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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP EIGHTEEN  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I: 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 May 1969	Col Edward S. FRIS
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 31 May 1969	LtCol John R. DOPLER
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 31 May 1969	LtCol William H. JACKSON Jr.
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 31 May 1969	LtCol Robert A. FULLER
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1 - 31 May 1969	LtCol Edward S. JOHN
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM Bn1	1 - 31 May 1969	LtCol John W. DRURY
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1969	LtCol Robert E. McCAMEY
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1969	CWO4 Henry A. HERRERO
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1969	1stLt Ronald D. BROOKS
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1969	Capt William S. DROSTE
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1969	LtCol William J. SULLIVAN
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1969	Maj Milton T. HEFTY
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1969	Maj Harold F. O'DONNELL
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 31 May 1969	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS

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

Marine Air Control Group 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 May 1969
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 May 1969
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Dong Ha RVN 1 - 31 May 1969
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 31 May 1969
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 May 1969
1st Light AA Missile Battalion	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 May 1969

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~~SECRET~~3. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 During the Period 1 - 31 May 69 (U)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	37 / 171	2 / 0
1st LAAM Bn	44 / 563	0 / 15
MACS-4	35 / 302	0 / 3
MASS-2	46 / 170	0 / 3
MASS-3	39 / 192	0 / 2
Total MACG-18	201 / 1398	2 / 23

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

- a. 1 May 1969 - BGen CARNEY, USMC CG Task Force Hotel
- b. 2 May 1969 - BGen WEINSTEIN, USMCR, 4th Marine Division
- c. 8 & 12 May 1969 - BGen HILL, Asst Wing Commander
- d. 12 May 1969 - BGen SPANJER, USMC
- e. 12 May 1969 - Col FINLAYSON, USMC, G-3 1st MAF
- f. 13 May 1969 - Rear Admiral BONNER, USN, Commander NSA
- g. 27 May 1969 - Col LAMAR, USMC, S-3 1st MAF
- h. 28 May 1969 - Col WGUYEN-NGOC-KHOI, Mayor of Da Nang
- i. 28 May 1969 - Col STORY, USA
- j. 28 May 1969 - Col JOHNSON, USA
- k. 31 May 1969 - LtGen NICKERSON, USMC, CG III MAF

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~~SECRET~~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 Oklahoma Hills, Frederick Hill, Kentucky Jumper, Daring Rebel, Iron Mountain, Russell Beach, Apache Snow, Pipestone Canyon, Herkimer Mountain, Victory Dragon XI, Maine Craig, Virginia Ridge, Geneva Park, Bristol Boots, Lamar Plain, Massachusetts Bay, Purple Martin, Cameron Falls.

During May this command instituted an officer orientation program whereby incoming Air Control Officers report to the TADC, TAOC, a helicopter unit and a ground unit for a collective total of approximately seven days. 11 Officers participated in this program in May and the results have proved its value as a method of gaining the background to fully appreciate the procedures and problems of other units as well as the overall requirements and procedures of the air control system.

The 1st MAW established an auxiliary Headquarters at Quang Tri Base on 25 May 1969. Major A. D. HARRIS of MACG-18 was assigned as this Headquarters representative on the staff. He will function as the air control and communication electronics advisor to the auxiliary Headquarters.

WestPac Marine Aircraft Squadrons have been conducting an air to air missile shoot in the Philippines. MACS-4 has ordered controllers to the Air Force 848th ACW Squadron at Poro Point, Philippine Islands to assist in the conduct of this shoot. Controllers are ordered to Poro Point for a two week period. This shoot and the controller assistance should continue throughout the summer months.

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~~SECRET~~PART III: Significant Events1. Administration (U)

a. None.

2. Personnel (C)

a. Significant shortages of personnel during the month of May 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 48 with projected losses of fourteen in June and July leaving 34.

3. Command Relationships/Command and Control (U)

a. None.

4. Air Control (C)

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

b. On 31 May 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 - 1241
- (2) A/C Controlled - 1519
- (3) Bombs Dropped - 4348.71 Tons
- (4) Targets Hit - 1826
- (5) Target Coverage - 2.38 Tons/Target

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**SECRET**d. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 31 May 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	20686	20379	22259	12760	5657
(2) Since Rehab	11022	4578	20014	17825	8895	1257
(3) Hours in May	697	743	670	599	724	597

e. DASC Operations

- (1) Helo Missions/Med Evacs - 2951/1442
- (2) Fixed Wing - 5511

f. TAOC Operations

- (1) A/C provided Navigational Assistance - 20,300
- (2) GCI/GCA Handoffs - 758
- (3) IFF/SIF Checks - 16,721
- (4) Practice Intercepts - Attempted - 0  
Completed - 0

g. TADC Operations

- (1) Fixed Wing Sorties - 7663
  - (a) In-Country - 5686
  - (b) Out-Country Sorties - 1330
  - (c) Other Tactical Sorties - 62
  - (d) ECM/ELINT - 311
  - (e) Photo Sorties - 238
  - (f) IR/SLAR - 36
- (2) Helicopter Sorties - 51,748
  - (a) Tasks - 19,202
  - (b) Cargo - 10,454
  - (c) Passengers - 74,992

