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Encl: ✓(1) Organizational Data
✓(2) Narrative Summary
✓(3) Sequential Listing of Significant Events

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Jan 67 to 30 Jun 67

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PART I

1. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

a. Marine Air Control Squadron Four

- (1) Commanding Officer - LtCol Conrad P. BUSCHMANN
- (2) Executive Officer - Major William A. COHN
- (3) First Sergeant - 1stSgt Frank R. MIRANDA
- (4) S-1 Officer - 2ndLt John E. JULIAN
- (5) S-2 Officer - Major Herbert M. FIX
- (6) S-3 Officer - Major Ralph L. LARY, Jr.
- (7) C & E Officer - Major Thomas J. LAPHAM
- (8) Supply Officer - 2ndLt Walter N. TURNBULL
- (9) Services Officer - Capt Merritt G. YEAGER
- (10) Mtr Trans Officer - 2ndLt Melvin J. OUBRE
- (11) Utilities Officer - CWO-2 Ferris D. BROWN

2. TASK ORGANIZATION, UNIT LOCATION AND PERIOD COVERED.

a. Task Organization. Not Applicable

b. Unit Designation and Location: Marine Air Control Squadron Four, Danang, RVN

c. Period Covered: 1 January 1967 - 30 June 1967.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

a. January 37 Officers
 332 Enlisted (USMC)
 2 Enlisted (USN)

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b. February 38 Officers
 336 Enlisted (USMC)
 2 Enlisted (USN)

c. March 41 Officers
 340 Enlisted (USMC)
 2 Enlisted (USN)

d. April 31 Officers
 232 Enlisted (USMC)
 3 Enlisted (USN)

e. May 28 Officers
 213 Enlisted (USMC)
 3 Enlisted (USN)

f. June 29 Officers
 222 Enlisted (USMC)
 3 Enlisted (USN)

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND.

a. 17 January: MajGen MC CUTCHEON, DCS Air, HQMC
 MajGen QUILTER, CG, 3rdMAW
 BrigGen ANDERSON, DCS, RD&S, HQMC

b. 25 January: LtGen KRULAK, HCG FMFPac

c. 8 February: MajGen TYLER, HQMC

d. 7 March: MajGen FIELDS, CG, MCB, Cam Pen

e. 27 June: LtGen KRULAK, CG FMFPac
 LtGen CUSHMAN, CG, I CORPS
 MajGen ANDERSON, CG, 1stMAW
 BrigGen DUCHEIN

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARYA. ACTIVITIES.

1. During the period 1-15 January 1967 the Squadron prepared for AWEX 1-67. AWEX 1-67 was conducted 15-25 January 67 for the primary purpose of evaluating the Operational Readiness of the Squadron to assume an Air Defense/Air Control mission under simulated combat conditions. Operations were conducted on a 24 hour per day basis. The secondary purpose was to evaluate the adequacy of T/O M8631 to support 24 hour per day operations on a sustained basis. The general conclusion was that T/O M8631 is inadequate to provide for security, camp maintenance and police details and also maintain and operate the TAOC and associated equipments on a sustained basis.

2. On 17 January Squadron briefings on capabilities, mission and problem areas were conducted for MajGen MC CUTCHEON, MajGen QUILTER and BrigGen ANDERSON. A special support requirements briefing was conducted for MajGen TYLER on 8 Feb 67.

3. Major LAPHAM (Sqdn C&E Officer) attended conferences in Saigon and Danang from 13 to 27 February 67 to coordinate for the deployment of MACS-4 to RVN.

4. The 3rdMAW inspection team conducted an Operational Preparedness Inspection on the 7th and 8th of March 67, the results of which indicated that Marine Air Control Squadron Four was prepared to accomplish its assigned mission in support of combat operations.

5. The Squadron continued to train until 13 March 67 at which time operations was secured. The final retrofit of the AN/TYQ-2 was conducted from 7 to 15 March 67. On 24 March 67 the first contingent of MACS-4 embarked on the LSD-17 (USS Catamount) with 4 officers and 75 enlisted. Cargo consisted of bulk cargo, Motor Transport items and portions of C&E and Utilities items. The Catamount sailed from San Diego on 28 March 67 and arrived Danang (RVN) on 30 April 1967.

6. The advance party consisting of 5 officers, and 4 enlisted departed El Toro, California via Government Air on 22 April 67 and arrived Danang (RVN) 25 April 1967.

7. The main body consisting of 17 officers, 128 enlisted and 1 civilian technical representative embarked on LSD-34 (USS Hermitage) on 11 May. Cargo consisted of the remainder of the Squadron assets. The USS Hermitage departed San Diego on 13 May 67 and arrived Danang (RVN) on 2 June 67. Additionally, 1 officer and 5 civilian technical representatives arrived via government air on 1 June 67.

