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(3) MABS-13 Command Chronology
(4) VMFA-115 Command Chronology
(5) VMFA-314 Command Chronology
(6) VMFA-122 Command Chronology

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Part One1. Organizational Data

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-31 October 1969)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Thomas E. MURPHREE	CO	Col		Col
Hal W. VINCENT	XO	LtCol		LtCol
George L. LUNT Jr.	Adj	Capt		Capt
Robert E. WINSLOW	SgtMaj	SgtMaj		SgtMaj
D. A. LEWIS	S-1	Maj		Maj
W. M. BROWN	S-2	Maj		1stLt
R. R. NORTON	S-3 (1-6Oct)	LtCol		LtCol
T. J. KELLY	S-3 (7-31Oct)	LtCol		LtCol
E. C. JOHNSON	S-4	LtCol		LtCol

b. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 13 (1-31 October 1969)

James D. MOODY	CO	LtCol		Maj
Robert P. O'NEAL	XO	Maj		Maj
Edward CARDOZA	S-1	Lt		Capt
James D. MOODY	S-3	Capt		Maj

c. Marine Air Base Squadron 13 (1-31 October 1969)

Alfred N. DRAGO	CO (1-5 Oct)	LtCol		LtCol
Richard D. REVIE	CO (6-31Oct)	LtCol		LtCol
Norbert F. SCHNIPPEL	XO (1-26Oct)	Maj		Maj
Billy H. DRAFFEN	XO (27-31Oct)	Maj		Maj
Donald J. BERGER	S-1	W.O.		Capt
Bernard R. HALPRIN	BaseServO	Maj		Maj

d. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115 (1-31 October 1969)

Edwin C. PAIGE Jr.	CO	LtCol		LtCol
Donald P. BOWEN	XO	Maj		Maj
Fredrick B. GRAIG	S-1	Lt		Maj
Lester E. AMICK	S-2	Lt		1stLt
Lawrence A. WHIPPLE	S-3	Maj		Maj
Jon R. GIBSON	S-4 (1-19Oct)	WO		Maj
John K. FRENCH	S-4 (20-31Oct)	WO		1stLt

e. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 (1-31 October 1969)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Charles G. FREDERICK	CO	LtCol		LtCol
Donald WOJCIK	XO	Maj		Maj
Lyle P. CREADICK	S-1	Lt		Maj
Howard E. KERR	S-2	Lt		Capt
Robert C. JOHNSON	S-3	Maj		Maj
Allen W. MASSEY	S-4	WO		Capt

f. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 122 (1-31 October 1969)

John K. COCHRAN	CO	LtCol		LtCol
Richard D. REVIE	XO (1-60ct)	Maj		Maj
Josephus L. MAVRETIC	XO (7-310ct)	Maj		Maj
John J. MILES	S-1	Lt		Capt
Arlin B. TURNER	S-2	Lt		1stLt
Billy H. DRAFFEN	S-3 (1-260ct)	Maj		Maj
Jon R. GIBSON	S-3 (27-310ct)	Maj		Maj
George P. SWEENEY III	S-4	WO		1stLt

Subordinate Units

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>	<u>Date of Office</u>
MAG-49	Chu Lai RVN	Col T. E. MURPHREE	(10Oct-31Oct)
H&MS-13	Chu Lai RVN	LtCol J. J. WILLIS	(10Oct-90ct)
H&MS-13	Chu Lai RVN	Maj J. D. MOODY	(10Oct-310ct)
MABS-13	Chu Lai RVN	LtCol A. N. DRAGO	(10Oct-50ct)
MABS-13	Chu Lai RVN	LtCol R. D. REVIE	(60ct-310ct)
VMFA-115	Chu Lai RVN	LtCol E. C. PAIGE Jr.	(10Oct-310ct)
VMFA-122	Chu Lai RVN	LtCol J. K. COCHRAN	(10Oct-310ct)
VMFA-314	Chu Lai RVN	LtCol C. G. FREDERICK	(10Oct-310ct)

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>USN</u>	
		<u>NFO</u>	<u>AG</u>		<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
H&MS-13	15	4	23	453	0	0
MABS-13	8	3	7	482	4	27
VMFA-115	20	19	3	233	1	0
VMFA-122	20	15	4	246	1	0
VMFA-314	20	19	5	232	1	0
Group	83	60	42	1646	7	27

4. Important Visitors to the Command

On 25 October 1969, Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON visited MAG-13. He attended a luncheon given in his honor and was given an orientation brief and tour of Fightertown. (MAG-13 cantonment).

Part Two: Narrative Summary

Marine Aircraft Group 13 continued in its support of III MAF and all other free world armed forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone, Laos and the Gulf of Tonkin.

