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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I: Organizational Data1. 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 - 2 August 1968	LtCol James W. DILLON
Commanding Officer, MACG-18	3 - 31 August 1968	Col Edward S. FRIS
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 31 August 1968	LtCol Thomas W. RIGGS
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 31 August 1968	Maj Edward J. DAHY III
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 31 August 1968	LtCol Johnny O. GREGGSON
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1 - 31 August 1968	LtCol David S. TWINING
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM	1 - 13 August 1968	LtCol Marshall J. TREADO
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM	14 - 31 August 1968	Maj Norman P. FITZGERALD Jr.
Commanding Officer, 2nd LAAM	1 - 31 August 1968	LtCol Donald E. GUNTHER
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 August 1968	LtCol John M. JOHNSON Jr.
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 31 August 1968	CWO4 Henry A. HERRERO
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 31 August 1968	1st Lt Robert G. MORILLA
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 14 August 1968	1st Lt Joseph M. DAVID
S-2, MACG-18	15 - 31 August 1968	1st Lt William S. DROSTE
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 31 August 1968	LtCol John R. DOPLER
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 31 August 1968	Maj Donald H. CORMACK
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 4 August 1968	Capt Louis R. PETERS
Supply Officer, MACG-18	5 - 31 August 1968	LtCol Kenneth C. GARNER
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 19 August 1968	1st Lt Charles M. CHASE
CEO, MACG-18	20 - 31 August 1968	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS

2. Task Organization and Unit Locations with inclusive dates.

Marine Air Control Group 18

Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 August 1968

ENCLOSURE (1)

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Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 August 1968
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 August 1968
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 31 August 1968
1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 August 1968
2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 31 August 1968

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	38 / 205	
MASS-2	42 / 200	/ 2
MASS-3	37 / 173	/ 2
MACS-4	38 / 274	/ 2
1st LAAM Bn	30 / 553	2 / 12
2nd LAAM Bn	24 / 486	2 / 11
Total MACG-18	209 / 1891	4 / 29

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

- a. 1 August 1968 - MajGen GETZ USA
- b. 11 August 1968 - MajGen PEACHER USMC
- c. 19 August 1968 - Rear Admiral CHARBONNET USN
- d. 22 August 1968 - MajGen FONTANA USMC
- e. 27 August 1968 - MajGen QUILTER 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 IIIMAF air-ground team. Support was provided for Operations Lancaster II, Kentucky, Napoleon/Saline II, Scotland II, Scotland II East, Swift Pursuit, Lam Son 255, Nevada Eagle, Jeb Stuart III, Houston, Somerset Plain, Allen Brook, Mameluke Thrust, and Wheeler Wollowa. Camp Carroll 'B' ASRT (System A-2) commenced controlling aircraft in support of 3rd Marine Division on 14 August 1968. AN/TPQ-10 (System A-7) was moved from Dong Ha to LZ Veghel (YD551036) on 3 August 1968 and was designated Veghel ASRT. The ASRT commenced controlling aircraft in support of XXIV Corps (Provisional Corps, Vietnam) on 7 August 1968.

PART III: Significant Events

1. Personnel (C) MASS-3 was C-3 in CRPER and not expecting C-2 prior to 27 October 1968.
2. Casualties (C)(9) Nine casualties were experienced as a result of non-hostile action, seven (7) were evacuated out of country. One (1) casualty

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resulted in death. There were no casualties as a result of hostile action.

3. Morale/Welfare Programs (U) During the month of August liberty remained secured and recreation was provided by Group Special Services. Intra-Group fast-pitch softball concluded during the month and an All Star Team participated in the Wing Tournament. There were twelve (12) beach parties sponsored during the month. In addition R&R flights were conducted as follows:

HAWAII	33 Personnel
OKINAWA	5 Personnel
KUALA LUMPUR	3 Personnel
BANGKOK	23 Personnel
TOKYO	10 Personnel
PENANG	4 Personnel
SYDNEY	13 Personnel
TAIPEI	16 Personnel
SINGAPORE	4 Personnel
HONG KONG	17 Personnel
MANILA	3 Personnel

4. Civic Action:(U)

a. 960 lbs of food was distributed to various hamlets.

b. Five (5) students at Sacred Heart Orphanage continued to receive General WALT scholarships. Application for this scholarship was also completed for fourteen (14) children at Ky Hoa Island. These children will receive funds to attend school for nine (9) months.

c. The road project on Ky Hoa Island was completed on 7 August 1968.

d. An elementary school in Hoa Phat Village was completed with materials furnished by MASS-2.

e. 1,996 Vietnamese were treated by MEDCAP teams and certain orphanages and missions received 2,250 lbs of medical supplies.

5. Air Control (C)

a. On 31 August 1968, DASC's were operational at Phu Bai, Vandegrift, Dong Ha, and Da Nang.

b. On 31 August 1968, ASRT's were operational at Veghel (System A-7), Phu Bai (System A-3), Chu Lai (System A-17), Camp Carroll (Systems A-2 & A-8), and Da Nang (Systems A-9 & A-12).

c. ASRT Operations

(1) Missions - 1750

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- (2) A/C Controlled - 2184
- (3) Bombs Dropped - 4989.81
- (4) Targets Hit - 2331
- (5) Target Coverage - 2.13 Tons/Target

d. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 31 August 1968

	<u>A-2</u>	<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	16483	15269	21308	6824	21819	20868	16306
(2) Since Rehab	772	11947	14904	2959	12355	16334	11472
(3) Hours in Aug	334	682	669	735	571	151	600

e. DASC Operations

- (1) Helo Missions - Med Evac/Other 1834/3060
- (2) Fixed Wing - 4651

f. TACOC Operations

- (1) A/C Provided Navigational Assistance - 16916
- (2) GCI/GCA - 1456
- (3) IFF/SIF - 14730
- (4) Practice Intercepts - 109 of 115 for 94.8%

g. TADC Operations

- (1) Fixed Wing Sorties - 8345
  - (a) In-country Sorties - 6157
  - (b) Out-country Sorties - 1456
  - (c) Other Tactical Sorties - 95
  - (d) ECM/ELINT - 342
  - (e) Photo Sorties - 166
  - (f) IR Sorties - 129

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6. Ground Defense (S)

a. Work was continued on improving bunkers and defensive positions. AFU 'E', 1st LAAM Bn participated in two (2) Ground Defense Drills in conjunction with the 7th Marines on 5 and 13 August 1968.

7. Logistics (U)

a. Three (3) Shop Vans AN/TSM-41, 42, 43, and one (1) Shop Van XM-2 were shipped to CONUS.

b. During the month of August, First LAAM Battalion completed conversion to mechanized accounting. Approximately 25,000, 708 cards have been converted to Mechanized item record cards (NAVMC 10495-SD).

8. Motor Transport (U)

a. The mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 121,806 miles driven.

9. Embarkation (C) The Embarkation section of MACG-18 moved 34,300 lbs and 4,277 cubic feet of cargo within the RVN.

10. Inspections (U) A Pre-Rotation A&M Inspection was conducted at 2nd LAAM Bn from 26 to 30 August 1968. An overall grade of Satisfactory with minor discrepancies was assigned.

11. Awards (U) During the month of August 1968, the following awards were presented:

LtCol Blanchard            TADC            (DFC) on 2 August 1968