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Marine Air Control Group 18
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
FAC, San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing (attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for the Period 1 - 31 March 1968

Ref: (a) WGO 5750.1C

- Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Air Control Group Eighteen
- ✓(2) Command Chronology, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron Eighteen
- ✓(3) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron Two
- ✓(4) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron Three
- ✓(5) Command Chronology, Marine Air Control Squadron Four
- ✓(6) Command Chronology, 1st Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion
- ✓(7) Command Chronology, 2nd Light AntiAircraft Missile Battalion

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are hereby submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosures.

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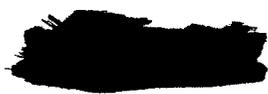
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP EIGHTH Fleet
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Enclosure (1)



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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Organizational Data

1. Unit Designation and Location

Marine Air Control Group Eighteen	Da Nang, RVN
Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron Eighteen	Da Nang, RVN
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	Da Nang, RVN
Marine Air Support Squadron Three	Chu Lai, RVN
Marine Air Control Squadron Four	Da Nang, RVN
1st Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion	Da Nang, RVN
2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion	Chu Lai, RVN

2. Period Covered by this Report. 1 March — 31 March 1968

3. Task Organization. Same as in paragraph 1 above.

4. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer and Staff, MACG-18

Commanding Officer		COL L. V. TOPE
Executive Officer		LtCOL J. W. DILLON
Adjutant		1stLt J. D. CALDWELL
S-1		Capt. C. E. ROBERSON
S-2	1-8 March 1968	None Assigned
	9-31 March 1968	1stLt J. M. DAVID
S-3		LtCOL C. P. BUSCHMANN
S-4		Major D. H. CORMACK
CEO		1stLt M. C. CHASE
CAO		Capt. M. E. FRANCHS

5. Name and Rank of Commanding Officers of Subordinate Units

H&HS-18	LtCOL T. W. RIGGS
MASS-2	LtCOL J. M. JOHNSON JR.
MASS-3	LtCOL J. O. GREGGERSON
MACS-4	LtCOL W. A. COHN
1stLAAM Bn	LtCOL M. J. TREADO
2ndLAAM Bn	LtCOL D. E. GUNTHER.



6. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 During the Period 1-31 March 1968

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Enlisted</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
17/211	4	1866	31

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General (C) Marine Air Control Group Eighteen continued to operate air control/anti-aircraft warfare and air support facilities for the First Marine Aircraft Wing throughout the month of March. Operations for which support was provided by MACG-18 are as follows: Scotland, Lancaster II, Kentucky, Saline/Napoleon, Fortress Attack, Sumari 4, Hudson, Lingo, Ford, Jeb Stuart and Regulus. In addition, a HAWK FIREX was conducted by the 1st and 2nd LAM Battalions from 17 March through 24 March 1968.

2. Personnel (C) MASS-2, MASS-3 and MACS-4 all joined sufficient personnel to compensate for normal rotation losses and remain in category C-1. The 1st and 2nd LAM Battalions are categorized as C-2; while H&HS-18 is placed in category C-3.

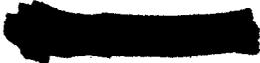
3. Administration (U) Routine administration progressed throughout the reporting period.

4. Morale/Welfare (U) Liberty remained secured throughout the month of March in Da Nang and Hoa Phut Village, outside of Da Nang Air Base. Consequently, the majority of recreation was provided through the utilization of the facilities provided by Special Services. In addition, R&R flights were conducted to the following locations during the month of March:

HAWAII	28 Personnel
TAIPEI	15 Personnel
HONG KONG	14 Personnel
BANGKOK	24 Personnel
TOKYO	8 Personnel
SINGAPORE	4 Personnel
KUALA LUMPUR	4 Personnel
OKINAWA	6 Personnel
PETANG	2 Personnel
MANILA	4 Personnel
SYDNEY	14 Personnel

5. Casualties (C) The Group experienced twenty-two casualties during the month of March: twenty-one (21) nonhostile and one (1) hostile.

