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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 - 30 June 1969	Col Edward S. FRIS
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 30 June 1969	LtCol John R. DOPLER
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 30 June 1969	LtCol William H. JACKSON Jr
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 30 June 1969	LtCol Robert A. FULLER
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1 - 30 June 1969	LtCol Edward S. JOHN
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM	1 - 30 June 1969	LtCol John W. DRURY
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 30 June 1969	LtCol Robert E. McCAMEY
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 30 June 1969	CWO4 Henry A. HERRERO
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 19 June 1969	1stLt Ronald D. BROOKS
S-1, MACG-18	20 - 30 June 1969	1stLt R. N. OLEARY
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 30 June 1969	Capt William S. DROSTE
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 21 June 1969	LtCol William J. SULLIVAN
S-3, MACG-18	22 - 30 June 1969	Maj James A. BRACKEN
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 30 June 1969	Maj Milton T. HEFTY
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 30 June 1969	Maj Harold F. O'DONNELL
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 30 June 1969	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS

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

Marine Air Control Group 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 June 1969
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 June 1969
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Dong Ha RVN 1 - 30 June 1969
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 30 June 1969
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 June 1969
1st Light AA Missile Battalion	Da Nang RVN 1 - 30 June 1969

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~~SECRET~~3. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 During the Period 1 - 30 June 1969 (U)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	39 / 176	2 / 5
1st LAAM Bn	41 / 493	0 / 8
MACS-4	40 / 305	0 / 3
MASS-2	45 / 172	0 / 3
MASS-3	40 / 182	0 / 2
Total MACG-18	205 / 1328	2 / 21

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

- a. 10 June 1969 - Capt TIERNEY, USN, CTG 77.4
- b. 14 June 1969 - BGen JOHNSON, USMC, Asst Wing Commander
- c. 14 & 24 June 1969 - BGen SPANJGER, USMC, Asst Wing Commander
- d. 18 June 1969 - Col OWEN, USMC, III MAF
- e. 18 June 1969 - DAI VY TAP, Commander of the ARVN units, Hai Van area
- f. 18 & 25 June 1969 - BGen JOHNSON, USMC, AWC, 1st MAW
- g. 19 June 1969 - Col L. B. HARDY, USA, Americal Division
- h. 21 June 1969 - BGen W. G. JOHNSON, USMC, AWC, 1st MAW
- i. 22 June 1969 - Col J. P. STABLER, USMC, MACV J3-11
- j. 23 June 1969 - BGen W. G. JOHNSON, USMC, AWC, 1st MAW
- k. 23 June 1969 - Col G. E. HAYWARD, USMC, CO 26th Marines
- l. 25 June 1969 - AirCom ROBNEY, RAF, CMDR RAF, RVN
- m. 27 June 1969 - Col J. L. SCHWARTZ, USMC, 1st MarDiv G-4
- n. 27 June 1969 - Col A. WALKER, USMC, Field Chief of Staff Office
- o. 27 June 1969 - Col N. A. CANZONA, USMC, H&HS CO, 1st MarDiv
- p. 27 June 1969 - BGen J. A. FEELEY Jr. USMC, CG Force Logistics Command
- q. 30 June 1969 - Capt R. H. TROWER, USN, Wing Chaplain

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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 KENTUCKY JUMPER, PIPESTONE CANYON, FREDERICK HILLS, GENEVA PARK, VICTORY DRAGON, LAMAR PLAIN, APACHE SNOW, RUSSELL BEACH, HERKIMER MOUNTAIN, VIRGINIA RIDGE, CAMERON FALLS, MASSACHUSETTS BAY, IRON MOUNTAIN, MONTCOMERY RENDEZVOUS, UTAH MESA, IROQUOIS GROVE, TENNESSEE PRIDE, PURPLE MARTIN, MAINE CRAIG, LUMAR PLAIN.

15 June 1969 marked the beginning of the 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion's Annual Services Practice or Hawk FIREX. The firing exercise site was 'A' Battery located at Hai Van Pass. (AT943917)

The use of the Marine Corps Tactical Data System for automatic firing commands from the Tactical Air Operation Center at Marine Air Control Squadron 4's site was a significant achievement in the field of Anti-Air Warfare. The success of the Hawk FIREX demonstrated the ability of the Automatic Assignment System to work in a tactical environment while tactically deployed. Fourteen of the fifteen Hawk Missiles fired were direct hits or near direct hits. One missile malfunction was due to operator error, leaving the First Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion with a launch to kill percentage of over 93%.

