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 Encl: (1) MAG-13 Command Chronology for period 1 July - 30 September  
 1966

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the subject report is submitted as enclosure (1).
2. Upon removal from the subject report this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
FOR  
PERIOD 1 JULY - 30 SEPTEMBER 1966

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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. Commanders and Staff:

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1 July - 30 September)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
EDWIN A. HARPER	CO (1Jul-15Aug)	COL	COL
DOUGLAS D. PETTY JR.	CO (15Aug-30Sep)	COL	COL
JOHN J. MURPHY	XO	LTCOL	LTCOL
HUBERT MITCHELL	ADJ (1Jul-26Aug)	MAJOR	CAPT
CARL R. FYLE	ADJ (26Aug-16Sep)	MAJOR	CAPT
MICHAEL O. BOSS	ADJ (16Sep-30Sep)	MAJOR	1STLT
CHESTER A. LIDDLE	S-1 (1Jul-27Jul)	MAJOR	MAJOR
WILLIAM H. HEINTZ	S-1 (27Jul-30Sep)	MAJOR	MAJOR
GLYDE C. SIMON	S-2	MAJOR	CAPT
WALTER E. DOMINA	S-3 (1Jul-14Sep)	LTCOL	LTCOL
AUSTIN H. GREEN	S-3 (15Sep-30Sep)	LTCOL	MAJOR
MARVIN R. RUSSELL	S-4 (19Sep-30Sep)	LTCOL	LTCOL
KENNETH G. FIEGENER	S-4 (19Sep-30Sep)	LTCOL	LTCOL

b. HMS-13 (1 July - 30 September)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
KENNETH G. FIEGENER	CO (1Jul-14Sep)	LTCOL	LTCOL
WALTER E. DOMINA	CO (14Sep-30Sep)	LTCOL	LTCOL
REECE J. WOODHARD	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JAMES H. FULBRIGHT	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR
LOUIS A. GAGNON	OPNSO	CAPT	MAJOR
THOMAS L. CARR	ADMINO (1Jul-1Sep)	LT	2NDLT
RONALD C. ANDREAS	ADMINO (2Sep-30Sep)	LT	CAPT

c. MABS-13 (1 July - 30 September)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
WILLIAM E. CASLIN	CO (1Jul-26Aug)	LTCOL	MAJ
OWEN L. OWENS	CO (26Aug-30Sep)	LTCOL	LTCOL
CHARLES F. SCHWAB	XO (1Jul-2Jul)	MAJOR	MAJOR
JAMES L. SHANAHAN	XO (3Jul-30Sep)	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN L. LOHR	ADMINO	CAPT	2NDLT
GEORGE R. KASE	BASEOPSO (1Jul-20Sep)	MAJOR	CAPT
KARLTON L. BATT	BASEOPSO (1Jul-20Sep)	MAJOR	CAPT
JAMES F. NEWELL	BASE SERVO	MAJOR	CAPT
WALTER C. SERVICE	*OIC MATCU-60 (1Jul-15Aug)	MAJOR	MAJOR

\*MATCU-60 CHOPPED TO MAG-15 ON 15 AUG 1966

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d. VFPA-314 (1 July - 1 August)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
DARRELL E. BJORKLUND	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
LAWRENCE VAN DEUSEN	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN T. RADICH	S-1	LT	CAPT
DARWIN M. MYERS	S-2	LT	CAPT
ROBERT R. SHEAHAN	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
HERBERT F. STROMAN	S-4	WO	CAPT
JOHN B. LAVELLE	MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

e. VMA-224 (1-16 July)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
JOHN BROWNE	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
ROBERT L. TALBERT	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
RICHARD M. BLOOM	S-1	LT	1STLT
BARRY A. RUDIACILLE	S-2	LT	1STLT
HUGH N. LEVIN	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
ROBERT J. NEWMAN	S-4	WO	CAPT
BRUCE R. BOOKER	MAINTO	MAJOR	CAPT

