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Subj: Command Chronology Report for April 1967

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Encl: (1) MABS-13 Command Chronology for 1-30 April 1967

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted:

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Part I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1.

Name	Billet	T/O Rank
LtCol Kenny C. PALMER	Commanding Officer	LtCol
Major Ray B. STICE	Executive Officer	Major
1stLt Muriel DAVIS	Administrative Officer	Capt
Major Robert L. BAINBRIDGE	Base Operations Officer	Major
Major John T. RADICH	Base Services Officer	Major
SgtMaj Anthony B. KOUMA	Sergeant Major	SgtMaj

2. Task Organization. MABS-13, Chu Lai, R.V.N. 1-30 April 1967

3. Average Strength.

NA	4
AG	17
ENL	704

Part II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During April MABS-13 continued its projects to expand and improve the Chu Lai Airfield. With the replacement of Marine ground units by elements of the U. S. Army in conjunction with operation OREGON and the arrival of U. S. Army Aviation supporting helicopter organizations the allocation of real estate and airspace underwent a considerable change. Planning has been accomplished for the establishment of a Station Organization to control and operate the Chu Lai Airfield.

Part III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. The personnel strength on 30 April was 21 Marine Officers, 3 Naval Officers, 646 Marine Enlisted and 25 Naval Enlisted men on board. 24 men were joined and 103 were transferred. The Ordnance Section was transferred to H&MS-13. 9 men extended their overseas tour, 2 men reenlisted and 2 Marines extended their enlistment in the Marine Corps.

2. Awards. A Silver Star in lieu of the eleventh Air Medal was awarded to Major John T. RADICH. Three Purple Hearts were awarded for wounds received during a mortar attack.

3. Major David W. MORRILL changed from MIA to KIA on 5 April 1967. PFC Kenneth D. BELLANGER, Corporal Frederich C. HARRELL and Corporal Leroy B. SANDERSON were wounded in action during a mortar attack on 12 April.

4. Civic Action. During April the Medical Department of MAG-13 kept a Corpsman in the village of AnTan eight hours a day and made 3 visits to the village of Dong Binh. In the course of these scheduled

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medical clinics a total of 620 Vietnamese civilians were treated for various ailments. This represents a considerable increase of the previous months figure of 445 and appears to verify the success of this program. The MAG-13 Chaplain accompanies these medical excursions to Dong Binh when he is available. Two loads of scrap lumber were given to the Protestant and Catholic Churches in An Tan. 5900 Piasters were donated to the Binh Son Orphanage by the Group Chaplain. All personnel are being indoctrinated and trained on the "Personal Response" program.

5. Air Operations/Control. Seven Hundred and Eighty arrestments were made on the MABS-13 arresting equipment during April, and 12,029,252 pounds of cargo, 1,710,659 pounds of mail and 47,860 passengers transited the Chu Lai Airfreight Terminal. There were 11,724 take-off or landings during the reporting period, 2860 of which were aircraft not assigned to the tenant Marine Aircraft Groups. Planning and engineering is underway for the construction of a new tower to be situated in a more desirable site. The complexities of the Air Control problem have been considerably expanded with the increase of transport arrivals and departures in support of Operation Oregon, the addition of an A-6 squadron, and the requirement to base two U. S. Army Aviation Units at Chu Lai Airfield. The resultant demands of this increased operational work load have made previously considered consolidations of base support resources even more pertinent. Accordingly, a provisional base structure for Chu Lai is being proposed that will consolidate all the base operations capabilities of the tenant Marine Aircraft Groups.

6. Logistics. The MABS-13 Food Service Section dispensed over 63,000 hot meals during April. The Tactical Airfield Dispensing System delivered 4,779,338 gallons of jet fuel to MAG-13 and transient aircraft. 5,750 gallons of liquid oxygen were produced and delivered to MAG-13. 1,130,101 gallons of AVGAS and JP-4 was dispensed to transient aircraft by the vehicle refuelers.

7. Motor Transport. A 100,000 pound capacity Crash and Rescue crane was received during April. This vehicle considerably improves the salvage posture of the Crash and Rescue section. MABS-13 vehicles traveled 58,249 miles during April handling 12,015,698 pounds cargo miles.

8. Maintenance. April saw completion of the wiring necessary to incorporate all the electrical requirements of the MAG-13 living spaces and working areas in to two AGSCO Model EMD 12-567E 700 KW Generators. This has alleviated the work load imposed on the over burdened expeditionary generators previously used to supply electrical power.

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