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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 - 16 July 1969	Col Edward S. FRIS
Commanding Officer, MACG-18	17 - 31 July 1969	Col Stanley G. DUNWIDDIE, Jr.
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1 - 11 July 1969	LtCol John R. DOPLER
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	12 - 31 July 1969	Capt G. P. TURNER, Jr.
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1 - 31 July 1969	LtCol William H. JACKSON, Jr.
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1 - 31 July 1969	LtCol Robert A. FULLER
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1 - 31 July 1969	LtCol Edward S. JOHN
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAMS	1 - 7 July 1969	LtCol John W. DRURY
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAMS	8 - 31 July 1969	Maj Edward L. HOUSE
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1969	LtCol Robert E. McCAMEY
Adjutant, MACG-18	1 - 10 July 1969	CWO4 Henry A. HERRERO
Adjutant, MACG-18	11 - 31 July 1969	1stLt Ronald P. JOHNSON
S-1, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1969	1stLt R. N. OLEARY
S-2, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1969	Capt William S. DROSTE
S-3, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1969	Maj James A. BRACKEN
S-4, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1969	Maj Milton T. HEFTY
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 1969	Maj Harold F. O'DONNELL
CEO, MACG-18	1 - 31 July 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 July 1969
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 18	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 July 1969
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Dong Ha RVN 1 - 31 July 1969
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai RVN 1 - 31 July 1969
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 July 1969
1st Light AA Missile Battalion	Da Nang RVN 1 - 31 July 1969

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	38 / 226	3 / 6
1st LAAM Bn	38 / 516	0 / 5
MACS-4	36 / 355	0 / 3
MASS-2	47 / 180	0 / 2
MASS-3	40 / 170	0 / 2
Total MACG-18	199 / 1447	3 / 18

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

- a. 2 July 1969 - Col ORR, USMC, 1st MAW G-2
- b. 2 July 1969 - Col STEWART, USMC, 1st MAW G-1
- c. 4 July 1969 - BGen FEELEY, USMC, CG FLC
- d. 7 & 25 July 1969 - MGen THRASH, USMC, CG 1st MAW
- e. 10 July 1969 - Col WALTER, USAF, Director "V" DASC
- f. 17 July 1969 - RAdm ROSENBERG, USN, CTF-76
- g. 25 & 31 July 1969 - BGen SPANJER, USMC, Asst Wing Commander
- h. 25 & 26 July 1969 - Col HEFFERMAN, Col SAVAGE, USMC, 1st MAW
- i. 25 July 1969 - Col W. R. FRY, USMCR

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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 VIRGINIA RIDGE, UTAH MESA, IROQUOIS GROVE, MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS, VICTROY DRAGON, LAMAR PLAIN, GENEVA PARK, IRON MOUNTAIN, PIPESTONE CANYON, CAMPBELL STREAMER, DURHAM PEAK, KENTUCKY JUMPER, FORSYTH GROVE, FREDERICK HILL, BOLD PURSUIT, RUSSELL BEACH, ARLINGTON CANYON, MIGHTY PLAY, WILLIAMS GLADE, IDAHO CANYON, GEORGIA TAR, NANTUCKET BEACH, BRAVE ARMADA, and MIGHTY PLAY 10.

The month of July was a month of transition for MASS-3. The Squadron C. P. is to be moved in August and preparations were in progress for elements to be embarked whenever final notification of the exact time and place has been received. The elements of Det "A" located on Hill 200 are to be moved to Hill 327 in Da Nang TAOR. The Chu Lai ASRT will be moved to a site some two miles south of its present location to be collocated with MAG-12. Facilities have been obtained, a cement antenna pad poured, a bunker constructed and elements of the Chu Lai ASRT team equipment already emplaced in the new site.

On 1 July 1969, 1st LAAM Battalion received an initial warning order to deploy to Okinawa. Operational Control of the 1st LAAM Bn was passed from 7th AF back to 1st MAF and the Battalion started preparing for embarkation and redeployment. Surface to Air Defense Operations continued under Op-Con of 1st MAF from 1-18 July 1969. On 17 July AFU "E" was de-activated and its personnel and equipment returned to H&S Battery after 19 months collocation with the 7th Marines on Hill #55 south of Da Nang. On 19 July all air defense operations ceased and a concentrated effort began to embark two batteries scheduled to depart on 25 July 1969. On 22 July the movement of 1st LAAM Bn was held in abeyance. On 31 July 1969 1st LAAM Bn received notification that it would redeploy to CONUS after serving 4½ years in the Republic of Vietnam.

