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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 Oct 1968	Col Edward S. FRIS
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 6 Oct 1968	LtCol Thomas W. RIGGS
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	7 - 31 Oct 1968	LtCol John R. DOPLER
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 31 Oct 1968	Maj Edward J. DAHY III
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 31 Oct 1968	LtCol William J. SULLIVAN
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1 - 31 Oct 1968	LtCol Thomas M. KAUFFMAN
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM	1 - 11 Oct 1968	Maj Norman P. FITZGERALD Jr.
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM	12 - 31 Oct 1968	LtCol John W. DRURY
Commanding Officer, 2nd LAAM	1 - 12 Oct 1968	LtCol Donald E. GUNTHER
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 Oct 1968	LtCol William H. JACKSON Jr.
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 31 Oct 1968	CWO4 Henry A. HERRERO
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 11 Oct 1968	1stLt Robert G. MORILLA
S-1, MACG-18	12 - 31 Oct 1968	1stLt Ronald D. BROOKS
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 31 Oct 1968	Capt William S. DROSTE
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 6 Oct 1968	LtCol John R. DOPLER
S-3, MACG-18	7 - 31 Oct 1968	Maj Carey S. HUGHES
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 7 Oct 1968	Maj Donald H. CORMACK
S-4, MACG-18	8 - 31 Oct 1968	Maj Donald C. PAULEY
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 23 Oct 1968	Capt Louis R. PETERS
Supply Officer, MACG-18	24 - 31 Oct 1968	Maj Harold F. O'DONNELL
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 31 Oct 1968	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS

2. Task Organization and Unit Location with Inclusive Dates

Marine Air Control Group 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Oct 1968
Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Oct 1968

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Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Oct 1968
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 31 Oct 1968
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Oct 1968
1st Light AA Missile Battalion	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Oct 1968
2nd Light AA Missile Battalion	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 12 Oct 1968

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	36 / 218	0 / 0
MASS-2	44 / 233	0 / 3
MASS-3	41 / 213	0 / 2
MACS-4	40 / 308	0 / 3
1st LAAM Bn	39 / 762	1 / 12
2nd LAAM Bn	20 / 187	1 / 4
Total MACG-18	220 / 1921	2 / 24

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

- a. 11 Oct 1968 - Secretary of the Navy IGNATIUS
- b. 11 Oct 1968 - LtGen CUSHMAN USMC
- c. 11 Oct 1968 - LtGen STILLWELL USMC
- d. 11 Oct 1968 - MajGen DRAKE USMC
- e. 11 Oct 1968 - RAdm HARNISH USN
- f. 11 Oct 1968 - BGen GARRETSON USMC
- g. 29 Oct 1968 - LtGen WALT USMC
- h. 29 Oct 1968 - LtGen NICKERSON USMC
- i. 29 Oct 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 III MAF Air-Ground Team. Support was provided for Operations Lancaster II, Kentucky, Napoleon/Saline II, Scotland II, Scotland East, Nevada Eagle, Jeb Stuart III, Wheeler Wallowa, Burlington Trail, Henderson Hill, Gerand Bay, Maui Peak, Sadine Draw, Talla Dega Canyon, and Owen Mesa. On 10 October 1968 MASS-2 received TPQ-10 RCDC System A-12 from MASS-3. The system has

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been emplaced at Dong Ha Combat Base and has been designated Dong Ha ASRT. The system has not yet assumed an operation status. On 1 and 2 October 1968 the Communication-Electronics section displaced from Phu Bai to join Detachment 1 at Dong Ha Combat Base. This will provide more timely Communication-Electronics support to Dong Ha DASC and ASRTs at Dong Ha and Camp Carroll. On 29 October 1968, Da Nang ASRT Alpha accidentally dropped a bombing mission's ordnance on a Vietnamese village resulting in the death of approximately 30 Vietnamese civilians. The results of the investigation of this accident concluded that the azimuth switch on the 2A3 Aircraft Position Computer was accidentally moved from its original setting. This resulting error in azimuth caused the ordnance to impact on the village. The recommendation from the investigation was that all switches that are exposed on the Aircraft Position Computer be enclosed by a protective cover to avoid inadvertent moving of the switch setting. On 12 October 1968, 2nd LAAM Bn departed Chu Lai for 29 Palms, California and chopped to CG, FMFPAC.