f. VMA-211 (13 July - 30 September)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
THOMAS J. AYERS	CO	LTCOL	MAJOR
THOMAS M. D'ANDREA	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN D. HAYNES	S-1	LT	CAPT
JEFFREY D. LOSEE	S-2 (1Jul-9Aug)	LT	CAPT
JOHN A. CAPUANO	S-2 (10Aug-30Sep)	LT	1STLT
JOHN R. KOCH	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
THOMAS E. MURLEY	S-4 (1Jul-9Aug)	WO	CAPT
DANIEL L. HUDSON	S-4 (10Aug-30Sep)	WO	CAPT
PAUL A. TREMBLAY	MAINTO (1Jul-31Jul)	MAJOR	CAPT
RONALD E. BLANCHARD	MAINTO (1Aug-30Sep)	MAJOR	CAPT

g. VFPA-542 (1 August - 30 September)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
DONALD L. MAY	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
WALTER O. POITEVENT	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JAMES J. MORIN	S-1	LT	CAPT
THOMAS E. MULLINS	S-2 (1Jul-24Sep)	LT	1STLT
VINCENT M. LEVITSKY	S-2 (24Sep-30Sep)	LT	1STLT
EDDIE R. MAAG	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
ROBERT L. DANIELS	S-4	WO	CAPT
MICHAEL P. CADY	MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

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2. Task Organization and Unit Location

MAG-13 (REIN)	MCAS IWAKUNI	COL. DOUGLAS D. PETTY JR.
H&MS-13	MCAS IWAKUNI	LTCOL. WALTER E. DOMINA
MABS-13 (MATCU-60 ATTACHED)	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL. GLEN L. OWENS
VMFA-314	MCAS IWAKUNI	LTCOL. DARRELL E. BJORKLUND
VMA-224	MCAS IWAKUNI	LTCOL. JOHN BROWNE
VMA-211	MCAS IWAKUNI	MAJOR THOMAS J. AYERS
VMFA-542	MCAS IWAKUNI	LTCOL. DONALD L. MAY
VTCR-152	MCAF FUTEMA	LTCOL. JOHN T. URELL
MAGS-6	CAMP SCHWAB	MAJOR FRANCIS J. DELANEY
MATCU-66	MCAF FUTEMA	CAPT. VICTOR J. FULLADOSA
HMM-263	MCAF FUTEMA	LTCOL. JEROME L. GOEBEL
HMM-163	MCAF FUTEMA	LTCOL. ROCCO D. BIANCHI

a. Command chronologies from Okinawa based units have been submitted direct to CG Ninth MAB for the reporting period. (See page ~~VI-1~~)

3. Average Monthly Strengths

a. <u>MAG-13 (July)</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>USM</u>	
				<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-13	33	19	334	0	0
MABS-13 (MATCU-60 ATTACHED)	6	18	455	0	0
VMFA-314 (16 NFO)	18	4	269	1	2
VMA-211	28	0	159	1	1
TOTALS (16 NFO)	85	41	1217	2	3

  

b. <u>MAG-13 (August)</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>USM</u>	
				<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-13	22	21	367	0	0
MABS-13	7	12	403	0	0
VMA-211	32	0	174	1	2
VMFA-542 (23 NFO)	26	4	255	1	4
TOTALS (23 NFO)	87	37	1199	2	6

  

c. <u>MAG-13 (September)</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>USM</u>	
				<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-13	27	18	367	0	0
MABS-13	7	10	402	0	0
VMA-211	33	0	178	1	2
VMFA-542 (21 NFO)	23	4	276	1	3
TOTALS (21 NFO)	90	32	1222	2	5

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PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The reporting period has been a routine one for MAG-13 (Rein). The Group was busy with the necessary preparations for their future move to VietNam. The tactical squadrons continued their preparations for their return to VietNam. Emphasis was placed on training new personnel.

VMA-224 departed MCAS Iwakuni during 13-16 July for Chu Lai, RVN.

