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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 - 31 Dec 1968	Col Edward S. FRIS
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 31 Dec 1968	LtCol John R. DOPLER
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 31 Dec 1968	Maj Edward J. DAHY III
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 31 Dec 1968	LtCol William J. SULLIVAN
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1 - 31 Dec 1968	LtCol Thomas M. KAUFFMAN
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM	1 - 31 Dec 1968	LtCol John W. DRURY
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 Dec 1968	LtCol William H. JACKSON JR.
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 31 Dec 1968	CWO4 Henery A. HERRERO
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 31 Dec 1968	1stLt Ronald D. BROOKS
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 31 Dec 1968	Capt William S. DROSTE
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 31 Dec 1968	Maj Carey S. HUGHES
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 31 Dec 1968	Maj Donald C. PAULEY
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 Dec 1968	Maj Harold F. O'DONNELL
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 31 Dec 1968	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS
Civic Action, MACG-18	18 - 31 Dec 1968	1stLt Charles F. PASKERT

2. Task Organization and Unit Location with Inclusive Dates

Marine Air Control Group 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Dec 1968
Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Dec 1968
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Dec 1968
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 31 Dec 1968
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Dec 1968
1st Light AA Missile Battalion	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Dec 1968

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	37 / 197	2 / 2
MASS-2	41 / 216	0 / 2
MASS-3	36 / 198	0 / 2
MACS-4	45 / 327	0 / 2
1st LAAM Bn	38 / 677	0 / 12
Total MACG-18	197 / 1615	2 / 20

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

- a. MajGen WHEELLOCK USA - 5 December 1968
- b. BGen CARNEY USMC - 5 December 1968
- c. BGen DWYER USMC - 12, 13, 25, 31 December 1968
- d. BGen HILL USMC - 12, 14, 25, 31 December 1968
- e. Col NICHOLS USMC - 12, 13 December 1968
- f. BGen DOOLEY USMC - 18 December 1968
- g. Col Chapman USAF - 14 December 1968
- h. Col RECEE USAF - 31 December 1968
- i. Col DAHL - 29 December 1968 (USMC)
- j. Col REESE USAF - 30 December 1968
- k. Capt CHAMBERLAIN USN - 3 December 1968
- l. Capt NEARMAN USN - 7 December 1968

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, NEVADA EAGLE, NAPOLEON/SALINE II, HENDERSON HILL, VERNON LAKE II, MEADE RIVER/SWIFT MOVE, DAWSON RIVER, VICTORY DRAGON VI, HARDIN FALLS, TAYLOR COMMON, MARSHALL MOUNTAIN, FAYETE CANYON, VALIANT HUNT, RAWLINS VALLEY, TODD FOREST. During the month of December Da Nang ASRT 'A' conducted a special test and evaluation project under the direction of the Seventh Air Force and Task Force Yankee of the First Marine Division. The purpose of the project was to use the AN/TPQ-10 Radar Course directing Central for control of C-130 aircraft utilized to drop the 10,000 pound MK-121 bomb. The purpose of the drop was to evaluate the MK-121 in clearing helicopter landing zones and possible fire support bases on terrain covered by heavy canopy and dense undergrowth. Ten MK-121 bombs were dropped with satisfactory results. The results of the project proved the method of delivery accurate to 25 meters. Depending on the target location, and the nature of the terrain topography, this may or may not be adequate. The weapon's Effective Casualty Radius is estimated at approximately 900 meters. Favorable results were achieved as far as clearing a desired area without creating unfavorable crater effects.

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At 1930 4 December 1968, Camp Carroll 'B' ASRT secured operations for re-location. On 8 December 1968, the TPQ-10 system, and team equipment, was helo-lifted to Vandegrift Combat Base in preparation for the move to Signal Hill. On 19-20 December 1968 the TPQ system, and remaining team equipment, was helo lifted to Signal Hill. On 21 December 1968, the antenna erection, and the site survey was completed. Vandegrift ASRT became operational after a successful calibration hop on 24 December 1968. The ASRT Team was unable to conduct a calibration hop before the 24th due to bad weather. On 8 December MASS-2 Communications Section moved and installed their radios out to An Hoa, and at 1300 on 11 December 1968, An Hoa DASC was operational. On 12 December 1968, Da Nang 'C' dropped the 1st MK-121 in support of Task Force "Y".

