countervail normal rotation losses and remain in a C-1 category. H&HS-18 joined sufficient personnel to upgrade from C-3 to C-2 in personnel.

3. Administration (U) Routine administration continued during the reporting period.

4. Awards (U) The following awards were presented to members of MACG-18 on 23 May during a change of command ceremony.

Bronze Star with Combat V

HM1 Howard E. WINTAMUTE

Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V

MSgt Gerrard J. MENCENNO

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Navy Commendation Medal

LtCol Thomas W. RIGGS

Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

LtCol Lee E. BLANCHARD

5. Casualties (C) The command experienced twenty casualties as a result of non-hostile action and one casualty from hostile action.

6. Morale/Welfare (U) Liberty remained secured in Da Nang and Hoa Phut Village, outside of Da Nang Air Base; consequently, the majority of recreation was provided through the utilization of the facilities provided by Special Services. In addition, R&R flights were conducted to the following locations:

HAWAII	26 Personnel
TAIPEI	12 Personnel
HONG KONG	12 Personnel
BANGKOK	23 Personnel
TOKYO	11 Personnel
SINGAPORE	4 Personnel
KUALA LUMPUR	4 Personnel
OKINAWA	7 Personnel
PENANG	3 Personnel
MANILA	4 Personnel
SYDNEY	11 Personnel

7. Intelligence (U) The below listed tasks were accomplished by the S-2 section during the reporting period:

- a. 1 Top Secret Clearance was issued
2 Top Secret Clearances were requested
1 Interim Top Secret was issued
- b. 5 Secret Clearances were issued
3 Secret Clearances were requested
2 Interim Secret Clearances were issued
- c. 30 "Spot" reports were processed.
- d. 2 War trophy registration requests were processed.

8. Air Operations (C) Throughout the reporting period MASS-2 provided air

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support control for the Dong Ha, Phu Bai and Camp Carroll areas, while MASS-3 provided air support control for the Khe Sanh and Da Nang areas. One of the AN/TPQ-10 (System A-12) at Dong Ha was transferred from MASS-2 to MASS-3 at Da Nang on 24 May 1968 and became operational on 31 May 1968. The monthly data tally is as follows:

a. MASS-2

<u>Air Support Radar Teams:</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> 1,309	<u>BOMBS</u> 4343.71 tons	<u>TARGETS HIT</u> 1,467
<u>Direct Air Support Centers:</u>	<u>HELO MISSIONS</u> <u>MED EVAC/OTHER</u> 618/1,890		<u>FIXED WING A/C</u> <u>MISSIONS</u> 3,161

b. MASS-3

<u>Air Support Radar Teams:</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> 693	<u>BOMBS</u> 2,709.11 tons	<u>TARGETS HIT</u> 986
<u>Direct Air Support Centers:</u>	<u>HELO MISSIONS</u> <u>MED EVAC/OTHER</u> 791 / 871		<u>FIXED WING A/C</u> <u>MISSIONS</u> 2,515

c. MACS-4

<u>A/C Provided NAV Ass't</u> 11,094	<u>GCI/GCA</u> 1,071	<u>IFF/SIF CHECKS</u> 10,341
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d. TADC

<u>FIXED WING A/C</u> 8,413	<u>HELO</u> 19,969	<u>KC-130</u> 919
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e. Target Coverage = $\frac{7,052}{2,453} = 2.87$ Tons per Target

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

10. Training (U)

a. Troop indoctrination Lectures and Individual Weapons Safety Lectures were conducted by all subordinate units.

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b. General Military Subjects training was conducted by all subordinate units.

c. Technical Training, at the Squadron/Battalion level, took the form of technical instruction and on-the-job training.

11. Logistics (U)

a. General: There were no major logistical problems withing MACG-18 for this period.

b. Military Construction: Funds in the amount of \$24,900.00 have been made available for construction of the MACG-18 Headquarters, Building.

c. Motor Transport: The cargo/mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 12,357 short tons of cargo transported and a total of 122,683 miles driven.

d. Embarkation: The MACG-18 Embarkation section moved 24,264 lbs., 2,394 cuft. and 7 personnel within RVN.

12. Communications/Electronics (U) The communications sections of all units continued to provide the communications to support the air control/defense system for 1st Marine Aircraft Wing operations in the Republic of VietNam.

PART IV: Supporting Documents. NONE.

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