VMA-211 arrived at MCAS Iwakuni between 13-16 July from Chu Lai, RVN. Many problem areas were encountered by the exchange of aircraft and equipment with VMA-224. Due to lack of equipment acquired by VMA-211, the initial phase of training flights for newly joined pilots was severely retarded. The Squadron deployed a detachment of seven (7) aircraft, twelve (12) pilots and thirty-five (35) enlisted Marines to Naha AB, Okinawa for weapons training from the end of July to 20 August. On 10 September the Squadron traded their A4C aircraft for A4E's. On 12 September approximately half the squadron's pilots and aircraft again deployed to Naha AB, Okinawa for ordnance delivery training.

VMFA-314 was deployed to Tainan AB, Taiwan from 1-19 July to stand the air defense alert under the cognizance of the 327th Air Division, 73rd Air Force, PACAF Defense Command. During this period the squadron also concentrated on day and night air to ground and air to air weapons. On 1 August the Squadron returned to DaNang AB, RVN.

VMFA-542 arrived at MCAS Iwakuni on 1 August. Two weeks later the Squadron deployed to Naha AB, Okinawa for air to air and air to ground weapons training. The last of August was devoted to a Sidewinder missile firing exercise. The next two weeks were devoted primarily to night air to ground weapons. On 12 September the Squadron returned to MCAS Iwakuni for additional training in road reconnaissance tactics, fighter to fighter techniques and airborne intercepts. During the third week in September air to air refueling training was accomplished by the aircrews.

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PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Sequential listing of significant events.

a. Personnel. During this reporting period, thirteen (13) Privates First Class, one hundred fifty-six (156) Lance Corporals, one hundred fifty-nine (159) Corporals, one hundred eighteen (118) Sergeants, fifteen (15) Staff Sergeants, six (6) Gunnery Sergeants, four (4) Master Sergeants, two (2) Master Gunnery Sergeants, three (3) Warrant Officers, three (3) Second Lieutenants, three (3) First Lieutenants, six (6) Captains, one (1) Major, and one (1) Lieutenant Colonel were promoted to their present rank.

b. Administration. Awards given:

- (1) 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses.
- (2) 3 Navy Commendation Medals.
- (3) 167 Air Medals.
- (4) 28 Good Conduct Medals.

c. Intelligence/Counterintelligence.

## (1) Preparation for execution of assigned mission.

## (a) Particular events related.

1. Continued training and orientation to insure deploying units receive maximum familiarity with Southeast Asia.

## (2) Activities.

## (a) Inspections.

1. A&M Inspection held on VMFA-314 on 14 July 1966. No major discrepancies were found.

## (b) Training.

1. Assistance was rendered to tactical squadrons in preparation for deployment. Intelligence briefs were presented to the Commanding Officers and their staff at the weekly CO's Conference.

2. The S-2 Chief gave a one hour class on combat intelligence Brief to the Officers of MABS-13 on the 24th and 25th of August 1966.

3. The S-2 Officer gave a half hour Intelligence Brief to the Officers of MABS-13 on the 24th and 25th of August 1966.

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4. The Assistant S-2 Officer gave a one and a half hour class to the Officers of VMA-211 on Code of Conduct, POW handling and escape & evasion & a half hour class to the SINCO's of VMA-211 on security orientation and current events in South Vietnam on the 4th and 8th of August 1966.

(c) Administration.

1. Classified files were maintained in accordance with OCNVINST 5510.1C and other applicable directives.

2. Personnel security clearances were processed in accordance with OCNVINST 5510.1C.

3. Unclassified files were maintained in accordance with SECNAVINST P5213.1 (Naval Filing System).

d. Training. Basic Training was conducted on the squadron level with emphasis upon guerrilla warfare, jungle survival, UCMJ, ground defense, physical fitness, and requalification of all personnel with T/O weapon.

e. Logistics.

(1) On 1 July initial planning and necessary liaison was initiated for the imminent deployment of VMA-323 to DaNang, RVN. The movement stage of the deployment took place between 5 and 11 July and required twenty-one (21) C-130 aircraft provided by the 315th Air Force Air Division located in Tachikawa, Japan.

