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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP EIGHTEEN  
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ENCLOSURE (1)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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 - 31 Mar 69	Col Edward S. FRIS
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 31 Mar 69	LtCol John R. DOPLER
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 31 Mar 69	LtCol Robert A. FULLER
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 3 Mar 69	LtCol William J. SULLIVAN
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	4 - 31 Mar 69	LtCol William H. JACKSON Jr.
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1 - 9 Mar 69	LtCol Thomas M. KAUFFMAN
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	10 - 31 Mar 69	LtCol Edward S. JOHN
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM	1 - 31 Mar 69	LtCol John W. DRURY
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 3 Mar 69	LtCol William H. JACKSON Jr.
Executive Officer, MACG-18	4 - 31 Mar 69	LtCol Robert E. McCAMEY
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 31 Mar 69	CWO4 Henry A. HERRERO
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 31 Mar 69	1stLt Ronald D. BROOKS
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 31 Mar 69	Capt William S. DROSTE
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 3 Mar 69	LtCol Robert E. McCAMEY
S-3, MACG-18	4 - 31 Mar 69	LtCol William J. SULLIVAN
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 26 Mar 69	Maj Edward J. DAHEY III
S-4, MACG-18	27 - 31 Mar 69	Maj Milton T. HEFTY
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 Mar 69	Maj Horold F. O'DONNELL
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 31 Mar 69	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS

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

Marine Air Control Group 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Mar 69
Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Mar 69
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Mar 69

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Marine Air Support Squadron Three  
 Marine Air Control Squadron Four  
 1st Light AA Missile Battalion

Chu Lai RVN 1 - 31 Mar 69  
 Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Mar 69  
 Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 Mar 69

3. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 During the Period 1 - 31 Mar 1969 (U)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	33 / 188	3 / 2
MASS-2	46 / 189	0 / 2
MASS-3	39 / 185	0 / 2
MACS-4	38 / 250	0 / 2
1st LAAM Bn	40 / 604	0 / 13
Total MACG-18	196 / 1416	2 / 21

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

- a. 11 March 1969 - Col NICHOLS, USAF
- b. 11 March 1969 - Col BALLY, USAF
- c. 25 March 1969 - CAPT HOLLOWAY, USN, USS REPOSE (AH-16)
- d. 25 March 1969 - Col MACQUARIE, USMC, MAC-16
- e. 25 March 1969 - MajGen QUILTER, USMC, CG 1stMAW
- f. 26 March 1969 - Col SLAY, USMC, Chief of Staff
- g. 30 March 1969 - BrigGen HILL, USMC, DWC 1st MAW
- h. 30 March 1969 - LtGen NICKERSON, USMC, CG III MAF

The following Australian Officers visited this command on 25 March 1969:

- a. LTC P. J. LEMERETIER
- b. SQDN LDR M. W. BUCHANAN
- c. MAJ I S. A. POWER
- d. SQDN LDR N. B. WILLIAMS

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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 Operation Taylor Common, Dewey Canyon, Victory Dragon IX, Iron Mountain, Kentucky Jumper, Frederick Hill, Russell Beach, Purple Martin, Eager Pursuit, Massachusetts Striker, Maine Crag, Oklahoma Hills, Linn River.

Direct Air Support Center (DASC) operations for the month of March showed a statistical increase for the 4th consecutive month. At 1515 on 11 March Cunningham ASRT received word to tear down for movement to Dong Ha. Between 1130 and 1500 on 15 March, Cunningham ASRT was extracted in the midst of sniper fire, incoming mortars and artillery. On 19 March, Cunningham ASRT moved to FSB Birmingham from Dong Ha and was redesignated Birmingham ASRT. The personnel from Dong Ha ASRT took the set to Birmingham and personnel from Cunningham remained with Dong Ha ASRT. Birmingham ASRT will support operation Massachusetts Striker, a 101st Airborne Division operation in the southern Ashau Valley. Task Force Yankee and the An Hoa Direct Air Support Center (DASC) were deactivated on 9 March 1969. The personnel and equipment from An Hoa DASC left on 10 March 1969 by convoy and arrived the same day at Da Nang. These resources are being used to augment the Da Nang DASC until another DASC is required elsewhere. The Da Nang AN/TPQ-10 that was damaged during the VC attack on 23 Feb 1969 was replaced by serial # A-11 which arrived from CONUS on 25 March 1969. The new Radar Course Directing Central was installed and became operational on 27 March 1969.

During the month of March, MASS-2 ASRTs controlled a total of 60 paratroops.

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PART III: Significant Events1. Personnel (C)

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

<u>MOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>
3516	SNCO
5949	SNCO
5961	SNCO

b. MOS 6741 losses during March were 30 while only 10 were joined during the month.

2. Casualties (C)

a. 0 hostile casualties and 16 non-hostile casualties were suffered during the month.

