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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP EIGHTEEN
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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 - 30 June 1968	LtCol James W. DILLON
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 30 June 1968	LtCol Thomas W. RIGGS
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 3 June 1968	LtCol John M. JOHNSON JR.
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	4 - 30 June 1968	LtCol Gale HARLAN
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 30 June 1968	LtCol Johnny O. GREGGERSON
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1 - 30 June 1968	LtCol David S. TWINING
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM Bn	1 - 30 June 1968	LtCol Marshall J. TREADO
Commanding Officer, 2nd LAAM Bn	1 - 30 June 1968	LtCol Donald E. GUNTHER
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 3 June 1968	LtCol Conrad P. BUSCHMANN
	4 - 30 June 1968	LtCol John M. JOHNSON JR.
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 5 June 1968	1st Lt. Jackie D. CALDWELL
	6 - 30 June 1968	1st Lt. Robert G. MORILLA
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 30 June 1968	Capt. Clifford E. ROBERSON
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 30 June 1968	1st Lt. Joseph M. DAVID
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 24 June 1968	Maj. Alvin M. YOUNGER
	25 - 30 June 1968	LtCol. John R. DOPLER
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 30 June 1968	Maj Donald H. CORMACK
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 11 June 1968	Maj Joseph G. FOTI
	12 - 30 June 1968	Capt Louis R. RETIERS
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 30 June 1968	1st Lt Marshall C. CHASE

2. Task Organization and Unit Locations with inclusive dates.

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 Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron 18

Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 June 68
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Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 June 68
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 30 June 68
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 June 68
1st Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion	Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 June 68
2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 30 June 68

3. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 During the Period 1 - 30 June 1968

<u>Unit</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	34 / 215	
MASS-2	38 / 195	2
MASS-3	36 / 186	3
MACS-4	36 / 280	3
1st LAAM BN	32 / 579	2 / 12
2nd LAAM BN	31 / 551	2 / 11
Total MACG-18	207 / 2006	4 / 31

4. Important Visitors to this Command: The following important visitors received briefings on various missions within the command:

- a. 4 June 1968 - BGen. McLAUGHLIN USAF (TAOC)
- b. 7 June 1968 - MajGen DRAKE USMC (TAGC)
- c. 21 June 1968 - BGen WILLIAMS USMC (LAAM Bns)
- d. 23 June 1968 - MajGen THARIN USMC (TAOC)
MajGen QUILTER USMC (TAOC)
- e. 28 June 1968 - MajGen QUILTER USMC (HQ)

PART II: Narrative Summary (S)

Marine Air Control Group 18 continued to operate air control, anti-aircraft warfare, and air support facilities in support of operations of the III MAF air-ground team. Support was provided for operations Kentucky, Scotland II, Lancaster II, Lancaster III, Napoleon/Saline, Jeb Stuart III, Nevada Eagle, and Houston. An airborne DASC utilizing a specially configured KC-130F was operated 27, 28, and 29 June in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh. The Khe Sanh ASRT (System A-17) was relocated on 24 June to Chu Lai and became operational on 29 June. The Khe Sanh DASC was relocated on 27 June to LZ Stud and became operational on 29 June. As a result of a series of tests conducted 26 and 27 June at Chu Lai, it was determined that it is feasible to detect, acquire, and track low flying helicopters utilizing a HAWK Battery's radar equipment. It was also determined that the reporting

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of target information obtained from HAWK Radars to the AAOC, CRR, or TAOC is sufficiently accurate to permit a qualified controller to conduct an airborne intercept utilizing information taken from a vertical plotting board.

