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 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group 1

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
 (b) MCO 5750.1
 (c) ForceO 3121.1B
 (d) NAVMC 1110 United States Marine Corps Staff Manual
 (e) MCO P5212.1C

1. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

a. SUBORDINATE UNITS:

- (1) Devastate Alpha - AN/TPQ-10 system #11 located at Chu Lai, RVN.
- (2) Devastate Bravo - AN/TPQ-10 system #2 located at DaNang airbase, RVN.
- (3) Devastate Charlie - AN/TPQ-10 system #6 located at Fleiku, RVN.
- (4) Devastate Delta - AN/TPQ-10 system #17 located at Fleiku, RVN.
- (5) Metro - a mobile weather station located at Fleiku, RVN.
- (6) Landshark - DASC - located at DaNang, RVN.
- (7) Landshark "ALPHA" - DASC - located at Chu Lai, RVN.

b. PERIOD COVERED: 1 October through 31 October 1965.

c. Commanding Officer:
 Executive Officer:
 Operations Officer:

LtCol. R. L. CUNNINGHAM
 Major D. C. BRIDEN
 Major J. R. EDDY

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ENCLOSURE (3)

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Landshark "A" OIC:	Captain E. L. BROWN
Devastate "A" OIC:	Captain D. E. ANDERSON
Devastate "B" OIC:	First Lieutenant F. A. FINIZIO
Devastate "C" OIC:	Captain G. S. PRESCOTT
Devastate "D" OIC:	Captain G. S. PRESCOTT
Administrative Officer:	First Lieutenant W. B. HOLMES
Supply Officer:	Captain L. D. HARPOLD
Communications Officer:	Captain D. A. POWELL
Intelligence Officer:	First Lieutenant J. J. YOUNG
Motor Transport Officer:	First Lieutenant L. J. MORTON

d. The average strength of MASS-2 during the month of October was 41 USMC Officers, 200 Enlisted, 2 Navy Enlisted, and 1 civilian technical representative employed by General Electric.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AS THEY OCCURED CHRONOLOGICALLY

a. 1 Oct:

- (1) MASS-2 received 2 PU 239's on temporary loan from MWHG-1
- (2) Ground defense drill conducted.
- (3) Major PRIDE, USAF, and party from Stanford Research Institute visited squadron.

b. 4 Oct:

- (1) Devastate 6 and Major PRIDE arrived at Devastate "Alpha" at 041100H.
- (2) Devastate 6 returned to DaNang at 041900.

c. 5 Oct:

- (1) Devastate 6 and Major PRIDE, USAF, visited Devastate "Delta".
- (2) MASS-3 DASC (1 officer - 8 enlisted) arrived this position aboard USS AMERICAN CHARGER and are loading aboard L.S.T. for trip to Landshark "Alpha" at Chu Lai.

d. 6 Oct:

- (1) Devastate 6 returned from Devastate "Delta".

e. 7 Oct:

- (1) L.S.T. 842 completed transfer of load of DASC for Chu Lai from USS AMERICAN CHARGER and sailed from DaNang 070030H. Arrived at Chu Lai and commenced off loading at 071230H.

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f. 8 Oct:

(1) L.S.T. 842 completed unloading DASC equipment at Chu Lai. Staged at Devastate "Alpha" site, pending check of equipment.

g. 9 Oct:

(1) TAC(A) reports Devastate "Bravo" LZ prep drops were excellent.

h. 10 Oct:

(1) Lifesaver 6 and moment 3 visited DASC.

i. 11 Oct:

(1) Lifesaver 6 and two Red Cross ladies visited squadron.

j. 14 Oct:

(1) Most of the TPQ-10 missions cancelled due to weather at Chu Lai.

k. 15 Oct:

(1) Devastate "Charlie" missions cancelled due to weather at Chu Lai.

(2) All hands intelligence briefing by Sgt COUCH.

(3) Five officers from 2/9 briefed on DASC and ASRT.

l. 16 Oct:

(1) All A4's missions cancelled due to weather at Chu Lai.

