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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group 18 (S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 - 23 March 1971
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for the month of March 1971
1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Part I: Organizational Data1. Name and rank of Commanding Officer, Executive Officer and Officers-in-Charge.

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Commanding Officer	1-23 March 1971	Major L. E. OBENHAUS
Executive Officer	1-23 March 1971	Captain C. R. DAVIS
OIC, TADC	1-23 March 1971	LtCol W. D. KELLOGG
OIC, TDCC	1-23 March 1971	1stLt E. M. MEDOR

2. Task Organization and Unit Location with Inclusive Dates.

The squadron is under the organizational structure of T/O M-8615 and has been located at Danang, Republic of Vietnam during the period 1-23 March 1971

3. Average Monthly Strength during the period 1-23 March 1971.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>USMC Officer/Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Officer/Enlisted</u>
H&HS-18	23/143	2/8
TADC	5/14	0/0
TDCC	2/18	0/0
Total	30/175	2/8

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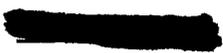

Part II: Narrative Summary (c)

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 to commence preparations for redeployment to MCAS, Iwakuni. During the period subsequent to 23 March the TADC function will be assumed by Danang DASC. The TADC will terminate operations on or about 14 April 1971, when it will also redeploy to Iwakuni. The Tactical Data Communications Control (TDCC) continued its mission of interservice data link during the period of 1-23 March 1971. The TDCC will remain in country after the redeployment of its parent squadron but will remain adcon to H&HS-18. Its operational and support requirements will be coordinated via Inter Service Support Agreement with the U.S. Air Force.

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Part III: Significant Events

1. Administration. (U) None
2. Personnel. (C) During the period 1-23 March 1971, H&HS-18 experienced an 18% decrease in personnel resulting from reallocations in preparation for redeployment. The Squadron presently possesses 29 Officers and 160 Enlisted personnel.
3. Command Relations/Command and Control (U) None
4. Important Visitors to this Command. (U) The following VIP's were briefed in the TADC:

Col. NUTTING, U.S. Army Prospective G-3 1st Brigade, 5thMechanized
Division
Col FREELAND, U.S. Army Prospective G-3, XXIV Corps.

5. Air Control. (U)
 - a. During the period 1-23 March 1971, the TADC coordinated a total of 1523 fixed wing tactical sorties which expended 2210 tons of ordnance. In-country sorties were 460 with 1115 tons of ordnance and out-of-country sorties were 515 with 1085 tons of ordnance.
 - b. The following units received the number of sorties and the percentage of total air support as indicated.

1stMARDIV	156	16%
U.S. Army	215	22%
ROKMC	10	1%
ARVN	9	1%
7th Air Force	585	60%
 - c. All out-of-country sorties (585), were flown in support of 7th Air Force Steel Tiger/Commando Bold Operations.
 - d. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing helicopters flew 5111 hours, moving 3478 tons of cargo and 29,322 passengers.
 - e. During March the following operations were supported.
 - Jefferson Hill
 - Walfe Mountain
 - Geneva Park
 - Frederick Hill
 - Dewey Canyon II

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6. Special Operations. (U) None
 7. Civic Action (U) None
 8. Ground Defense. (U) None
 9. Training. (U) A total of 10 hours of technical training was conducted with 50 personnel attending and a total of 4 hours of basic training was conducted with 62 personnel attending.
 10. Logistics. (U) None
 11. Supply. (U) None
 12. Engineering. (U) None
 13. Maintenance. (U) None
 14. Communications/Electronics. (U) None
 15. Construction. (U) None
 16. Motor Transport. (U) The vehicles of the combined H&HS-18 and MASS-3 motor pool were driven a total of 19,885 miles during the period 1-23 March hauling 530 tons of cargo and transporting 6,945 passengers.
 17. Embarkation. (U) Preliminary preparedness for embarkation continued during the period 1-23 March. Subsequent to 23 March final preparation for embarkation commenced. Staging is to be complete by 8 April with loading to commence on 9 April.
 18. Informational Services. (U) None
 19. Casualties (C) 2 personnel were medevac for injury/illness not resulting from hostile fire.
 20. Awards. (U) None
 21. Moral and Welfare. (U) H&HS-18 personnel participated in the following R&R Flights.

Hawaii 4
 Taipei 2
 Okinawa 0

Hong Kong 2
 Sydney 4
 Bangkok 5

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22. Air Defense. (C) None

23. Base Development and Military Construction. (U) None

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