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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 - 31 MARCH 1971

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. (U) DESIGNATION COMMANDER

MACG-18	LtCol. F. L. DELANEY	1 - 31 March 1971
H&HS-18	Major L. E. OBENHAUS	1 - 31 March 1971
MASS-3	LtCol. W. C. SIMANIKAS	1 - 31 March 1971
OIC, TADC	LtCol. W. D. KELLOGG	1 - 31 March 1971
OIC, TDCC	1stLt. E. M. MEDOR	1 - 31 March 1971

STAFF OFFICERS MACG-18

Executive Officer	LtCol. T. G. DAVIS	1 - 9 March 1971
	LtCol. L. H. HOLMES	10 - 31 March 1971
Adjutant	Captain D. G. BALDWIN	1 - 31 March 1971
S-1 Officer	Captain R. A. CORNELL	1 - 31 March 1971
S-2 Officer	Captain R. R. SMITH	1 - 31 March 1971
S-3 Officer	LtCol. L. H. HOLMES	1 - 9 March 1971
	Captain R. R. SMITH	10 - 31 March 1971
S-4 Officer	Major R. P. CAPATOSTO	1 - 31 March 1971
Supply Officer	Major G. D. BRATCHER	1 - 31 March 1971
CEO	Captain E. T. JONES	1 - 31 March 1971

2. (U) LOCATION

1 - 31 March 1971: Danang, Republic of Vietnam

3. (C) AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
74	350	2	9

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**SECRET**4. (U) IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND

- 2 March 1971 - MGen A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG, 1stMAW visited Khe Sanh ASRT
- 7 March 1971 - LtGen ROBERTSON, CG, III MAF visited Khe Sanh ASRT
- 7 March 1971 - Colonel NUTTING, U. S. Army Prospective G-3, 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division
- 10 March 1971 - BGen E. H. SIMMONS, ADC, 1stMarDiv visited Khe Sanh ASRT
- 10 March 1971 - BGen B. K. GERIVITZ, incoming ADC, 23rd Infantry Division U. S. Army visited Khe Sanh
- 11 March 1971 - Colonel FREELAND, U. S. Army prospective G-3 XXIV Corps

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Air Control Group 18 continued to operate air control and air support facilities in support of operations of the III MAF, air/ground team. Support was also provided for special operations as indicated in PART III, paragraph e of this report.

During the period 1-23 March 1971, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 18 continued to provide administrative and logistic support to Marine Air Control Group 18. The tactical Air Direction Center continued its mission of coordination and supervision of fixed wing and helicopter operation by the First Marine Aircraft Wing. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 18 stood down on 23 March 1971 to commence preparations for redeployment to MCAS, Iwakuni.

The TADC will terminate operations on or about 14 April 1971, when it will also redeploy to Iwakuni. The Tactical Data Communications Central (TDCC) continued its mission of providing an interservice data link. The TDCC will remain in country but will remain under the administrative control of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 18. Its operational and support requirements will be coordinated via inter service support agreement with the U. S. Air Force.

On 31 March 1971, the Khe Sanh ASRT was returned to Quang Tri and resumed support of Free World Forces engaged in operations in northern Military Region I. Refer to NARRATIVE SUMMARY, ANNEX B, page 2.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. (S) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

- a. ADMINISTRATION. None.
- b. PERSONNEL. Refer to ANNEX B, page 3.
- c. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP/COMMAND CONTROL. None.
- d. AIR CONTROL.

(1) The three Air Support Radar Teams and the Direct Air Support Center continued normal operations.

## (2) ASRT Operations.

- (a) Missions - 881
- (b) A/C Controlled - 1,264
- (c) Bombs Dropped - 2,966.642 tons
- (d) Targets hit - 1,042
- (e) Target Coverage - 2.847 tons/target

## (3) AN/TPQ-10 System Operations during the month of March 1971.

	A-17 Danang	B-1 Quang Tri/Khe Sanh	B-2 B'ham
(a) Hours in March	744	744	744
(b) Since Rehab	3,255	N/A	N/A
(c) Total Hours	UNK	10,881	10,541

(4) DASC Operations	USMC	USN	USAF	TOTAL
(a) Fixed Wing Missions	480	5	28	513
(b) Helo Missions	624	0	0	624
(c) Medevacs	305	0	0	305

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## (5) TADC Operations

## (a) Fixed Wing Sorties - 1,523

1 In-country attack sorties - 4602 Out-of-country sorties - 5153 ECM/ESM - 04 Photo sorties - 05 UR/TAC(A) - 0

## (b) Helicopter Sorties

1 Tasks - Unk2 Cargo - 3,478 tons3 Passengers - 29,3224 Flight hours - 5,111e. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

(1) Jefferson Hill

(2) Walfe Mountain

(3) Geneva Park

(4) Frederick Hill

(5) Dewey Canyon II

(6) Lam Son 719

f. CIVIC ACTION. None.

g. GROUND DEFENSE. Security was provided at Khe Sanh until stand down.  
Refer to ANNEX B, page 2.

h. TRAINING. A total of 25 hours of technical training was conducted during the month of March with 50 persons attending. A total of 4 hours of basic training was conducted during the month of March with 62 persons attending.

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- i. LOGISTICS. None.
- j. SUPPLY. None.
- k. ENGINEERING. None.
- l. MAINTENANCE. None.
- m. COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS. Refer to ANNEX B, page 5.
- n. CONSTRUCTION. None.
- o. MOTOR TRANSPORT. MACG-18 vehicles were driven a total of 19,885 miles during the period 1-23 March 1971, transporting 530 tons of cargo and 6,945 passengers.
- p. INFORMATIONAL SERVICES. None.
- q. CASUALTIES.
  - (1) As a result of hostile fire/action - 0.
  - (2) Not as a result of hostile fire/action - 2.
- r. AWARDS.
  - (1) The following recommendations were submitted during the month of March 1971.
    - (a) Bronze Star Medal - 4
    - (b) Navy Commendation Medal - 14
    - (c) Navy Achievement Medal - 8
- s. MORALE AND WELFARE.
  - (1) During the month of March 1971, off-base liberty remained secured and recreation was provided by Group Special Services. Danang Cultural Tours were made available. Movies were shown nightly and floor shows frequently. In addition, RON quotas were available to Udorn, Korat, and Ubon.

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(2) R&R quotas were utilized as follows:

Hawaii	-	11	Hong Kong	-	4
Taipei	-	4	Sydney	-	8
Okinawa	-	0	Bangkok	-	10

- t. AIR DEFENSE. None.
- u. BASE DEVELOPMENT AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION. Refer to ANNEX B,  
page 6.

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