6. Intelligence (U) The below listed tasks were accomplished by the J-2 Section during the month of March:



- a. 4 Top Secret clearances were issued
1 Top Secret clearance was requested
- b. 25 Secret clearances were issued
3 Secret clearances were requested
1 Interim Secret clearance was issued
- c. 24 "Spot" reports were processed
- d. An Intelligence Publications library was established.
- e. A "Current Events Board" was constructed.

7. Air Operations (C) Throughout the reporting period MASS-2 provided air support control for the Dong Ha and Phu Bai areas, while MASS-3 provided air support control for the Khe Sanh, Da Nang and Chu Lai areas. MACS-4 furnished air control facilities for all of the above mentioned areas. In addition, to the air support/control provided the 26th Marines at Khe Sanh; approximately 60 resupply missions were coordinated involving over 700 helicopter sorties and over 800 fixed wing sorties in support of First Marine Aircraft Wing's Operation Plan 3-68. On 27 March, MASS-3 fielded a detachment to augment 1st Air Cavalry Division Headquarters for Operation Pegasus. On 27 March 1968 the Chu Lai DASC was disestablished and its functions were assumed by the Americal Division. Due to the introduction of a "Single Manager" concept on 7 March 1968 which placed some of 1st MAW assets under control of the 7th Air Force, a realignment of many of the DASCs/ASITs functions was necessary, and have been accomplished. The monthly data tally is as follows:

a. MASS-2

<u>Air Radar Support Teams:</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> 1,943	<u>BOMBS</u> 6,460.8 tons	<u>TARGETS HIT</u> 2,034
<u>Direct Air Support Centers:</u>	<u>HELICO MISSIONS</u> <u>AND EVACS/OTHERS</u> 451 / 1,613		<u>FIXED WING A/C</u> <u>MISSIONS</u> 2,118

b. MASS-3

<u>Air Radar Support Teams:</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> 2,286	<u>BOMBS</u> 8,497 tons	<u>TARGETS HIT</u> 2,690
<u>Direct Air Support Centers:</u>	<u>HELICO MISSIONS</u> <u>AND EVACS/OTHERS</u> 573 / 851		<u>FIXED WING A/C</u> <u>MISSIONS</u> 3,039

c. MACS-4

<u>A/C Provided MAW Ass't</u> 13,922	<u>GCI/GCA</u> 2,469	<u>INT/SIT CHECKS</u> 12,919
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d. TADC

Fixed wing A/C
6,785

Helo
13,544

KC-130
944

e. Target Coverage = $\frac{14,957}{4,724}$ = 3.18 tons per target

8. Training (U)

a. Troop Indoctrination Lectures and Individual Weapons safety Lectures were conducted for newly joined personnel.

b. General Military Subjects training was conducted by all units of this command.

c. Technical Training, at the Squadron/Battalion level, took the form of technical instruction and on-the-job training.

9. NBC Defense (U) No significant events occurred during the month.

10. Communications/Electronics (U) The communications sections of all units of this command continued to provide the communications to support the air control/defense system for the First Marine aircraft wing operations in the Republic of South Vietnam.

11. Logistics (U)

a. Motor Transport The cargo/mileage of M100-18 vehicles was 6,400 short tons of cargo transported and a total mileage driven of 127,243 miles. Of the above, 3,230 miles and 102 s/t of cargo was as a result of "Rough Rider" convoy participation.

b. Embarkation (1) In-Country movements in support of combat operations

(a) 8 generators, for a total of 33,998 lbs.

(b) 38,498 lbs. of miscellaneous equipment

(c) 79 passengers

(2) Movement of VC-5 from Da Nang to Atsugi

(a) 48,677 lbs of equipment

(b) 42 passengers

c. In addition to the above, the Group S-4 coordinated the relocation of the Group Staff Headquarters and M&IS-18 Headquarters to it's present location in Tango Sector Alpha of the Da Nang complex.