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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP EIGHTEEN

DA NANG RVN

1 - 31 AUGUST 1969

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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>NAME/RANK</u>
Commanding Officer, MACG-18	1-31 August 1969	Col Stanley G. DUNWIDDIE JR
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	1-3 August 1969	Capt George P. TURNER JR
Commanding Officer, H&HS-18	4-31 August 1969	LtCol Paul E. SHEA
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	1-5 August 1969	LtCol Robert A. FULLER
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	6-14 August 1969	Maj Marvin L. CROWDIS
Commanding Officer, MASS-2	15-31 August 1969	Maj Ronald G. RICHARDSON
Commanding Officer, MASS-3	1-31 August 1969	LtCol William H. JACKSON JR
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	1-12 August 1969	LtCol Edward S. JOHN
Commanding Officer, MACS-4	13-31 August 1969	LtCol Robert E. MC CAMEY II
Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM Bn	1-14 August 1969	Maj Edward L. HOUSE
Executive Officer, MACG-18	1-9 August 1969	LtCol Robert E. MC CAMEY II
Executive Officer, MACG-18	10-31 August 1969	LtCol John W. DRUHY
Adjutant, MACG-18	1-31 August 1969	1Lt Ronald P. JOHNSON
S-1, MACG-18	1-31 August 1969	1Lt Ronald N. OLEARY
S-2, MACG-18	1-11 August 1969	Capt William S. BROSTE
S-2, MACG-18	12-31 August 1969	CWO-2 Leonard J. PATCHIN
S-3, MACG-18	1-31 August 1969	Maj James A. BRACKEN
S-4, MACG-18	1-29 August 1969	Maj Milton T. HEFFY
S-4, MACG-18	30-31 August 1969	Maj Robert W. FISCHER
Supply Officer, MACG-18	1-31 August 1969	Maj Harold F. O'DONNELL
CEO, MACG-18	1-25 August 1969	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS
CEO, MACG-18	26-31 August 1969	Maj Julian A. MOORE

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

Marine Air Control Group 18	Da Nang RVN, 1-31 August 1969
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 18	Da Nang RVN, 1-31 August 1969
Marine Air Support Squadron 2	Dong Ha RVN, 1-31 August 1969

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Marine Air Support Squadron 3
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 Marine Air Control Squadron 4
 1st Light AA Missile Battalion

Chu Lai RVN, 1-9 August 1969
 Da Nang RVN, 10-31 August 1969
 Da Nang RVN, 1-31 August 1969
 Da Nang RVN, 1-14 August 1969

3. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 during the period 1-31 August 1969

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	42 / 216	2 / 6
MASS-2	42 / 178	0 / 2
MASS-3	45 / 218	0 / 2
MACS-4	46 / 316	0 / 3
1st LAAM Bn	35 / 478	0 / 36
Total MACG-18	210 / 1406	2 / 16

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

- a. 10 August 1969 - BGen JOHNSON, USMC, Assistant Wing Commander, 1st MAW
- b. 4 August 1969 - MGen JONES, USMC, Commanding General, 3rd MARDIV
- c. 4 August 1969 - Col LEMAY, USMC, CEO, 3rd MARDIV
- d. 21 August 1969 - MGen WHEELER, USMC, Deputy Commander, XXIV Corps
- e. 26 August 1969 - BGen SPANJER, USMC, Assistant Wing Commander, 1st MAW
- f. 29 August 1969 - MGen WRIGHT, USA

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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 IDAHO CANYON, GEORGIA TAR, ARLINGTON CANYON, IROQUOIS GROVE, 2ND ARVNS, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, KENTUCKY JUMPER, FREDERICK HILL, GENEVA PARK, IRON MOUNTAIN, PIPESTONE CANYON, MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS, VICTORY DRAGON XIV, LAMAR PLAIN, CAMPBELL STREAMER, DURHAM PEAK, NANTUCKET BEACH, RICHLAND SQUARE, LOUISIANA LEE, CUMBERLAND THUNDER, CAROLINA BLASTER, AND CLAIRBORNE.

During the month of August MASS-3 moved its CP from Chu Lai to Da Nang. The move involved land, sea and air transportation. With the exceptions of the Chu Lai ASET, An Hoa ASET and Da Nang DASC all other elements will eventually be located on Hill #327. At the present time the Supply and Motor Transport Sections are located in the MACG-18 area awaiting adequate facilities to be provided on Hill #327. Facilities to accomodate a much larger unit than the previous occupants of Hill #327 are presently under construction. The Chu Lai ASET was also moved two miles south of its previous location and is collocated with MAG-12.

