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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP EIGHTEEN
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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART: Organizational Data

1. Name and Rank of Commanding Officers and Staff of MACG-18 (U)

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>PERIOD COVERED</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>
Commanding Officer, MACG-18	1 - 28 Feb 1969	Col Edward S. FRIS
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 28 Feb 1969	LtCol John R. DOPLER
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 28 Feb 1969	LtCol Robert A. FULLER
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 28 Feb 1969	LtCol William J. SULLIVAN
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1 - 28 Feb 1969	LtCol Thomas M. KAUFMAN
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM	1 - 28 Feb 1969	LtCol John W. DRURY
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 28 Feb 1969	LtCol William H. JACKSON Jr.
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 28 Feb 1969	CWO4 Henry A. HERRERO
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 28 Feb 1969	1stLt Ronald D. BROOKS
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 28 Feb 1969	Capt William S. DROSTE
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 28 Feb 1969	LtCol Robert E. McCAMEY
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 28 Feb 1969	Maj Edward J. DAHY III
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 28 Feb 1969	Maj Harold F. O'DONNELL
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 28 Feb 1969	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS

2. Task Organization and Unit Location with Inclusive Dates (U)

Marine Air Control Group 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 28 Feb 1969
Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 28 Feb 1969
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang RVN 1 - 28 Feb 1969
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 28 Feb 1969
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang RVN 1 - 28 Feb 1969
1st Light AA Missile Battalion	Da Nang RVN 1 - 28 Feb 1969

SECRET3. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 During the Period 1 - 28 Feb 1969 (U)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	35 / 193	2 / 2
MASS-2	41 / 188	0 / 2
MASS-3	40 / 168	0 / 2
MACS-4	43 / 272	0 / 2
1st LAAM Bn	39 / 615	0 / 12
Total MACG-18	198 / 1436	2 / 20

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

- a. 19 February 1969 - Rear Admiral E. P. BONNER USN
- b. 18 February 1969 - BrigGen G. E. DOOLEY USMC
- c. 19 February 1969 - Col PEASE USA
- d. 10 February 1969 - Col R. N. JOENS USMC
- e. 10 February 1969 - Col O. D. HUNTER USMC

SECRETPART 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 Victory Dragon VIII, Dewey Canyon, Nevada Eagle, Vernon Lake II, Hardin Falls, Marshall Mountain, Kentucky, Scotland II, Taylor Gammon, Linn River, Fayette Canyon. High winds during this month have caused considerable damage to radar and radio antennas of MACS-4. Direct Air Support Center Operations showed a significant increase for the third consecutive month. ASRT 'B' was moved to a site at An Hoa and became operational on 11 February 1969. This ASRT is being used extensively in support of "Task Force Yankee". On the 5th thru the 8th of February, Vandegrift ASRT ran ~~the first~~ ASRT controlled paradrop resupply missions to troops in the field under combat conditions. The drops were made from CH-46's and KC-130's. The drops were very successful, with over 80% of the loads being recovered. On 14 February, Da Nang 'C' secured operations to move to Fire Support Base Cunningham. The team was moved from Hill 55 on the 16th and 17th. The Cunningham ASRT became operational on 26 February.

SECRETPART III: Significant Events1. Personnel (C)

a. Significant shortages of personnel during the month of February were in the following MOS's:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>
3516	SNCO
5949	SNCO
5961	SNCO
7041	LCPL/PFC
8151	E-6-E-1

b. MOS 6741 losses during February were 48; 22 were transferred to MACS-8 and 26 rotated to CONUS. This command joined only 10 6741's during the month. ~~These shortages still exist.~~

c. Losses of personnel filling 8151 billets resulted in only 44 being on hand at month's end. The manning level called for 127. These shortages still exist.

2. Casualties (C)

a. 11 hostile casualties and 1 non-hostile casualty were suffered in the month.

3. Morale/Welfare Programs (U) During the month of February liberty remained secured and recreation was provided by Group Special Services. Four parties were held during the month. In addition, R&R Flights were conducted as follows:

HAWAII	21 Personnel
SYDNEY	26 Personnel
BANGKOK	22 Personnel
MANILA	3 Personnel
HONG KONG	10 Personnel
PENANG	0 Personnel
SINGAPORE	2 Personnel
OKINAWA	3 Personnel
TAIPEI	10 Personnel
TOKYO	6 Personnel
KUALA BUMPUR	2 Personnel

4. Civic Action (U)

a. MASS-2 Civic Action held only two MEDCAPS the month of February because of the Post TET Offensive. A total of 324 patients were treated.

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b. Five students of the Sacred Heart Orphanage received Gen WALT Scholarship Assistance through the sponsorship of the 1st LAAM Bn.

c. 1st LAAM Bn distributed to village schools: 240 Notebooks, 240 pencils, and one plywood blackboard.

d. MACG-18 Civic Action Team helped the refugee groups in the Hoa An (H), alleviate somewhat the shortage of water by assisting them with materials for three wells.

e. MASS-3 Civic Action Team provided outpatient Medical treatment for 418 Vietnamese patients. They dispensed four boxes of clothing to the residents of Trung Toan. Materials given out from Civic Action supplies consisted of 10 cases of bar laundry soap and 300 dental kits.

f. General WALT Scholarships totaling \$6,000 VN were given out to eleven recipients in the hamlets of Trung Toan and Sam Hai on the 7th and 8th of February.