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8. All equipment was staged at NSA, Tien Sha, Danang, pending the completion of the operational site. On 11 June the transport of major items to the operational site commenced. Preparation of the sites for Radar Sets AN/TPS-34B and Radar Set AN/TPS-22 commenced at this time. On 13 June the installation of the AN/TYQ-2 (TAOC) commenced. Power was applied on 14 June and preliminary equipment checkout was completed on 16 June. Radar Sets AN/UPS-1 and AN/TPS-37 were integrated on 18 June.

9. The remainder of the personnel consisting of 2 officers, 14 enlisted and 3 civilian technical representatives arrived Danang on 15 June. The AN/TYQ-3 (TDCC) arrived via air transport on 15 June. The installation of the AN/TYQ-3 commenced on 17 June and was completed on 24 June.

10. The installation of Radar Set AN/TPS-34 commenced on 20 June and was completed and integrated with the AN/TYQ-2 on 26 June. Installation of Radar Set AN/TPS-22 commenced on 24 June, however, a faulty rotary joint precluded completion of installation until receipt of the replacement part.

11. The operational site was visited on 27 June by LtGen KRULAK, LtGen CUSHMAN, MajGen ANDERSON and BrigGen DUCHEIN.

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PART III

A. LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS 1 JANUARY THROUGH 30 JUNE 19671. Operations

- a. 16 January through 25 January, squadron participated in 3rdMAW AWEX 1-67.
- b. 8 February, special support briefing conducted for MajGen TYLER.
- c. 1 March, special briefing for C&E Schools Battalion personnel.
- d. 7 and 8 March, 3rdMAW OPI Inspection.

2. Administration

- a. 6 through 10 February, MWHG-3 A&M Inspection.
- b. 6 through 10 March, 3rdMAW A&M Inspection.
- c. 24 March, 4 Off, 75 Enl embarked aboard LSD-17 (USS Catamount). Sailed on 28 March, arrived Danang (RVN) on 30 April 1967.
- d. 22 April, 5 Off, 4 Enl departed GovtAir from El Toro, arrived Danang 25 April 1967.
- e. 11 May, 17 Off, 128 Enl & 1 Civilian TechRep embarked aboard LSD-34 (USS Hermitage). Sailed on 13 May from San Diego, arrived Danang (RVN) 2 June 1967.
- f. 28 May, 1 Off, 5 Civilian TechReps departed GovtAir from El Toro, arrived Danang (RVN) 1 June 1967.
- g. 12 June, 1 Off, 7 Enl & 3 Civilian TechReps departed GovtAir El Toro, arrived Danang (RVN) 17 June 1967.

3. Logistics

- a. 6 through 10 February, MWHG-3 A&M Inspection.
- b. 6 through 10 March, 3rdMAW A&M Inspection.
- c. 24 March, Embarked Motor Transport equipment, a portion of general supply, utilities equipment, and portions of C&E equipment aboard LSD-17 (USS Catamount)
- d. 11 May, Embarked remainder of Squadron assets aboard LSD-34 (USS Hermitage).

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e. 11 June, commenced transport of squadron equipment to MACS-4 site.

4. Communications and Electronics

a. 3 through 9 January, modification period for AN/TYQ-2 at MACS-4.

b. 1 through 7 February, modification period for AN/TYQ-2 at MACS-4.

c. 6 through 10 February, MWHG-3 A&M Inspection.

d. 6 through 10 March, 3rdMAW A&M Inspection.

e. 13 through 16 March, modification period for AN/TYQ-2 at MACS-4.

f. 13 June, commenced installation of AN/TYQ-2. Equipment checkout completed on 16 June 1967. (MACS-4 site RVN)

g. 15 June, AN/TYQ-3 (TDCC) arrived RVN.

h. 17 June, commenced installations of AN/TYQ-3, completed on 24 June.

i. 18 June, AN/TPS-37 and 2 AN/UPS-1's erected and integrated into the AN/TYQ-2.

j. 20 June, commenced installation of Radar Set AN/TPS-34B, completed on 24 June.

k. 24 June, commenced installation of AN/TPS-22, faulty rotary joint placed radar set down awaiting new part.

5. Command Relations

a. 13 through 27 January, Major LAPHAM (Sqdn C&E Officer) attended conferences in Saigon and Danang to coordinate deployment of MACS-4 to RVN.

b. 17 January, briefing for MajGen MC CUTCHEON, MajGen QUILTER and BrigGen ANDERSON and party.

c. 25 January, visit and tour of MACS-4 site by LtGen KRULAK.

d. 8 February, briefing conducted for MajGen TYLER.

e. 7 March, visit and tour by MajGen FIELDS and Mr. W. H. POINT D.O.D. (civilian).

f. 27 June, visit and tour of MACS-4 site (RVN) by LtGen KRULAK, LtGen CUSHMAN, MajGen ANDERSON, BrigGen DUCHEIN and party.

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