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

HAWAII	21 Personnel
SYDNEY	30 Personnel
BANGKOK	24 Personnel
MANILA	3 Personnel
HONG KONG	10 Personnel
PENANG	0 Personnel
SINGAPORE	2 Personnel
OKINAWA	3 Personnel
TAIPEI	10 Personnel
TOKYO	6 Personnel
KUALA LUMPUR	3 Personnel

4. Civic Action (U)

a. The MACG-18 Civic Action Team worked in an advisory capacity with the Hamlet Chief of Hoa An, AT987766.

b. 1st LAAM Bn - Construction of an elementary school, Khue Trung IV Hamlet, Hoa Cuong Village was completed. The school was dedicated on 28 March 1969. The 1st Light AA Missile Battalion Commanding Officer, Executive Officer and Sergeant Major attended the dedication and the dinner which followed.

c. Fifteen bags of cement were given, by 1st LAAM Bn, for the construction of graves in a Hamlet cemetery.

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d. During the month of March 1969 the MASS-3 Civic Action Team spent 20 man-days on civic action activities in Trung Tuan Hamlet. General Walt Scholarships totaling \$6,000 VN were given out to eleven (11) recipients in the hamlets to Trung Tuan and Sam Hai. The squadron Med-cap Team treated 223 Vietnamese civilians during the month. A total of 185 Vietnamese children were shown movies at MASS-3 area in March. A beach party was also held for 36 children by MASS-3 personnel.

5. Air Control (C)

a. On 31 March 1969, DASC's were operational at Vandegrift, Da Nang and Dong Ha.

b. On 31 March 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-11), An Hoa (System A-1), Birmingham (System A-3), and Da Nang Float (System A-9).

c. ASRT Operations

- (1) Missions - 1642
- (2) A/C Controlled - 2138
- (3) Bombs Dropped - 5931.5 Tons
- (4) Targets Hit - 2235
- (5) Target Coverage - 2.65 Tons/Target

d. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 31 March 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>	<u>A-11</u>
(1) Total Hours	UNK	19450	19313	21046	11414	23511	4598
(2) Since Rehab	9824	3342	18948	16652	7549	12511	198
(3) Hours in March	581	558	*173	680	605	*6	69

\*Note: System A-3 reassigned from Cunningham FSB to Birmingham FSB  
System A-9 became a float item when replaced by system A-11

e. DASC Operations

- (1) Helo Missions/Med Evacs - 2734/1307
- (2) Fixed Wing - 5186

f. TAOC Operations

- (1) A/C provided Navigational Assistance - 20788

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- (2) GCI/GCA Handoffs - 2290
- (3) IFF/SIF Checks - 18533
- (4) Practice Intercepts - Attempted - 8  
Completed - 8

g. TADC Operations

- (1) Fixed Wing Sorties - 6900
  - (a) In-Country - 5006
  - (b) Out-Country Sorties - 1286
  - (c) Other Tactical Sorties - 45
  - (d) ECM/ELINT - 349
  - (e) Photo Sorties - 156
  - (f) IR/SLAR Sorties - 58
- (2) Helicopter Sorties - 43551
  - (a) Tasks - 15598
  - (b) Cargo - 8065
  - (c) Passengers - 61644

6. Communication/Electronics (C)

a. Radar Course Directing Control AN/TPQ-10 Serial number A-11 received from rehab 25 March 1969. This set was delivered to MASS-3 at 1600 hours on 26 March 1969 and declared operational at 1445 hours on 27 March 1969. The antenna of AN/TPQ-10 serial number A-9 and computer shelter of serial A-12 have been prepared for shipment to CONUS.

7. Ground Defense (U)

a. 1st LAAM Bn - Battery 'A' ground defense effort consisted of the construction of tactical wire between Post #3 and 4.2 mortar position. In addition, bunker #20 was constructed midway between Post #3 and 4.2 mortar position, thus alleviating the guard on Posts #19, #1 and #2. Sentry dogs are now walking post between Post #5 and #9.

8. Logistics (U)

a. 1st LAAM Weapons Systems Maintenance received four (4) new AN/TSQ-2 (BCC-Battery Control Center), on 16 March 1969.

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- b. MACS-4 reports a T/E shortage of two (2) PU-344 generators, one (1) PU-239 and two (2) M-35 trucks.

9. Motor Transport (U)

a. The mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 113,229 miles driven for the month of March 1969.

10. Embarkation (C)

a. The Embarkation Section of MACG-18 moved 27,500 lbs and 2,400 cubic feet of equipment in support of group operations.

11. Inspections (U)

a. There were no scheduled inspections within the Group during the month of March 1969.

12. Group Chaplain (U)

a. Religious Services were conducted according to the regular schedule during the month on March 1969. The Group Chaplain made visits to the NSA Hospital and visited prisoners at the III MA F Brig.

13. Awards (U)

a. The following personnel received awards during the month of March:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER NO</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
HEAVILIN, G.	1stLt	094125	Air Medal
CHRISTIAN, H. W.	SSgt	1460613	Bronze Star/Purple Heart
BEITLER, R. K.	SSgt	1908193	Purple Heart
CURTIS, R.	HM1	9020829	Purple Heart

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