5. Air Control (C)

a. On 28 February 1969, DASC's were operational at Vandegrift, Da Nang, Dong Ha and An Hoa.

b. On 28 February 1969, the following ASRT's were in RVN: Chu Lai (System A-7), Vandegrift (System A-2), Dong Ha (System A-8), Da Nang (System A-9), An Hoa (System A-1), Cunningham (System A-3), and Da Nang Float (System A-12).

c. The Da Nang ASRT operated effectively in support of the First Marine Division until the morning of 23 February 1969 when the AN/TPQ-10 radar antenna sustained heavy damage during an enemy attack. Since that time the radar has been under repair, and by the end of the month it had not yet become operational. Assistance in assuring rapid and timely shipment of the next replacement system has been requested.

d. ASRT Operations

- (1) Missions - 1468
- (2) A/C Controlled - 1959
- (3) Bombs Dropped - 5106.8 tons
- (4) Targets Hit - 1844
- (5) Target Coverage - 2.77 Tons/Target

SECRETe. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 28 February 1969

	<u>A-1</u>	<u>A-2</u>	<u>A-3</u>	<u>A-7</u>	<u>A-8</u>	<u>A-9</u>
(1) Total Hours	UNK	18862	19140	20366	10809	23505
(2) Since Rehab	9243	2784	18775	15972	6944	12505
(3) Hours in Feb	617	564	529	564	632	136

f. DASC Operations

- (1) Helo Missions/Med Evacs - 2851/1389
- (2) Fixed Wing - 4776

g. TAOC Operations

- (1) A/C provided Navigational Assistance - 18390
- (2) GCI/GCA - 1974
- (3) IFF/SIF - 16546
- (4) Practice Intercepts - 0

h. TADC Operations

- (1) Fixed Wing Sorties - 6032
 - (a) In-Country - 4334
 - (b) Out-Country Sorties - 1136
 - (c) Other Tactical Sorties - 69
 - (d) ECM/ELINT - 309
 - (e) Photo Sorties - 139
 - (f) IR Sorties - 45
- (2) Helicopter Sorties - 44416
 - (a) Tasks - 16872
 - (b) Cargo - 9113 Tons
 - (c) Passengers - 62211

SECRET6. Communication/Electronics (C)

a. Increased emphasis has been placed on AN/TYA-11 training and testing at the Da Nang DASC. Locally developed remoting procedures, though not allowing channel selection, have been successfully used. Improvements in the Vandegrift DASC UHF Communications have been initiated. Long remote cables contribute to the problems at this site and the planned installation of new cables should improve DASC communications considerably. 1st LAAM Bn successfully tested AN/PCC 1 and AN/VCC 1 multiplexing equipment with the AN/TSQS 7 system. Results of the test are encouraging and point to the fact that the new equipment will provide dependable links to the outlying batteries.

7. Ground Defense (U)

a. The ground defense plan for H&HS-18 was improved in anticipation of the expected Tet Offensive. Defensive positions were constructed and the boundaries of the cantonment were enclosed with concertina wire. Additionally, a vehicle control point was established at the main entrance to the Marine Air Control Group cantonment.

b. 1st LAAM's 'A' Battery ground defense effort included completing several bunkers, registering defensive fires and pre-planned fires for Battery patrols. 50 Cal. machine guns have been employed at Post #1 and on top of the armory for fire support of both launcher sections. A total of eight reconnaissance/security patrols have been completed this month.

c. 1st LAAM's 'C' Battery has cleared and emplaced protective wire on two knolls outside the Battery perimeter to deny the enemy the use of these two excellent avenues of approach. Grass has been burned and screen wire placed in front of several bunkers to prohibit grenades from being thrown into the bunkers. A 106MM recoilless rifle was obtained and emplaced on the west side of Hill 327 to cover that avenue of approach.

8. Logistics (U)

a. 1st LAAM Weapons Systems Maintenance received nine (9) new AN/MPQ-39 (XO3) (High Power-Bite modified Illuminator Radars).

b. MACS-4 reports a T/E shortage of two (2) PU-344 generators and one (1) PU-239 generator.

9. Motor Transport (U)

a. The mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 87,231 miles driven for the month of February 1969.

SECRET10. Embarkation (C)

a. The Embarkation Section of MACG-18 moved 57,365 lbs and 5,524 cubic feet of equipment in support of Group Operations.

11. Inspections (U)

a. 1st LAAM Bn received an A&M Inspection conducted by Wing Engineer, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the Battalion received a Satisfactory with Discrepancies.

12. Group Chaplain (U)

a. Religious Services were conducted according to the regular schedule during the month of February 1969. The Group Chaplain made visits to the NSA Hospital and prisoners were visited at the Brig.

13. Awards (U)

a. There were no significant awards presented within the Group during the month of February 1969.