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a. None

2. Personnel (U)

a. None

3. Command Relationships/Command and Control (U)

a. None

4. Air Control (C)

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

b. As a result of the disestablishment of Task Force Hotel, Vandegrift Direct Air Support Center (DASC) was redesignated Vandegrift Helicopter Direction Center (HDC) on 11 July 1969. Vandegrift HDC will maintain the capability to operate as a DASC in the event of equipment malfunction or battle damage to Dong Ha DASC.

c. On 31 July 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).

d. ASRT Operations

(1) Missions - 1237

(2) A/C Controlled - 1600

(3) Bombs Dropped - 4728.23 Tons

(4) Targets Hit - 1721

(5) Target Coverage - 2.75 Tons/Target

e. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 31 July 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	22088	21827	23742	14210	6633
(2) Since Rehab	12197	5980	21462	19308	10345	2232
(3) Hours in July	744	684	733	744	730	393

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- (1) Helo Missions/Med Evacs - 2515/1108
- (2) Fixed Wing - 5053

g. TAOC Operations

- (1) A/C provided Navigational Assistance - 17,419
- (2) GCI/GCA Handoffs - 586
- (3) IFF/SIF Checks - 13,723
- (4) Practice Intercepts - Attempted - 0
Completed - 0

h. TADC Operations

- (1) Fixed Wing Sorties - 6409
 - (a) In-Country - 4889
 - (b) Out-Country Sorties - 1058
 - (c) ECM/ELINT - 285
 - (d) Photo Sorties - 134
 - (e) IR/SLAR - 43
- (2) Helicopter Sorties - 46,303
 - (a) Tasks - 17,309
 - (b) Cargo - 11,807 Tons
 - (c) Passengers - 70,049

5. Special Operations (U)

- a. None

6. Civic Action (U)

a. On 23 July 1969, the 1st LAAM Bn officially terminated its work in Civic Action. MASS-3 will assume responsibility for the area on 21 Aug 69.

7. Ground Defense (U)

- a. None

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8. Training (U)

a. None

9. Logistics (U)

a. None

10. Supply (U)

a. 1st LAAM Bn - In preparing for redeployment all HAWK peculiar excess items have been shipped in accordance with disposition instructions. Disposition instructions have been requested for all P-4960 allowances and T/E excess.

11. Engineering (U)

a. None

12. Maintenance (U)

a. None

13. Communications/Electronics (U)

a. 1st LAAM Bn - All radio gear and vehicles were made ready for embarkation, with the exception of PRC-25's and one (1) TRC-27 which are still in operation. Gear was inspected, banded and loaded into Conex boxes for shipment.

b. MACS-4 - On 2 July an AN/TPS-22 was replaced with an AN/TPS-22D SN A-14.

14. Construction (U)

a. None

15. Motor Transport (U)

a. The mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 99,849 miles driven for the month of July 1969.

16. Embarkation (C)

a. The Embarkation Section of MACG-18 moved 6,928,000 lbs and 138,560 cubic feet of equipment in support of group operations.

17. Informational Services (U)

a. None

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a. One casualty from hostile fire or attack and 16 non-hostile casualties were suffered during the month of July 1969.

19. Awards (U)

a. The following personnel received awards during the month of July 1969:

(1) 1stLt W. R. MORGAN	Silver Star
(2) Sgt T. O. SHEEHAN	Silver Star
(3) Pfc R. N. HENSLEY	Purple Heart
(4) Cpl M. W. HOLLENBURG	Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V

20. Morale and Welfare (U)

a. During the month of July, liberty remained secured and recreation was provided by Group Special Services. 12 parties were held during the month. In addition, R&R flights were conducted as follows:

HAWAII	29 Personnel
SYDNEY	22 Personnel
BANGKOK	21 Personnel
MANILA	2 Personnel
HONG KONG	20 Personnel
SINGAPORE	7 Personnel
OKINAWA	6 Personnel
TAIPEI	12 Personnel
TOKYO	9 Personnel
PENANG	3 Personnel

21. Air Defense (C)

a. 1st LAAM Bn - On 19 July all operations ceased and a concentrated effort began to redeploy to CONUS after serving 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ years in the Republic of Vietnam.

b. MACS-4 participated in the evaluation of the Southeast Asia Interface during the month of July. The evaluation proved that data can be continuously exchanged, via digital data link, between the 7th Air Force and CTF 77 utilizing the AN/TYG-3.

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 conducting all the Catholic services at the Group Chapel. Catholic services at MACS-4 are conducted by these

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Catholic Chaplains in the following order: DE PASCALE (MMSG-17), BRUGGEMAN (MAG-11), SESTITO (MAG-16). MASS-2 and MASS-3, and other outlying units have services available through Chaplains assigned to military units in their area.

b. The Chaplain made 6 visits to the hospital and other medical units, visiting fifteen patients. One visit was made to the Brig, seeing 3 prisoners.

c. The following Drug Abuse Lectures were given by the Chaplain:

MAG-18 36 Attending

MACS-4 43 Attending

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