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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 - 30 April 69	Col Edward S. FRIS
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 30 April 69	LtCol John R. DOPLER
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 30 April 69	LtCol Robert A. FULLER
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 30 April 69	LtCol William H. JACKSON Jr.
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1 - 30 April 69	LtCol Edward S. JOHN
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM	1 - 30 April 69	LtCol John W. DRURY
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 30 April 69	LtCol Robert E. McCAMEY
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 30 April 69	CWO4 Henry A. HERRERO
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 30 April 69	1stLt Ronald D. BROOKS
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 30 April 69	Capt William S. DROSTE
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 30 April 69	LtCol William J. SULLIVAN
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 30 April 69	Maj Milton T. HEFTY
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 30 April 69	Maj Harold F. O'DONNELL
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 30 April 69	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS

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

Marine Air Control Group 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 April 69
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 April 69
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang RVN 1 - 17 April 69
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Dong Ha RVN 18 - 30 April 69
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 30 April 69
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 April 69
1st Light AA Missile Battalion	Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 April 69

SECRET3. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 During the Period 1 - 30 April 69 (U)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	48 / 177	3 / 2
MASS-2	47 / 185	0 / 3
MASS-3	39 / 197	0 / 2
MACS-4	34 / 311	0 / 3
1st LAAM Bn	43 / 577	0 / 15
Total MACG-18	211 / 1447	3 / 25

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

- a. 5 April 1969 - MajGen C. J. QUILTER, USMC, CG 1st MAW
- b. 11 April 1969 - MajGen DAVIS, USMC, CG 3rd MarDiv
- c. 13 April 1969 - Col L. C. SHEPHERD III
- d. 15 April 1969 - Gen A. J. GOODPASTER, USA, Deputy U. S. Commanding General, Vietnam
- e. 15 April 1969 - MajGen C. J. QUILTER, USMC, CG 1st MAW

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 Purple Martin, Russell Beach, Massachusetts Striker, Oklahoma Hills, Kentucky Jumper, Iron Mountain, Frederick Hill, Ellis Ravine, Geneva Park, Maine Crag, Victory Dragon IX.

Direct Air Support Center (DASC) operations for the month, of April showed a statistical increase for the 5th consecutive month. On 18 April, the MASS-2 Squadron Command Post moved north to Dong Ha, with the S-4 and Motor Transport sections remaining in Da Nang. On this same date, Detachment 1 Dong Ha became the Command Post and the remaining MASS-2 elements in Da Nang became Detachment 1.

On 1 and 2 April Da Nang and An Hoa ASRTs controlled aircraft which dropped 10,000 lb bombs for the purpose of landing zone preparation in support of operation Oklahoma Hills. Six total drops were made, four by An Hoa ASRT and two by Da Nang ASRT. These drops succeeded in clearing the desired landing zone sites as well as giving the controllers involved valuable training.

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

<u>MOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>
3516*	All Ranks

*This unit has a ML of fifty two 3516s at present. The on hand strength is 45 with projected losses of seven more in May and June leaving 38.

2. Casualties (C)

a. 4 hostile casualties and 36 non-hostile casualties were suffered during the month

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

HAWAII	24 Personnel
SYDNEY	21 Personnel
BANGKOK	23 Personnel
MANILA	2 Personnel
HONG KONG	3 Personnel
PENANG	0 Personnel
SINGAPORE	3 Personnel
OKINAWA	2 Personnel
TAIPEI	10 Personnel
TOKYO	6 Personnel
KUALA LUMPUR	2 Personnel

4. Civic Action (U)

a. Throughout April MACG-18 Civic Action Team worked with MCB-5 Civic Action Team in Hoa An Hamlet, Hoa Phat Village.

b. On 27 April the ammunition dump adjacent to Hoa Phat Village exploded resulting in major to total destruction of the Hamlets located nearest the dump. Although Hoa An Hamlet received only light to no damage, all programs have ceased in that Hamlet because the Hamlet officials have temporarily abandoned the Hamlet to work exclusively in the Hamlets which suffered severe damage.

c. MASS-3 Civic Action spent a total of 35 man-days engaged in civic action activities. MASS-3 Medcap treated 139 Vietnamese outpatients and evacuated 2 Vietnamese to military hospital facilities for inpatient care.

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Seven (7) pounds of soap was given out with the Medcap. Two wells in Trung Toan Hamlet were selected for installation of covers and handpumps. Installation of one cover and pump was completed. Materials valued at \$6000 VN were provided from military resources. One hundred twenty (120) children were shown movies at the MASS-3 CP. Two beach parties were given for a total of eighty (80) Vietnamese children. Refreshments were provided by MASS-3 for all movies and parties.

d. Five pieces of second-hand tin and fifteen 2" by 4" were presented, by the 1st LAAM Bn, for the reconstruction of a Spirit House adjacent to a sub-hamlet's cemetery.