PART III: Significant Events

1. Personnel (C) 2nd Light AA Missile Battalion reported C-4 in CRPER as a result of their rotation to CONUS. No higher readiness was expected prior to their rotation.
2. Casualties (C) During the month of October 1968 there were six (6) non-hostile casualties, none of which resulted in death. There were no hostile casualties reported. Six (6) personnel were evacuated out of country.
3. Morale/Welfare Programs (U) During the month of October liberty remained secured and recreation was provided by Group Special Services. There were six (6) parties processed during the month. In addition, R&R flights were conducted as follows:

HAWAII	35 Personnel
SYDNEY	23 Personnel
BANGKOK	19 Personnel
MANILA	2 Personnel
HONG KONG	9 Personnel
PENANG	3 Personnel
SINGAPORE	2 Personnel
OKINAWA	5 Personnel
TAIPEI	13 Personnel
TOKYO	10 Personnel
KUALA LUMPUR	4 Personnel

4. Civic Action: (U)

a. 600 lbs. of clothing was distributed in Hoa Phat Village. Sacred Heart Orphanage received 2626 lbs. of food, 180 gallons of milk, and 60 dozen eggs.

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b. 822 Vietnamese were treated by MEDCAP teams in various villages and hamlets.

c. 5 children in the Sacred Heart Orphanage continued to receive General WALT Scholarships. 12 Scholarships were given to children of Trung Toan and Sam Hai Villages.

d. 325 bars of soap were distributed among the inhabitants of Trung Toan and Sam Hai Villages. 6 textile kits and 25 bags of cement were donated to Hoa Phat Village

5. Air Control (C)

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

b. On 31 October 1968, ASRT's were operational at Chu Lai (System A-7), Phu Bai (System A-3), Dong Ha (System A-12 - Float), Camp Carroll (Systems A-2 and A-8), and Da Nang (Systems A-9 and A-15).

c. ASRT Operations

- (1) Missions - 1716
- (2) A/C Controlled - 2201
- (3) Bombs Dropped - 5008.61
- (4) Targets Hit - 2124
- (5) Target Coverage - 2.30 Tons/Target

d. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 31 October 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-15</u>
(1) Total Hours	17349	16659	17260	8212	22848	21732	14150
(2) Since Rehab	1638	16294	12786	4347	13384	17198	10060
(3) Hours in Oct	442	724	664	728	480	0	326

e. DASC Operations

- (1) Helo Missions/Med Evacs - 1982/1143
- (2) Fixed Wing 3678

f. TAOC Operations

- (1) A/C Provided Navigational Assistance - 13335
- (2) GCI/GCA - 1766
- (3) IFF/SIF - 11600

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(4) Practice Intercepts - 81 of 84 for 97.3%

g. TADC Operations

- (1) Fixed Wing Sorties - 5521
 - (a) In-country Sorties - 4077
 - (b) Out-country Sorties - 1444
 - (c) Other Tactical Sorties - 183
 - (d) ECM/ELINT - 295
 - (e) Photo Sorties - 144
 - (f) IR Sorties - 38

6. Ground Defense (S)

a. Work was continued on improving bunkers and fortified positions. On 10 October 1968, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion conducted a ground Defense Drill.

7. Logistics (U)

a. 1st LAAM Bn acquired the following items from 2nd LAAM Bn prior to 2nd LAAM Bn's rotation to CONUS.

- 44 Missiles XMIM-23A
- 2 Pallet trailers XM1
- 1 Launcher XM78E3
- 1 Loader Transporter XM501E2
- 1 Pulse Acquisition Radar AN/MPQ-35
- 17 Cables GSA-34

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

8. Motor Transport (U)

a. The mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 144,753 miles driven. 1st LAAM Bn received 17 M151A1 jeeps during the month of October.

9. Embarkation (C) The Embarkation Section of MACG-18 moved 26,350 lbs. and 2,468 cubic feet of cargo within the RVN.

10. Inspections (U) On 15 October 1968, H&HS-18 received a Group Administration and Material Inspection. The Inspection grade was satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

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

1st Marine Aircraft Wing

FUC on 11 October 1968