PART III: Significant Events

1. Personnel (C) H&HS-18 and 1st LAAM Bn remained in a C-2 category.
2. Casualties (C) Seven casualties were experienced as a result of non-hostile action and one casualty as a result of friendly artillery action. (See para.16, PART III).
3. Morale/Welfare Programs (U) Recreation was available to all personnel in the form of intragroup and intrawing organized sports. Intragroup slow-pitch softball competition was concluded during June and intragroup fast-pitch softball commenced. MACG-18 personnel also participated in intrawing handball and tennis tournaments. In addition, R&R flights were conducted as follows:

HAWAII	24 Personnel
TAIPEI	18 Personnel
HONG KONG	20 Personnel
BANGKOK	25 Personnel
TOKYO	13 Personnel
SINGAPORE	5 Personnel
KUALA LUMPUR	4 Personnel
OKINAWA	6 Personnel
PENANG	3 Personnel
MANILA	3 Personnel
SYDNEY	16 Personnel

4. Civic Action: (U)

- a. During the month of June, 1600 pounds of food, 260 pounds of soap, and 60 pounds of candy were distributed to various hamlets.
- b. Certain orphanages received Semi-weekly English classes, and monetary support in the amount of \$542.00.
- c. A sewing machine obtained from CARE was presented to Mrs. Truong Thi Quyen of Hoa Thuam Hamlet.
- d. Seventy-nine bags of cement and some building material was distributed for public building projects.
- e. 2204 Vietnamese were treated by MEDCAP teams.

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a. On 21 June AN/TPQ-10 (System A-2) was received from rehab. It will be emplaced at Camp Carroll.

b. On 30 June, DASC's were in operation at LZ Stud, Dong Ha, Phu Bai, and Da Nang.

c. On 30 June, ASRTs were operational at Da Nang (System A-9 & A-12), Camp Carroll (System A-8), Dong Ha (System A-7), Phu Bai (System A-3), and Chu Lai (System A-17).

d. ASRT Operations.

(1) Missions	1492
(2) Aircraft Controlled	1988
(3) Bombs Dropped	4,132,35 Tons
(4) Targets Hit	1913
(5) Target Coverage	2.15 Tons/Target

e. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 30 June.

	<u>A-3</u>	<u>A-7</u>	<u>A-8</u>	<u>A-9</u>	<u>A-12</u>	<u>A-17</u>
(1) Total Hours	13,896	20,049	5,362	20,535	20,076	15,295
(2) Hours since Rehab	10,574	13,545	1,506	11,071	15,542	10,461
(3) Hours During June	716	677	627	482	626	536

f. DASC Operations.

(1) Helo Missions - Med Evac/Other,	1407/2752
(2) Fixed Wing Missions,	5,123

g. TACC Operations.

(1) A/C Provided Nav-Assist,	10,275
(2) GCI/GCA,	1,068
(3) IFF/SIF Checks,	9,660
(4) Practice Intercepts,	90 of 96 for 93.7% Success

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| (1) Fixed Wing Sorties | 7,221 |
| (2) Helo Sorties | 23,874 |
| (3) KC-130 Sorties | 786 |

6. Ground Defense (S)

a. Commencing at 2100 ^{on 8 June} until 0600 on 9 June 1968, Battery "A", 1st LAAM Bn was hit with 8 rounds of 105mm artillery fire. Originally believed to be enemy fire, it has been ascertained to have been friendly. Two power cables, one data cable, one perimeter light, and one 50 foot section of two inch fuel hose were destroyed. One man was superficially wounded, treated, and returned to duty.

7. Logistics (U)

a. On 18 June, forty block 170 missiles were received from CONUS.

b. On 7 June, the first mechanized updating of 1st LAAM Bn's supply account began. Since then, there have been six additional updates in which approximately 2500 single line item cards have been mechanized.

8. Fiscal. (U) Total funds in the amount of \$2,882,304 were allocated for FY 68. Expenditures amounted to \$2,868,223; Balance \$14,081.

9. Motor Transport. (U) The cargo/mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 7,362 short tons of cargo transported and 119,248 miles driven.

10. Embarkation. (C) The MACG-18 Embarkation Section moved 65,980 lbs., 6,296 cubic feet, and 15 personnel within RVN.

11. Construction and Engineering. (U) The supply warehouse for Second LAAM Bn was completed during the month.

PART IV: Supporting Documents

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