Part Three: Significant Events

1. Personnel

During the month of October, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of 16 officers and 121 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During the same period, 27 officers and 173 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Awards

The following medals were presented to MAG-13 personnel during the month of October:

- a. Navy Achievement Medal: 5

During the same period, the following medals were recommended.

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 16
- b. Bronze Star: 11
- c. Navy Commendation Medal: 38
- d. Navy Achievement Medal: 27
- e. Combat Action Ribbon: 10
- f. Certificate of Commendation: 7

3. Casualties

Non-Hostile

- a. Total for October.....12
- b. Total returned to duty.....6

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c. Total MedEvac..... 6

d. Total number of man days lost.....62

Hostile

a. Killed in Action.....0

b. Died of wounds.....0

c. Wounded in Action.....0

d. Missing in Action.....0

4. Civic Action

a. Orphans living in the MAG-13 beach area were given physical exams and a continuing health program was instituted.

b. The Mid Autumn Festival was celebrated in the hamlets of Vinh An, Hai Ninh and Trung An. MAG-13 supplied refreshments and representatives reported that the festival was a success.

5. Morale and Welfare Programs

a. There are presently two Chaplains assigned to MAG-13. They have additional duties of coordinating Chaplain coverage for all Combined Action Platoons in Combined Action Group-1; Episcopal coverage for Americal Headquarters and Catholic coverage for the Naval Support Activity.

b. Religious services conducted at MAG-13 Chapel consisted of the following:

(1) Protestant Services

- (a) Sunday - 8; attendance - 118
- (b) Choir Practice - 4; attendance - 19
- (c) Bible Study - 4; attendance - 45
- (d) Christian Education - 3; attendance - 10

(2) Catholic Services

- (a) Sunday - 8; attendance - 303
- (b) Weekday - 15; attendance - 52

b. Services for units other than MAG-13

(1) Protestant Services

- (a) Sunday - Americal Division Hdqts - 4; attendance - 66
- (b) Weekday - Combined Action Platoons - 5; attendance - 46

(2) Catholic Services

(a) Sunday - NSAD - 4; attendance - 164

FLSG-A/CAG-1-4; attendance - 21

MAG-12 - 1; attendance - 32

(b) Weekday - Combined Action Platoon - 8; attendance - 73

(3) Ecumenical Services

(a) Memorial Services, CAG-1-2; attendance - 140

c. Counselling and Interviews

Counselling - 60 Religious Instruction - 1

Interviews - 186

d. Red Cross Cases - 8

e. Hospital Visits - 15

f. Meeting and Trips

Trips - 1

6. Intelligence

a. On 8 and 15 October 1969, the S-2 Officer and a representative from MAG-13 S-3, attended ZIPPO Briefs for the coordination of operations conducted southwest of Danang. Upon returning, maps were prepared and briefs given to crews flying in support of these operations.

b. During the month of October 1969, the Chu Lai Air Base complex came under rocket attack one time. This attack took place on 29 October at 1245 when 4X122mm rockets impacted. One rocket landed in the MAG-13 bomb dump with a direct hit on a Conex box, destroying twenty-four fire extinguishers and minor damage to another Conex box plus the bomb dump office. There were no casualties as all personnel were eating lunch. Two rockets landed near the east runway causing one damaged helo with one Army wounded. The fourth rocket caused no damage or casualties.

c. The S-2 section continued to accomplish its mission of supporting MAG-13 with intelligence information by preparing daily briefs to the aircrew members, as well as for the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer. All incoming flight personnel received their in-country brief from the SERE Officer. During the month of October a total of thirty-two briefs were given by this section to newly arrived crew members.

7. Operations

a. Air Operations

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Sorties</u>		<u>Hours</u>	
	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Total</u>
H&MS-13 (C-117D)	3	105	8.4	88.9
VMFA-314 (F-4B)	404	449	486.2	532.2
VMFA-115 (F-4B)	367	402	452.2	486.9
VMFA-122 (F-4B)	283	303	326.8	357.4

b. Operations Supported

Pipestone Canyon, Frederick Hill, Geneva Park, Iron Mountain, Republic Square and Victory Dragon XV.

c. Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

Structures: 132 destroyed/69 damaged
 Bunkers: 109 destroyed/ 78 damaged
 Secondary Explosions: 21
 Secondary Fires: 37
 Bulldozers: 1
 Trucks: 3
 Killed by Marine Air: 45

d. Total Ordnance Expended: 2090.1 tons.

8. Supply

a. A new work room was completed. Pool items in Section "M" were inventoried and transferred to new storage area.

9. Base Development

a. Work is continuing on the new concrete revetments. The goal is to provide protection for each aircraft but the monsoon weather has severely hampered work.