(2) 10 July kicked off the planning and liaison for the inter-theater rotation of VMA-211 and VMA-224 from Chu Lai, RVN and Iwakuni, Japan respectively. VMA-224 was loaded out during the 14 - 16 July period and the same period saw the bedding down of VMA-211 at Iwakuni.

(3) MAG-13 S-4 conducted an Embarkation School for squadron Embark NCOs and clerks during the period 5 - 15 July.

(4) On 17 July the advance party of VMA-314 arrived from Tainan AB Taiwan with the main body arriving during the period 18 thru 20 July. The movement was accelerated because of Typhoon Nina.

(5) Representatives of MAG-13 (Rein) attended a CNIP Nuclear Safety Symposium at Atsugi, Japan.

(6) 30 July saw the rotation of VMA-314 to DaNang, RVN and the deployment of VMA-542 to Iwakuni, Japan.

(7) On 1 August detailed planning and coordination was undertaken to insure an orderly ingress of the various organizations of MAG-15 to MCAS, Iwakuni.

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(8) On 2 August representatives for MAG-13 Supply and 9th MAB met and discussed Class I mount-out stocks pertinent to MAG-13. This same period 1 - 5 August completed the airlift of VFA-542 from RVN to Iwakuni, Japan.

(9) On 14 August H&MS-15 arrived at Iwakuni and on 15 August MAG-15's "flag" arrived resulting in their assuming officially vice MAG-13 the responsibilities of the MAG (Rein) attached to the 9th MAB. The tempo of detailed planning and staging of organizational equipment for the sea and airlift of MABS-13, as well as the other organizations of the Group were intensified.

(10) 20 August witnessed the training deployment of VFA-542 to Naha AB Okinawa.

(11) The Ad Hoc committee of which Colonel D. D. PETTY and Major W. SERVICE MABS-13 CO and Base Ops Officer respectively, attended at DaNang, RVN for the purpose of discussing and drawing up the proposed Base Operations Manual for the Chu Lai, RVN Airfield.

(12) 29, 30, and 31 August and 1 September saw the arrival at Iwakuni of the USS Whitfield County, LST 1169, USS Washtenaw County, LST 1166, USS Terrell County, LST 1157 and USS Washoe County, LST 1165 respectively. All ships were members as were all the LST's scheduled to move MAG-13, of COLLANSHIPROM NINE located at Yokosuka, Japan. These first four ships embarked the majority of MABS-13's Organizational equipment. All ships were loaded and enroute to their destination Chu Lai, RVN within twenty-four hours of their commenced loading time. All ships arrived at their destination with an enroute sailing time of between seven (7) and twelve (12) days.

✓ (13) MABS-13, CO departed Iwakuni on 7 September and arrived Chu Lai, RVN 9 September 1966.

(14) H&MS-13's Organizational equipment was embarked aboard the USS Whitfield County, LST 1169 and USS Tom Green County, LST 1159 on 15 and 16 September respectively. On 21 September the USS Washoe County, LST 1165 loaded out MAG-13 Group Supply Stores. The USS Vernon County, LST 1161 arrived at Iwakuni and embarked the remaining Group Supply stores, as well as, the Motor Transport elements of VFA-542 and VMA-211.

✓ (15) On 24 September the CO of H&MS-13 departed Iwakuni and arrived Chu Lai, RVN also on 24 September, the CO MAG-13 departed Iwakuni and arrived Chu Lai, RVN on 25 September at which time the Group became a member of the 1st MAW. Command vice 9th MAB.

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f. Civic Action/Community Relations

(1) With the purpose of exploring the possibilities for civic action projects along religious lines the chaplain has visited several local villages and has been in personal contact with the Missionary advisor in the Quan Gngi area. The chaplains of the Chu Lai area adopted the Evangelical Church of Anfan as a project. Contributions from their chapel funds have been made to cover the costs of building a new church. In order that MAG-13 might be represented in this United effort a small contribution of \$20.00 was given from the Protestant Fund of the MAG-13 Chapel Fund.

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