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- ✓(2) Command Chronology, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron 18
- ✓(3) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron Two
- ✓(4) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron Three
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- ✓(6) Command Chronology, 1st Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion
- ✓(7) Command Chronology, 2nd Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP EIGHTEEN  
DANANG, RVN  
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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 - 31 July 1968	LtCol James W. DILLON
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 31 July 1968	LtCol Thomas W. RIGGS
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 29 July 1968	LtCol Galb HARLAN
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	30 - 31 July 1968	Maj Edward J. DAHY III
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 31 July 1968	LtCol Johnny O. GREGERSON
Commanding Officer, MASS-4	1 - 31 July 1968	LtCol David S. TWINING
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM	1 - 31 July 1968	LtCol Marshall J. TREADO
Commanding Officer, 2nd LAAM	1 - 31 July 1968	LtCol Donald E. GUNTHER
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1968	LtCol John M. JOHNSON JR.
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 19 July 1968	1st Lt Robert G. MORRILLA
Adjutant, MACG-18	20 - 31 July 1968	CWO4 Henry A. HERRERO
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 19 July 1968	Capt Clifford E. ROBERSON
S-1, MACG-18	20 - 31 July 1968	1st Lt Robert G. MORRILLA
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1968	1st Lt Joseph M. DAVID
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1968	LtCol John R. DOPLER
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1968	Maj Donald H. CORMACK
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1968	Capt Louis R. PETERS
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1968	1st Lt Marshall C. CHASE

2. Task Organization and Unit Locations with inclusive dates.

Marine Air Control Group 18

Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 July 1968

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Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 July 1968
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 July 1968
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 31 July 1968
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 July 1968
1st Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 July 1968
2nd Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 31 July 1968

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	37 / 216	
MASS-2	35 / 193	/ 2
MASS-3	34 / 178	/ 2
MACS-4	36 / 276	/ 2
1st LAAM Bn	30 / 559	2 / 12
2nd LAAM Bn	28 / 511	2 / 12
Total MACG-18	200 / 1933	4 / 30

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

- a. 16 July 1968 - MajGen QUILTER USMC
- b. 27 July 1968 - BGen COOHSIE USA
- c. 29 July 1968 - LtGen BUSE USMC  
BGen ANDERSON USMC  
BGen HILL USMC

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 Thor, Lancaster II, Kentucky, Napoleon/Saline II, Scotland II, Lam Son 243, Houston, Nevada Eagle, Jeb Stuart III, Eager Yankee, Scotland III, Allen Brook, Mamaluke Thrust, Pocahontas Forest, and Wheeler Wallowa. Dong Ha ASRT (System A-2) was relocated on 29 July to Camp Carroll and is anticipated to become operational in early August.

PART III: Significant Events

1. Personnel (C) H&HS-18 and 1st LAAM Bn remained in a C-2 category.
2. Casualties (C) Twenty-four casualties were experienced as a result of non-hostile action, with no hostile casualties.

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3. Morale/Welfare Programs (U) During the month of July liberty remained secured and recreation was provided by Group Special Services. Intra-group fast-pitch softball continued throughout the month. 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. 800 pounds of food, 40 pounds of soap, and 303 pounds of clothing were distributed to various hamlets.

b. Certain orphanages and churches received monetary support in the amount of \$513.00 and 14 scholarships were awarded.

c. A road project on Ky Hoa Island stands 98% completed. 2nd LAAM Bn received recognition on a local Vietnamese radio station for it's assistance.

d. 2941 Vietnamese were treated by MEDCAP teams.

5. Air Control (C)

a. On 31 July, DASC's were operational at Dong Ha, Phu Bai, Da Nang, and Vandergrift (formerly Stud).

b. On 31 July, ASRTS were operational at Camp Carroll (System A-8), Dong Ha (System A-7), Phu Bai (System A-3), Chu Lai (System A-17), and Da Nang (Systems A-9 & A-12). System A-2 was relocated to Camp Carroll and should be operational in early August.

c. ASRT Operations

(1) Missions - 1430

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- (2) A/C Controlled - 1957
- (3) Bombs Dropped - 4309.22 tons
- (4) Targets Hit - 1887
- (5) Target Coverage - 2.28 Tons/Target
- d. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 31 July 1968
- |                       | <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       | 14587      | 20639      | 6089       | 21248      | 20717       | 15706       |
| (2) Hours Since Rehab | 11265      | 14235      | 2224       | 11784      | 16183       | 10872       |
| (3) Hours in July     | 691        | 690        | 718        | 713        | 641         | 411         |
- e. DASC Operations
- (1) Helo Missions - Med Evac/Other 1447/2994
- (2) Fixed Wing - 4482
- f. TAOC Operations
- (1) A/C Provided Navigational Assist 12936
- (2) GCI/GCA 1193
- (3) IFF/SIF 10765
- (4) Practice Intercepts 145 of 155 for 93.5%
- g. TADC Operations
- (1) Fixed-Wing Sorties 7320
- (a) In-country sorties - 5218
- (b) Out-country sorties 1978
- (c) Other Tactical Sorties 134
- (d) ECM/ELINT Sorties 305
- (e) Photo Sorties 187
- (f) IR Sorties 55

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**SECRET**6. Ground Defense (S)

a. On 30 July 1968 at 0100 Battery "A", 1st LAAM Bn received 3 rounds of incoming 81mm mortar. It was later ascertained to have been friendly fire coming from Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines. There were no casualties or equipment damage.

7. Logistics (U)

a. 60 missiles, XMIM-23A were retrograded to CONUS.

b. During July, 1st LAAM Bn mechanized approximately 8,500 single line item record cards bringing the total to 11,000 cards mechanized.

8. Fiscal. (U) All Squadrons/Battalions were granted 90% of funds requested for first quarter FY 69.

9. Motor Transport (U)

a. The mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 130,165 miles driven.

b. H&HS-18 received the first increment (4) of M151 1/4 ton vehicles.

10. Embarkation (C) The Embarkation section of MACG-18 moved 60,068 lbs and 5,643 cubic feet of cargo within the RVN.

11. Inspections (U) Between 15 - 17 July, an A&M Inspection was conducted at MASS-2. An overall grade of "Satisfactory with Discrepancies" was assigned.

12. Awards: (U) During the month, the following awards were presented:

GySgt R.L. TURK  
HN W.T. PELZER  
L/Cpl J.H. RITTER

Air Medal  
Four (4) Air Medals, Purple Heart Medal  
Purple Heart Medal

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