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~~SECRET~~5. Special Operations (U)

a. None

6. Civic Action (U)

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

b. The MASS-3 Civic Action program for May concerned itself with improving the coordination and cooperation between the Trung Tuan hamlet people and the Americal forces. Problems such as persistent firing into the hamlet from the CLDC perimeter and searches and questionings without the hamlet chief's prior knowledge were given priority attention so as to eliminate any misunderstandings by the Vietnamese people. On 5 May, General WALT Scholarships totaling \$6,000 VN were given out to eleven recipient children. The Med Cap was continued on a limited basis treating 70 out-patients while emphasizing that Vietnamese medical facilities are now open to provide them treatment. Throughout May over 250 pounds of laundry and face soap, 60 pounds of clothing and a variety of tools and educational supplies received from CONUS supporting organizations and local sources were distributed. In all, 35 Man Hours were devoted to civic action programs in the Trung Toan Hamlet.

c. First LAAM Battalion's Motor Transport Maintenance section completely rebuilt a French personnel carrier. The vehicle was presented to the Sacred Heart Orphanage and Sister Marie Magdeline by LtCol J. W. DRURY and CWO3 G. A. NEWTOWN on 24 May 69. 30 bags of cement, 20 pieces of tin, 15 2 X 4's, and 16 pieces of reinforcing steel were given to the leader of a sub-hamlet cemetery. Assorted pieces of lumber, to be used for the frame, doors and desks of the two new classrooms in Hoa Cuong Elementary School, were given to the school's principal and the president of the PTA.

7. Ground Defense (C)

a. MACG-18 units have made a concerted effort to improve their ground defenses during the month of May. The extensive employment of sapper attacks by the enemy has dictated a need to re-evaluate ground defenses. This re-evaluation determined a need for more extensive wire barricades, claymore mines, trip flares and clearing or defoliating of terrain surrounding out tactical sites. Progress has been rapid and work is continuing. MACG-18 units have a requirement for 167 8151 security billets. During May 100 of these billets were filled by augmentation personnel (OF 03) provided to this Headquarters and assigned to our subordinate units.

8. Training (U)

a. None

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9. Logistics (U)

a. During the month 1st LAAM Bn received two 52399 generators, two and two PU-239 generators from rebuild. They evacuated three launchers, two PU-648 generators and one PU-239 generators.

10. Supply (U)

a. None.

11. Engineering (U)

a. None.

12. Maintenance (U)

a. None.

13. Communications/Electronics (U)

a. None.

14. Construction (U)

a. None.

15. Motor Transport (U)

a. The mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 109,187 miles driven for the month of May 1969.

16. Embarkation (C)

a. The Embarkation Section of MACG-18 moved 1,000,000 lbs and 107,000 cubic feet of equipment in support of group operations.

17. Informational services (U)

a. None.

18. Casualties (C)

a. Three hostile casualties, one killed in action and 29 non-hostile casualties were suffered during the month.

19. Awards (U)

- a. LCPL M. L. KOLICH received the Purple Heart Medal.
- b. Eight Marines received the Presidential Unit Citation.

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c. Two Marines received the Navy Achievement Medal w/Combat "V".

20. Morale and welfare (U)

a. During the month of MAY, liberty remained secured and recreation was provided by Group Special Services. 16 parties were held during the month. In addition, R&R flights were conducted as follows:

HAWAII	24 Personnel
SYDNEY	22 Personnel
BANGKOK	22 Personnel
MANILA	3 Personnel
HONG KONG	9 Personnel
SINGAPORE	3 Personnel
OKINAWA	3 Personnel
TAIPEI	12 Personnel
TOKYO	2 Personnel
KUALA LUMPUR	3 Personnel

21. Air Defense (U)

a. None.

22. Base Development and Military Construction (U)

a. None.

23. Group Chaplain (U)

a. Religious services were conducted according to the regular schedule. Chaplain BRUGGEMAN (MAG-11) is now conducting all the Catholic services at the Group Chapel. Chaplain DE PASCALE (MWSG-17) conducts the Catholic Services at Alpha and Charlie Batteries. Beginning 11 May, the Group Chaplain assumed responsibility for Protestant services at MACS-4 and Bravo Battery. The Catholic services are being conducted by Chaplains DE PASCALE (MWSG-17), BRUGGEMAN (MAG-11), SESTITO (MAG-16), rotating in this order. MASS-2 and MASS-3, Echo Battery, and other outlying units have services available through Chaplains assigned to military units in their area.

b. The Chaplain made one visit to the Brig, seeing only one prisoner. Eight visits were made to the hospital and other medical units, visiting 14 patients.

c. The Chaplain conducted one Memorial service at Battery 'C', 1st LAAM Bn, with 75 attending.

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