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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
- ✓(5) Command Chronology, Marine Air Control Squadron Four
- ✓(6) Command Chronology, 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion
- ✓(7) Command Chronology, 2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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DANANG, RVN
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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 - 30 Sept 1968 | Col Edward S. FRIS |
| Commanding Officer, H&HS-18 | 1 - 30 Sept 1968 | LtCol Thomas W. RIGGS |
| Commanding Officer, MASS-2 | 1 - 30 Sept 1968 | Maj Edward J. DAHY III |
| Commanding Officer, MASS-3 | 1 - 11 Sept 1968 | LtCol John O. GREGERSON |
| Commanding Officer, MASS-3 | 12 - 30 Sept 1968 | Maj William J. SULLIVAN |
| Commanding Officer, MACS-4 | 1 - 14 Sept 1968 | LtCol David S. TWINING |
| Commanding Officer, MACS-4 | 15 - 30 Sept 1968 | LtCol Thomas M. KAUFFMAN |
| Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM | 1 - 30 Sept 1968 | Maj Norman P. FITZGERALD, JR |
| Commanding Officer, 2nd LAAM | 1 - 30 Sept 1968 | LtCol Donald E. GUNTHER |
| Executive Officer, MACG-18 | 1 - 15 Sept 1968 | LtCol John M. JOHNSON JR |
| Executive Officer, MACG-18 | 16 - 30 Sept 1968 | LtCol William H. JACKSON JR |
| Adjutant, MACG-18 | 1 - 30 Sept 1968 | CWO4 Henry A. HERRERO |
| S-1, MACG-18 | 1 - 30 Sept 1968 | 1stLt Robert G. MORILLA |
| S-2, MACG-18 | 1 - 30 Sept 1968 | 1stLt William S. DROSTE |
| S-3, MACG-18 | 1 - 30 Sept 1968 | LtCol John R. DOPLER |
| S-4, MACG-18 | 1 - 30 Sept 1968 | Maj Donald H. CORMACK |
| Supply Officer, MACG-18 | 1 - 30 Sept 1968 | LtCol Kenneth C. GARNER |
| GEO, MACG-18 | 1 - 30 Sept 1968 | Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS |

2. Task Organization and Unit Locations with inclusive dates.

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|---|------------------------------|
| Marine Air Control Group 18 | Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 Sept 1968 |
| Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron 18 | Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 Sept 1968 |
| Marine Air Support Squadron Two | Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 Sept 1968 |
| Marine Air Support Squadron Three | Chu Lai RVN 1 - 30 Sept 1968 |
| 1st Light AA Missile Battalion | Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 Sept 1968 |

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2nd Light AA Missile Battalion
Marine Air Control Squadron Four

Chu Lai RVN 1 - 30 Sept 1968
Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 Sept 1968

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

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u> | <u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u> |
|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| H&HS-18 | 38 / 197 | 0 / 0 |
| MASS-2 | 39 / 214 | 0 / 3 |
| MASS-3 | 42 / 174 | 0 / 2 |
| MACS-4 | 41 / 306 | 0 / 3 |
| 1st LAAM Bn | 34 / 671 | 2 / 12 |
| 2nd LAAM Bn | 22 / 289 | 2 / 11 |
| Total MACG-18 | 216 / 1851 | 4 / 31 |

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

- a. 6 Sept 1968 - Commander SWEENEY USN
- b. 13 Sept 1968 - Commander ANDERSON USN
- c. 13 Sept 1968 - Commander BOWERS USN
- d. 25 Sept 1968 - MajGen ADAMS USMC
- e. 26 Sept 1968 - Commander LEE USN

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, Houston, Jeb Stuart III, Mameluke Thrust, Victory Dragon I & II, Burlington Trail, Nevada Eagle, Wheeler/Wallowa, Napoleon/Saline II, Sussex Bay, Champagne Grove. On 5 September a Typhoon hit the Da Nang area causing minor damage at 1st LAAM's "B" & "C" Batteries. "A" Battery received extensive damage. Winds were estimated at 90 knots. During the last week in September, Da Nang ASRT "B" received a TPQ-10 system A-15 replacing their previous set A-12. Major problems continued in the Chu Lai TPQ until a new antenna was obtained from MASS-2. Phu Bai DASC was dis-established on 10 September. As a result of the expansion of the XXIV Corps area and the concurrent movement of USMC ground forces from the Phu Bai area a valid requirement no longer existed at Phu Bai for a USMC DASC. The ASRT at Phu Bai remains in place and is primarily supporting XXIV Corps. On the 25th of September, 2nd Light AA Missile Battalion was officially relieved of its air defense mission and replaced by the 6th Battalion, 56th Artillery. The Battalion embarked its equipment on board coastal LSTs for the trip to Da Nang and from there on MSTs shipping to Twenty Nine Palms, California.