On 15 August 1969, Operational Control of 1st LAAM Battalion was passed from III MAF to CG FMFPAC in preparation for embarkation and redeployment. 1st LAAM Battalion's colors were taken aboard ship on 14 August 1969 completing four and one half years service in the Republic of Vietnam. The unit's destination is its original home at MCB Twentynine Palms California.

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a. None

2. Personnel (U)

a. None

3. Command Relationships/Command and Control (U)

a. On 4 August 1969, MASS-2 Detachment #1 at Da Nang consisting of the majority of the Supply and Motor Transport Sections moved to the Squadron CP at Dong Ha Combat Base.

4. Air Control (C)

a. On 31 August 1969, the following ASRTs 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).

b. On 31 August 1969, DASCs were operational at Dong Ha and Da Nang and an HDC at Vandegrift.

c. ASRT Operations

- (1) Missions - 1107
- (2) A/C Controlled - 1262
- (3) Bombs Dropped - 3626.094 tons
- (4) Targets Hit - 1551
- (5) Target Coverage - 2.35 Tons/Target

d. AN/TPQ-10 System Operations as of 31 August 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	12,885	22,806.5	22,570.5	24,406	14,954	6925
(2) Since Rehab	13,629	6698.5	22,205.5	19,972	11,089	2524
(3) Hours in August	688	719	744	644 6	744	292

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- (1) Helo Missions/Medevacs - 2490/1289
- (2) Fixed Wing - 3943

f. TAOC Operations

- (1) A/C provided navigational Assistance - 16,412
- (2) GCI/GCA Handoffs - 499
- (3) IFF/SIF Checks - 13,361
- (4) Practice Intercepts - Attempted 2
Completed 2

g. TADC Operations

- (1) Fixed Wing Sorties - 6249
 - (a) In-Country - 4815
 - (b) Out-Country - 905
 - (c) ECM/ELINT - 317
 - (d) Photo Sorties - 158
 - (e) IR/SLAR - 54
- (2) Helicopter Sorties - 44,598
 - (a) Tasks - 16,463
 - (b) Cargo - 9407 Tons
 - (c) Passengers - 76,791

5. Special Operations (U)

- a. None

6. Civic Action (U)

a. The MASS-3 Civic Action Team has been in a period of transition from completion of its program in Trung Toan hamlet near Chu Lai, and acquiring another area of responsibility in the Da Nang area.

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7. Ground Defense (U)

a. None

8. Training (U)

a. None

9. Logistics (U)

a. None

10. Supply (U)

a. None

11. Engineering (U)

a. None

12. Maintenance (U)

a. None

13. Communications-Electronics (U)

a. On 18 August 1969, 26 new air conditioners were received for the AN/TYQ-2 at MACS-4.

14. Construction (U)

a. None

15. Motor Transport (U)

a. The mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 67,651 miles driven for the month of August 1969.

16. Embarkation (C)

a. The Embarkation Section of MACG-18 moved 2,364,000 lbs and 47,280 cubic feet of equipment in support of Group operations.

17. Informational Services (U)

a. None

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18. Casualties (C)

- a. Two non-hostile casualties were suffered during the month of August 1969.

19. Awards (U)

- a. None

20. Morale and Welfare (U)

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

HAWAII	30 personnel
SYDNEY	19 personnel
BANGKOK	17 personnel
MANILA	1 person
HONG KONG	1 person
SINGAPORE	3 personnel
OKINAWA	1 person
TAIPEI	11 personnel
TOKYO	3 personnel
PENANG	0 personnel

21. Air Defense (C)

- a. MACS-4 plans to send controllers to a missile shoot planned by MAG-13 at Poro Point, Philippines during the month of September. While in Poro Point, the controllers would be attached to the 848th AC&W Squadron.

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) conducted all Catholic services at the Group Chapel. Catholic services at MACS-4 are conducted by these Catholic Chaplains in the following order: DE PASCALE (MWSG-17), BRUGGEMAN (MAG-11), SESTITO (MAG-16). Services are being continued on Hill #327 for MASS-3 since the departure of the 1st LAAM Bn. MASS-2 has services available through Chaplains assigned to other military units in their area.

- b. The Chaplain made five visits to the hospital visiting nine patients. Three visits were made to the brig, seeing 16 prisoners.

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