5. Air Control (C)

a. On 30 April 1969, DASC's were operational at Vandegrift, Da Nang and Dong Ha.

b. On 30 April 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), Fire Support Base Birmingham (System A-3), and Da Nang Float (System A-12).

c. ASRT Operations

- (1) Missions - 1173
- (2) A/C Controlled - 1440
- (3) Bombs Dropped - 4225.76 Tons
- (4) Targets Hit - 1712
- (5) Target Coverage - 2.47 Tons/Target

d. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 30 April 1969

	<u>A-1</u>	<u>A-2</u>	<u>A-3</u>	<u>A-7</u>	<u>A-8</u>	<u>A-11</u>
(1) Total Hours	UNK	19943	19709	21660	12036	5060
(2) Since Rehab	10325	3835	19344	17226	8171	660
(3) Hours in April	501	493	396	615	622	462

e. DASC Operations

- (1) Helo Missions/Med Evacs - 3047/1447
- (2) Fixed Wing - 5062

SECRETf. TACG Operations

- (1) A/C provided Navigational Assistance - 19,877
- (2) GCI/GCA Handoffs - 1545
- (3) IFF/SIF Checks - 16,414
- (4) Practice Intercepts - Attempted - 7
Completed - 7

g. TADC Operations

- (1) Fixed Wing Sorties - 7106
 - (a) In-Country - 5294
 - (b) Out-Country Sorties - 1223
 - (c) Other Tactical Sorties - 57
 - (d) ECM/ELINT - 309
 - (e) Photo Sorties - 180
 - (f) IR/SLAR - 43
- (2) Helicopter Sorties - 53,450
 - (a) Tasks - 19098
 - (b) Cargo - 11436 Tons
 - (c) Passengers - 70984

6. Communication/Electronics (C)

a. On 22 April 1969, MACS-4 had a AN/TPS-22 prototype module rigid antenna collapse in 22 knot wind. Gusts to 32 knots were reported during previous 4 hours.

7. Ground Defense (U)

a. 1st LAAM Bn - "A" Btry's ground defense effort consisted of putting in three layers of Barb Tape and constructing a tactical fence around "A" Launcher point. Post one and nine were reconstructed using 55 gallon drums and matting. "C" Battery put in additional concertina around parts of the Battery perimeter. The burning and cutting of grass continued throughout the month. A 30 foot tower was emplaced on a knoll outside the Battery

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perimeter which was considered a good position but due to recommendations from Wing and Group, Ground Defense Officers, it is felt the tower should be moved inside the perimeter wire.

8. Logistics (U)

a. First LAAM Bn received five (5) loader-transporters from CONUS. Five (5) loader-transporters and four (4) AN/TSW-2 were evacuated to CONUS. On 12 April, WSM received six (6) HAWK missile launchers from CONUS. On the same date eight (8) 400HZ, and Two (2) 60HZ generators returned from rebuild. Five (5) AN/MPQ-33 were removed from the system to prepare them for shipment to CONUS.

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

9. Motor Transport (U)

a. The mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 102,437 miles driven for the month of April 1969.

10. Embarkation (C)

a. The Embarkation Section of MACG-18 moved 31,700 lbs and 1278 cubic feet of equipment in support of group operations.

11. Inspections (U)

a. MACG-18 received an A&M Inspection by FMFPAC during the month of April. The overall grade was Satisfactory with Discrepancies.

12. Group Chaplain (U)

a. Religious Services were conducted according to the regular schedule during the month of April. Chaplain DE PASCALE conducted all the Catholic services for 1st LAAM Bn "A" and "C" Batteries. He is assigned to MWSG-17. Religious services at MACS-4 and "B" Battery are conducted by Chaplains JOSEPH and RICHARDSON. MASS-2 & 3, "E" Battery, and other outlying units have services available through Chaplains assigned to Military units in their area. The Chaplain made 2 visits to the Brig, seeing 10 prisoners. Also 7 visits were made at the hospital and other Medical units, seeing 13 patients. MACG-18 Chaplain conducts all the Protestant services at MWSG-17.

13. Awards (U)

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

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
BRUXVOORT, H. G.	1stLt	MASS-3	Purple Heart
YALE, R. S.	CySgt	MASS-3	Purple Heart
JOHNSON, H. D.	Sgt	MASS-3	Purple Heart
GARDNER, R. E.	Sgt	MASS-3	Purple Heart
SHEEHAN, T. D.	Sgt	MASS-3	Purple Heart
LINDSEY, R. P.	Pvt	MASS-3	Purple Heart