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Subj: Command Chronology for the Period 1 - 30 April 1968  
Ref: (a) W&O 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

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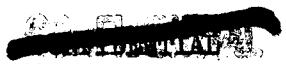
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP EIGHTEEN  
1--30 APRIL 1968

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 April -- 30 April 1968

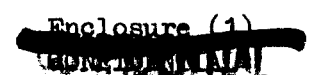
3. Task Organization. Same as in paragraph 1 above

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	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. GREGERSON
MACS-4	1 - 25 April 1968	LtCOL W. A. COHN
	26 - 30 April 1968	LtCOL D. S. TWINING
1st LAAM Bn		LtCOL M. J. TREADO
2nd LAAM Bn		LtCOL D. E. GUNTHER



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~6. Average Monthly Strength of MACG-18 During the Period 1-30 April 1968

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Enlisted</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
17/206	4	1,901	29

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 April. In addition, the 1st LAAM Battalion Coder/Decoder of the AN/TSQ-57 was emplaced and began operational checks with MACS-4, Marine Tactical Data System, which continued throughout the month. Operations for which Marine Air Control Group Eighteen provided support for are as follows: Saline, Napoleon, Kentucky, Lancaster II, Scotland II, Pegasus, Rice, Sumari IV, Sumari V, Houston, Carentan II, Jeb Stuart II, Delaware/Lam Son 216, Baxter Garden, Jasper Square, Brilliant Dragon III and Baller Valley.

2. Personnel (C) MASS-2, MASS-3 and MACS-4 all joined sufficient personnel to countervail normal rotation losses and remain in a C-1 category. The 1st and 2nd LAAM Battalions were categorized as C-2; while H&HS-18 remained in category C-3.

3. Administration (U) Routine administration progressed throughout the month of April.

4. Morale/Welfare (U) Liberty remained secured throughout the month of April 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 April:

HAWAII	24 Personnel
TAIPEI	12 Personnel
HONG KONG	12 Personnel
BANGKOK	22 Personnel
TOKYO	8 Personnel
SINGAPORE	4 Personnel
KUALA LUMPUR	4 Personnel
OKINAWA	5 Personnel
PENANG	4 Personnel
MANILA	4 Personnel
SYDNEY	11 Personnel

5. Casualties (C) The command experienced eight casualties during the month of April, all of which were the result of non-hostile action.

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6. Intelligence (U) The below listed tasks were accomplished by the S-2 Section during the reporting period:

- a. 3 Top Secret Clearances were issued  
     3 Top Secret Clearances were requested  
     2 Interim Top Secret Clearances were issued
- b. 10 Secret Clearances were issued  
     7 Secret Clearances were requested  
     2 Interim Secret Clearances were issued
- c. 32 "Spot" reports were processed

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 and Da Nang areas. MACS-4 furnished air control facilities for all of the above mentioned areas. In addition, an Air Support Radar Team was emplaced at Camp Carroll and commenced operations on 30 April. The MASS-3A Air Support Radar Team at Da Nang was disestablished on 25 April and the entire system prepared for embarkation to it's parent unit on Okinawa. The Airborne DASC operated radio relay facilities for "Rash Control" in support of the 1st Marine Regiment in operation Pegasus from 1 through 7 April. The monthly data tally is as follows:

a. MASS-2

<u>Air Support Radar Teams:</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> 1,531	<u>BOMBS</u> 6,938.4 tons	<u>TARGETS HIT</u> 1,918
<u>Direct Air Support Centers:</u>	<u>HELLO MISSIONS</u> <u>MED EVACS/OTHERS</u> 432 / 1,619		<u>FIXED WING A/C</u> <u>MISSIONS</u> 2,206

b. MASS-3

<u>Air Support Radar Teams:</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> 1,217	<u>BOMBS</u> 4,022 tons	<u>TARGETS HIT</u> 1,447
<u>Direct Air Support Centers:</u>	<u>HELLO MISSIONS</u> <u>MED EVACS/OTHERS</u> 850 / 559		<u>FIXED WING A/C</u> <u>MISSIONS</u> 2,276

c. MACS-4

<u>A/C Provided NAV Ass't</u> 12,237	<u>GCI/GCA</u> 1,977	<u>IFF/SIF CHECKS</u> 10,863
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d. TADC

FIXED WING A/C  
6,790

HELD  
16,808

KC-130  
820

e. Target Coverage =  $\frac{10,960}{3,365}$  = 3.25 Tons per Target

8. Training (U)

a. Troop Indoctrination Lectures and Individual Weapons Safety Lectures were conducted by all units of this command.

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. NBS Defense (U) No significant events occurred during the month of April.

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 Vietnam.

11. Logistics (U)

a. General: There were no major logistical problems within MACG-18 during April.

b. Military Construction: CG, FMAW has requested that funds in the amount of \$24,900.00 be diverted from a MAG-11 project which is no longer required and reallocated to W/R #M18-17-68 (MACG-18 Headquarters Buildings).

c. Motor Transport: The cargo/mileage of MACG-18 vehicles was 6889 short tons of cargo transported and a total driven mileage of 101811 miles. Of the above, 2332 miles and 68 short tons of cargo was a result of rough rider convoy participation.

d. Embarkation: During the month of April the MACG-18 Embarkation Section moved 75,457 lbs., 8,515 cuft. and 14 personnel within the RVN. 60,845 lbs., 7,153 cuft. and 14 personnel from RVN to Okinawa. Total 136,302 lbs., 15,668 cuft. and 28 personnel.