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MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3 (REIN)  
Marine Aircraft Group 11  
3d Marine Amphibious Brigade  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (Rein),  
15-30 April 1971

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (Rein) (MASS-3) Command Chronology for the period of 15-30 April 1971 is submitted as enclosure (1).

2. This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1), in accordance with OPNAVINST 5510.1C.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3 (REIN)  
15-30 APRIL 1971  
DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. Command and Staff Officers for the reporting period include:

Commanding Officer	15-30 Apr	LtCol W. C. SIMANIKAS
Executive Officer	15-30 Apr	Maj V. J. FULLADOSA
Administrative Officer	15-30 Apr	Capt P. J. CONNOR
Operations Officer	15-30 Apr	Maj J. P. FOX
Services Officer	15-30 Apr	Capt L. P. KLIPP
Comm/Elect Officer	15-30 Apr	Capt D. P. ABRAMS
OIC Da Nang DASC	15-30 Apr	Maj C. S. CAHASKIE
OIC Da Nang ASRT	15-30 Apr	Capt F. H. KOS
OIC Quang Tri ASRT	15-30 Apr	Capt G. C. KIRKLAND
OIC Birmingham ASRT	15-30 Apr	Capt D. G. DEL MAURO

## 2. Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (REIN), Da Nang, RVN, 15-30 April 1971

- a. CP, Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang, RVN, 15-30 April 1971
- b. Birmingham ASRT, Birmingham FSB, RVN, 15-30 April 1971
- c. Quang Tri ASRT, Quang Tri, RVN, 15-30 April 1971

## 3. Average monthly strength of the Squadron:

Marine Officers	34
Marine Enlisted	160
Naval Officers	0
Naval Enlisted	0

## 4. Visits

- a. 28 April BGen McDONOUGH, USA, incoming ADC, 23d Inf Div visited the DASC.

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Squadron continued normal operations for the second half of April. During this period the Squadron continued to operate three ASRTs located on Hill 327 Da Nang, Fire Support Base Birmingham and Quang Tri in addition to Da Nang DASC located in the III MAB CP. Control of fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft continued in support of I Corps area operations.

On 26 April Birmingham ASRT controlled an Air Force C-130 dropping 1 BLU-82 (15,000 lb bomb) in support of Operation Lam Son 720. The ASRT was informed by an airborne spotter that the bomb struck within 40 meters of the desired impact point. U.S. Army and Air Force officials voiced extreme satisfaction with the mission and results.

The DASC coordinated numerous insertions and extractions of reconnaissance teams from the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. A total of 130 medevac missions were controlled by the DASC. 139 fixed wing missions and 269 helicopter missions were controlled by the DASC while the three ASRTs controlled 324 aircraft composing 308 missions engaging 374 targets with 725.443 tons of ordnance expended.

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## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- (U) 1. Administration. L/Cpl D. P. PONDER was promoted to his present rank.
- (U) 2. Personnel. Three enlisted men joined the squadron during this period.
- (U) 3. Command relationships/Command and Control. NONE
- (C) 4. Air Control. The three Air Support Radar Teams and the Direct Air Support Center continued normal operations.
- (C) 5. Special Operations. The DASC assisted in the recovery of six downed aircraft. Birmingham ASRT controlled 1 Air Force C-130 utilizing 1 BLU-82 (15,000 lb bomb) in support of Operation Lam Son 720. Bomb impacted 40 meters from desired impact point and U.S. Army and Air Force personnel voiced extreme satisfaction with results.
- (U) 6. Civic Action. NONE
- (U) 7. Ground Defense. NONE
- (U) 8. Training. NONE
- (C) 9. Logistics. All sections continued to emphasize efforts in preparation for embarkation.
- (C) 10. Supply. The Squadron Supply Section processed 15 formal requisitions and filled 27 orders from stock for a total processing of 42 orders. There were 12 requisitions for items not carried in the supply system. The overall gross effectiveness was 64% with a total net effectiveness of 95%. The distribution of the four priorities authorized for this Squadron is as follows:
- | Priority | Percentage |
|----------|------------|
| 02       | 53%        |
| 05       | 17%        |
| 12       | 17%        |
| 17       | 13%        |
- (U) 11. Engineering. NONE

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(U) 12. Maintenance. NONE

(U) 13. Communication/Electronics. All of the ASRTs were visited to inventory equipment, provide technical assistance and conduct onsite inspections. On 20 April TPQ-10 ser #11 was brought to a fully operational status.

(U) 14. Construction. NONE

(U) 15. Motor Transport. Routine support was continued by the Motor Transport Section.

(U) 16. Informational Services. NONE

(U) 17. Casualties. NONE

(U) 18. Awards. NONE

(U) 19. Morale and Welfare. During the month the Squadron had the following number of persons on R & R:

Hawaii	2 Persons
Bangkok	4 Persons

The Squadron had the following number of personnel on RON:

Ubon	4 Persons
Udorn	7 Persons

(U) 20. Air Defense. NONE

(U) 21. Base Defense and Military Construction. NONE

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(C) 22. The operational statistics for the second half of April include;

A. Da Nang DASC.

<u>Da Nang DASC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>RAAF</u>	<u>RVNAF</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fixed Wing Missions	137	2	0	0	0	139
Helo Missions	269	0	0	0	0	269
Medevacs	130	0	0	0	0	130

B. ASRT 15-30 April 1971 Inclusive (USMC)

	<u>A-17 DA NANG</u>	<u>B-2 BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>B-1 QUANG TRI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	7	53	28	88
Targets Hit	14	66	33	113
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	19.777	130.940	72.630	223.347
Sorties	7	54	30	91

C. ASRT 15-30 April 1971 Inclusive (USN)

	<u>A-17 DA NANG</u>	<u>B-2 BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>B-1 QUANG TRI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	1	4	1	6
Targets Hit	3	5	1	9
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (tons)	4.208	20.777	7.242	32.227
Sorties	3	8	2	13

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D. ASRT 15-30 April 1971 Inclusive (USAF)

	<u>A-17</u> <u>DA NANG</u>	<u>B-2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>B-1</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	0	124	77	201
Targets Hit	0	160	79	239
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	0	272.738	163.289	436.027
Sorties	0	<del>130</del>	81	<del>211</del> 211

E. ASRT 15-30 April 1971 Inclusive (RAAF)

	<u>A-17</u> <u>DA NANG</u>	<u>B-2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>B-1</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	0	4	0	4
Targets Hit	0	4	0	4
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	0	20.360	0	20.360
Sorties	0	10	0	10

F. ASRT 15-30 April 1971 Inclusive (RVNAF)

	<u>A-17</u> <u>DA NANG</u>	<u>B-2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>B-1</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	0	1	8	9
Targets Hit	0	1	8	9

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Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	0	1.622	11.860	13.482
Sorties	0	1	8	9

G. ASRT 15-30 April 1971 Inclusive (TOTALS)

	<u>A-17 DA NANG</u>	<u>B-2 BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>B-1 QUANG TRI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	8	186	114	308
Targets Hit	17	236	121	374
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	23.985	446.437	255.021	725.443
Sorties	10	203	121	334

H. ASRT Operating Hours as of 30 April 1971

	<u>A-17 DA NANG</u>	<u>B-2 BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>B-1 QUANG TRI</u>
Hours in April	288	352	348
Since Rehab	3,845	N/A	N/A
Total Hours	unk	11,521.75	11,490.50

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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