PART III: Significant Events

1. Personnel (C) There were no significant shortages in personnel throughout the Group during the month of December 1968.
2. Casualties (C) During the month of December 1968 there were six (6) non-hostile casualties, none of which resulted in death. There were eight (8) hostile casualties reported, none of which resulted in death. Ten (10) personnel were evacuated out of country.
3. Morale/Welfare Programs (U) During the month of December 1968, liberty remained secured and recreation was provided by Group Special Services Section. There were Fourteen (14) parties processed during the month of December 1968. The following number of personnel were on R&R during December 1968:

HAWAII	31
SYDNEY	21
BANGKOK	26
MANILE	2
HONG KONG	12
PENANG	4
SINGAPORE	1
OKINAWA	6
TAIPEI	13
TOKYO	3
KUALA LUMPUR	5

4. Civic Action (C)

- a. On 18 December 1968, Civic Action became a separate section of the MAGG-18 Staff. The Squadron/Battalion Civic Action Programs will continue as before, but are now coordinated through the Group.
- b. The Group effort consisted of a small scale agriculture development program in Hoa An(H) of Hoa Phat(V), AT992757. MASS-2 conducted MEDCAPS at the Hoa Phat(V) Dispensary. First LAAMS began construction of a school in Nai Nam(H), BT035745. MASS-3 worked exclusively through the Americal

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Division, which is the Chu Lai area coordinator.

c. The following donations were made to religious groups in the Da Nang area:

- (1) Sacred Heart  
200 pounds of school supplies, soap, tooth brushes, tooth pasts, combs, shoes, and etc.
- (2) China Beach Orphanage  
\$280.00 in private contributions for the sponsorship of orphan children.  
80lbs of Candy, 4 boxes of toys, 15 lbs of bar soap
- (3) United World Mission  
400 lbs of clothing, blankets, health kits, toys, soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste
- (4) Christian Missionary Alliance Mission  
5 lbs of bar soap

5. Air Control (C)

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

b. On 31 December 1968 ASRT's were operational at Chu Lai (System A-7), Vandegrift (System A-2), Dong Ha (System A-8), Da Nang (Float System A-12), and Da Nang (Systems A-1, A-3, and A-9).

c. ASRT Operations

- (1) Missions - 1412
- (2) A/C Controlled - 1611
- (3) Bombs Dropped - 4151.32 tons
- (4) Targets Hit - 1708
- (5) Target Coverage - 2.5 Tons/Target

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

	<u>A-1</u>	<u>A-2</u>	<u>A-3</u>	<u>A-7</u>	<u>A-8</u>	<u>A-9</u>	<u>A-12</u>
(1) Total Hours	UNKNOWN	18298	17939	19081	9485	22666	21732
(2) Since Rehab	7926	2587	17574	14687	5620	11666	17198
(3) Hours in Dec	712	250	720	695	647	687	000

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e. DASC Operations

- (1) Helo Missions/Med Evacs - 2391/1278
- (2) Fixed Wing - 4370

f. TAOC Operations

- (1) A/C Provided Navigational Assistance - 17454
- (2) GCI/GCA - 1417
- (3) IFF/SIF - 14752
- (4) Practic Intercepts - 10 of 10 for 100%
- (5) Emergency Assists - 8

g. TADC Operations

- (1) Fixed Wing Sorties - 7280
  - (a) In-country Sorties - 5428
  - (b) Out-country Sorties - 1780
  - (c) Other Tactical Sorties - 143
  - (d) ECM/ELINT - 322
  - (e) Photo Sorties - 135
  - (f) IR Sorties - 74
- (2) Helicopter Sorties - 54338
  - (a) Tasks - 21187
  - (b) Cargo - 13374 Tons
  - (c) Passengers - 106435

6. Ground Defense (S)

a. Work was continued on improving bunkers throughout the Group.

b. Battery 'B', 1st LAAM Bn has rebuilt Post #1 along with two secondary positions to supplement Post #1. Battery 'C' completed its COC bunker and installed six napalm barrels around its perimeter wire. AFU 'E' has completed an underground resupply tunnel complex and completed twelve fighting positions along the trenchline perimeter.

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7. Logistics (U)

a. 1st LAAM Bn - Weapons Systems Maintenance received one PU 608 generator (Serial #4220025) from rebuild, which was damaged, inoperable, and was subsequently returned to WERS-17. One TSM-45 Shop Van was received from CONUS. Twenty-eight missiles and one BCC (Serial #07017) were retrograded to CONUS.

b. MACS-4 - The T/E shortage of one (1) PU-344 generator still exists.

8. Motor Transport (U)

a. The mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 98,446 miles driven for the month of December 1968.

9. Embarkation (C) The Embarkation section of MACG-18 moved 38090 lbs and 3660 cubic feet of material in support of Group operations.

10. Inspections (U) An Administration/Material Inspection was conducted at Marine Air Support Squadron Three, Chu Lai, Da Nang, and Vandegrift, RVN, on 2 - 4 December 1968. The Inspection grade was Satisfactory with Discrepancies.

11. Awards (U)

a. Pvt F. J. PETERS USMC, H&HS-18 received a purple heart at the 1st Medical Bn. Hospital. He was wounded during a rocket attack on 23 December 1968. Four other Marines were wounded during the same attack but were not MEDEVAC.

b. 1st LAAM Bn - Six (6) Marines awarded the Good Conduct Medal.