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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) There were 16 Non-hostile casualties; 5 Hostile casualties; 1 Non-hostile death; 2 Hostile deaths; and 8 personnel were evacuated out of the country.
3. Morale/Welfare Programs (U) During the month of September liberty remained secured and recreation was provided by Group Special Services. There were fourteen (14) parties sponsored during the month. In addition R&R flights were conducted as follows:

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| HAWAII | 30 Personnel |
| SYDNEY | 17 Personnel |
| BANGKOK | 31 Personnel |
| MANILA | 4 Personnel |
| HONG KONG | 22 Personnel |
| PENANG | 7 Personnel |
| SINGAPORE | 5 Personnel |
| OKINAWA | 7 Personnel |
| TAIPEI | 21 Personnel |
| TAKYO | 13 Personnel |
| KUALA LUMPUR | 4 Personnel |

4. Civic Action: (U)

- a. 3 M-36 Truck Loads of food were distributed to various hamlets.
- b. 1750 Vietnamese were treated by MEDCAB teams and certain orphanages and missions received 200 lbs of medical supplies.
- c. 12 Scholarships were awarded to children in Trung Toan and Sam Hai Hamlets.
- d. 100 Dental Kits were distributed to hamlet children. Penicillin was utilized to combat infections and 2080 bars of soap were distributed to patients. Both Sacred Heart Orphanage and China Beach Orphanage received 3 boxes of toiletries and 3 boxes of shoes.
- e. Part of the road to Nai Nam was rebuilt and the construction of a cement dike was started. Construction of a frog pond was completed and work continues on three fish ponds.
- f. Nai Nam received 2 rolls of screen, 40 sheets of tin, 21 loads of damaged lumber, 1 load of plywood, and 5 tons of crushed rock. Noa Phat received 1000 sandbags, 100 metal stakes and a truckload of barbed wire.

5. Air Control (C)

- a. On 30 September 1968, DASC's were operational at Vandegrift, Dong Ha,

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and Da Nang

b. On 30 September 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 - 1509
- (2) A/C Controlled - 1875
- (3) Bombs Dropped - 4,461.74
- (4) Targets Hit - 1991
- (5) Targets Coverage - 2.24 Tons/Target

d. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 30 September 1968.

| | <u>A-2</u> | <u>A-3</u> | <u>A-7/17</u> | <u>A-8</u> | <u>A-9</u> | <u>A-12</u> | <u>A-15</u> |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| (1) Total Hours | 16907 | 15935 | 16956 | 7484 | 22368 | 20948 | ---- |
| (2) Since Rehab | 1196 | 15570 | 12122 | 3619 | 12904 | 16414 | 9734 |
| (3) Hours in Sept | 424 | 666 | 650 | 660 | 549 | 80 | 000 |

e. DASC Operations

- (1) Helo Missions - Med Evac/Other 1521/1987
- (2) Fixed Wing 3777

f. TAOC Operations

- (1) A/C Provided Navigational Assistance - 14,412
- (2) GCI/GCA - 1670
- (3) IFF/SIF - 12209
- (4) Practice Intercepts - 75 of 85 for 88.0%

g. TADC Operations

- (1) Fixed Wing Sorties - 6750
 - (a) In-country Sorties - 5107

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- (b) Out-country Sorties - 994
- (c) Other Tactical Sorties - 126
- (d) ECM/ELINT - 303
- (e) Photo Sorties - 174
- (f) IR Sorties - 46

6. Ground Defense (S)

a. The First Marine Division has given the Da Nang detachment the added responsibility of manning an additional fighting hole for its perimeter defense, making a total of five. Work was continued on improving bunkers and defensive positions.

7. Logistics (U)

a. MACS-4, the T/E shortage of one (1) PU-344 generator and one (1) PU-648 generator exists.

8. Motor Transport (U)

a. The mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 107,629 miles driven.

9. Embarkation (C) The Embarkation section of MACG-18 moved 32,383 lbs and 3,513 cubic feet of cargo within the RVN.

10. Inspections (U) From 2 - 6 September 1968 First Light AA Missile Battalion received a group Administration and Material Inspection. The inspection grade was Satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

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

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| Sgt R. H. FRAMBES | H&HS-18 | (PH) 28 Sept 1968 |
| Cpl J. W. MICKETT | H&HS-18 | (PH) 28 Sept 1968 |
| Cpl J. S. KNAPP JR | H&HS-18 | (PH) 28 Sept 1968 |
| Cpl E. G. SKERNESS | H&HS-18 | (PH) 28 Sept 1968 |
| LCPL T. L. BROWN | H&HS-18 | (PH) 28 Sept 1968 |