Safety was a key consideration in the planning and execution stages of the Hawk FIREX. Close coordination was established with the 7th Air Force, Marine Air Group 16, Fleet Composite Squadron Five, Marine Air Control Squadron 4 and several other units and agencies. Notices to Airmen and Mariners were published well in advance of the Hawk FIREX informing them of the range limits, times, etc. Voice communications were maintained at all times between safety personnel during the hours of operation.

~~SECRET~~PART III: Significant Events

1. Administration (U)
 - a. None
2. Personnel (U)
 - a. None
3. Command Relationships/Command and Control (U)
 - a. None
4. Air Control (C)
 - a. On 30 June 1969, DASC's were operational at Vandegrift, Da Nang and Dong Ha.
 - b. On 30 June 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 - 1259
 - (2) A/C Controlled - 1613
 - (3) Bombs Dropped - 4378.59 Tons
 - (4) Targets Hit - 1760
 - (5) Target Coverage - 2.49 Tons/Target
 - d. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 30 June 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	21404	21094	22998	13480	6240
(2) Since Rehab	11453	5296	20729	18564	9615	1839
(3) Hours in June	529	718	715	641	720	583
 - e. DASC Operations
 - (1) Helo Missions/Med Evacs - 2937/1353
 - (2) Fixed Wing - 5631

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f. TAOC Operations

- (1) A/C provided Navigational Assistance - 19,454
- (2) GCI/GCA Handoffs - 725
- (3) IFF/SIF Checks - 16,443
- (4) Practice Intercepts - Attempted - 0
Completed - 0

g. TADC Operations

- (1) Fixed Wing Sorties - 7258
 - (a) In-Country - 5466
 - (b) Out-Country Sorties - 1268
 - (c) Other Tactical Sorties - 48
 - (d) ECM/ELINT - 273
 - (e) Photo Sorties - 193
 - (f) IR/SLAR - 10
- (2) Helicopter Sorties - 52,584
 - (a) Tasks - 18,750
 - (b) Cargo - 12,369 Tons
 - (c) Passengers - 52,682

5. Special Operations (U)

- a. None

6. Civic Action (U)

a. Throughout June, MACG-18 Civic Action Team worked with MCB-5 Civic Action Team in Hoa An Hamlet, Hoa Phat Village. During the month, eight MEDCAPS were held (two times each Saturday). The turnouts for these MEDCAPS proved to be quite large, normally approaching the three-hundred mark. Overall effective accomplishments of this month's MEDCAPS were quite satisfactory. Children's clothes, donated by Girl Scout Troop 581, were given to the Bau Dai school in Hoa An for proper apportionment to needy families.

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b. A cross training class involving the auto-mechanic students of the Vietnamese Veterans Vocational Training Center and the H&HS-18 Motor Transport Section personnel, was initiated on 23 June 1969. High enthusiasm prompted by a high degree of mutual interest and cordial relations marked the general attitude prevalent among both participating groups. Overall evaluation of the class is considered quite successful.

c. The MASS-3 Civic Action Program in the Trung Toan Hamlet was begun 1 June 1967 and ended 1 July 1969. During these 25 months the following accomplishments were achieved:

(1) Men, women, and children out-patients numbered 8,222 and were medically treated by the MEDCAP team.

(2) Numerous out-patients who suffered major illnesses such as breast cancer, tuberculosis or pneumonia were evacuated to 312th Evac or the 27th Surgical Hospitals for treatment and cure.

(3) Over 500 Plague shots and a variety of other immunizations were administered by the MEDCAP; 2,300 bars of face soap and 1,300 bars of laundry soap were distributed; 500 dental-aid kits and health items were distributed also as a part of the health and hygenic program of the MEDCAP.

(4) The following materials and supplies were provided to the hamlet for construction of the following projects:

(a) More than 100 bags of cement, 50 sheets of tin and a large amount of gravel were provided for self-help projects.

(b) A chain type fence was built enclosing the Trung Toan school.

(c) A cement block Dispensary and adjacent well were built to provide a medical facility for the hamlet.

(d) Three well pumps with well covers were installed on Trung Team wells.

(e) Road construction and improvements in the form of grading, leveling and the improvement of a small bridge were accomplished.

(5) School supplies for the Trung Toan children were donated to the Trung Toan school. Clothes and farm tools were handed out to the hamlet people.

(6) Solatium payments of over 6,000 \$VN were given to the Trung Toan hamlet people who were victims of accidents involving U. S. Armed Forces personnel.

(7) General Walt Scholarships in the amount of 120,000 \$VN were given to the Trung Toan needy and deserving children of the hamlet.

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(8) 22,300 \$VN were donated by CONUS organizations and MASS-3 personnel as "Tet" gifts to the hamlet people.

(9) The Trung Toan hamlet people were shown new farming techniques to increase their farm yield.

(10) The children of Trung Toan hamlet were treated on numerous Sundays to beach outings and movies while being refreshed with ice cream and soft drinks.

d. 1st LAAM Battalions:

(1) The temple of a sub-hamlet of Khue Trung IV has been completed.

(2) Seventy-five per-cent of the lumber needed in the construction of two classrooms in Hoa Cuong Elementary School has been delivered. The school is presently under construction and will be completed by the time school opens in September.

(3) Four persons from the hamlet were evacuated to the German hospital ship for extensive medical treatment.

7. Ground Defense (C)

a. MACG-18 units have continued their efforts to improve their ground defenses during the month of June. Progress has been rapid and work is continuing. Marines filling 8151 billets in 1st LAAM Bn were transferred to H&HS-18 and then ordered TAD back to the 1st LAAM Bn. This action was taken at the direction of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. These Marines will remain TAD until 1st LAAM Bn's planned retrograde to Okinawa becomes a reality.

8. Training (U)

a. None

9. Logistics (U)

a. None

10. Supply (U)

a. Due to the planned rotation of 1st LAAM Bn in August 1969 all 7770 items classified as excess have been pulled from stock and screened. All non-Hawk peculiar items have been shipped to Force Logistics Command. All Hawk peculiar items are packaged and awaiting disposition instructions.

11. Engineering (U)

a. None

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SECRET12. Maintenance (U)

- a. None

13. Communications/Electronics (U)

a. 1st LAAM Bn - the relocation of the Battalion Compound made it necessary to have communications established before the actual move. A switchboard was installed in the new AAOC and all lines to Panama, TADC and radio relay were operable well before the actual move.

b. MACS-4 utilized the Missile Battery Data Link, in conjunction with the 1st LAAM Bn FIREX, for the first time in a combat environment.

14. Construction (U)

- a. None

15. Motor Transport (U)

a. The milage of MACG-18 vehicles was 96,340 miles driven for the month of June 1969.

16. Embarkation (C)

a. The Embarkation Section of MACG-18 moved 954,509 lbs and 19,080 cubic feet of equipment in support of group operations.

17. Informational Services (U)

- a. None

18. Casualties (C)

a. One hostile casualty, and 18 non-hostile casualties were suffered during the month of June 1969.

19. Awards (U)

a. MACG-18, less 1st and 2nd LAAM Bn, was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation Medal for the period 1 September 1967 to 30 April 1968.

b. L/Cpl E. A. LAMONTAGNE received the Purple Heart Medal.

c. Sgt T. C. NOBLE received the Navy Commendation Medal.

20. Morale and Welfare (U)

a. During the month of June, liberty remained secured and recreation was provided by Group Special Services. 14 parties were held during the month. R&R flights were conducted as follows:

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HAWAII	19 Personnel
SYDNEY	22 Personnel
BANGKOK	21 Personnel
MANILA	3 Personnel
HONG KONG	10 Personnel
SINGAPORE	3 Personnel
OKINAWA	2 Personnel
TAIPEI	14 Personnel
TOKYO	2 Personnel

21. Air Defense (U)

a. During the month of June the 1st LAAM Bn was involved in a Hawk Missile FIREX, while still maintaining its air defense obligations. The FIREX was the first FIREX in a war zone to be run by automatic Data Link, and was immensely successful with 14 kills out of 15 targets engaged for a 93.3% kill ratio effectiveness.

22. Base Development and Military Construction (U)

a. 1st LAAM Bn Headquarters were moved out of the old French compound into the new office building originally constructed for MACG-18 headquarters. Due to the planned rotation of 1st LAAM Bn the MACG-18 headquarters will not move to the newly constructed building. MACG-18 will remain in its present headquarters.

23. Group Chaplain (U)

a. Religious services were conducted according to the regular schedule. Chaplain BRUGGEMAN (MAG-11) is conducting all the Catholic services at the Group Chapel. Chaplain DE PASCALE (MWSG-17) conducts the Catholic services at Alpha and Charlie Batteries. Services were conducted at MACS-4 by the Group Chaplain, and Catholic 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 2 visits to the Brig, seeing nine prisoners. Five visits were made to the hospital and other medical units, visiting six patients.

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