(2) Commanding Officer recommends placing two ART'S at Chu Lai, one for back up.

m. 17 Oct:

(1) Devastate "Charlie" missions cancelled due to weather at Chu Lai.

n. 18 Oct:

(1) Devastate "Charlie" missions cancelled due to weather at Chu Lai.

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(2) Two UPS-1C systems - down for transmitter subassembly. System 4 is on loan to MACS-7.

(3) Ten officers and staff NCO's from 2d Battalion 9th Marines briefed on DASC and TPQ-10.

e. 19 Oct:

(1) Rawinsonde at Devastate "Delta" UP, sounding made at 1300H to an altitude of 58,000 feet.

(2) Officers and staff NCO's intelligence briefing by Sgt COUCH.

(3) School for new officers on TPQ-10 controlling commenced.

p. 21 Oct:

(1) First Lieutenant B. W. O'KEEFE and Pfc J. P. VANEPPS with AN/MRC-87 jeep joined 2d Battalion 3d Marines for motor march to Operation Red Snapper. Their mission was to act as radio relay to Landshark and to relay the TAC net between HMM161 and TADC.

q. 22 Oct:

(1) VMFA-115 was briefed on TPQ-10.

r. 25 Oct:

(1) Lifesaver 5 and 6 visited squadron area.

(2) General Electric representatives Mr. Miller, and Mr. O'Connor from Syracuse, New York, along with GySgt CASON from Point Mugu, California arrived to install electrical antenna drive in the AN/TPQ-10 systems.

(3) Devastate 5 and 6 visited Monkey Mountain and proposed site for Devastate "Bravo" at Marble Mountain Air Facility.

(4) Landshark "Bravo" returned from Operation Red Snapper at 1900H, 25 October.

s. 26 Oct:

(1) Devastate "Bravo" changed from hydraulic antenna drive to electric antenna drive.

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t. 28 Oct:

(1) Squadron on condition 1 from 0115 to sunrise.

(2) General Electric team returned from Chu Lai; Electric drive system installed in AN/TPQ-10.

u. 29 Oct:

(1) Fourteen men, recently joined, fired the M-14 for familiarization.

v. 30 Oct:

(1) Lifesaver 6 visited Landshark "Alpha" from 1400-1500H.

w. 31 Oct:

(1) Electric antenna drive installed in system A-6 and A-17 at Pleiku.

3. NARRATIVE SUMMARIES

a. ADMINISTRATION

(1) During the month of October ten persons were promoted to LCpl and four to Cpl. Nine marines rotated to CONUS and two departed on emergency leave. Three officers and sixteen enlisted attached from MASS-3 were given PCS orders to 1st Marine Air Wing on 1 October. On 10 October, six officers and thirty enlisted personnel joined the squadron from MASS-3 for the Chu Lai DASC.

(2) Major CUNNINGHAM received his temporary promotion to LtCol. effective 22 September 1965.

(3) One NJP was held during October.

(4) All quotas for the R&R program have been filled with one to Hong Kong, four to Bangkok and fifteen to Okinawa.

b. INTELLIGENCE

(1) The OIC and NCOIC of intelligence played an active role not only in acquiring intelligence information, but also disseminating it to the squadron. Daily briefings at Wing G-2 represent the acquisition phase, while weekly intelligence meetings for both Officers/Staff NCO's and enlisted personnel afford the intelligence officer an opportunity to

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c. OPERATIONS

(4) At 0400 22 October 1965, Landshark "Bravo" departed 2nd Bn. 3rd Marines area as part of a motorized convoy to participate in Operation Red Snapper. Landshark "Bravo" consisted of one MK-87 radio jeep, one officer and one enlisted driver/operator. Convoy arrived at the operation area at 0645 on 23 October and Landshark "Bravo" was on the air on the TAC and TAD-1 at 0725. During the course of the operation, Landshark "Bravo" received helo requests from Bn. A10, (Oldfield 14), Bn. CO, and Bn. S-4. These requests were passed to Landshark at DaNang for relay to the appropriate agency. Approximately fifteen such requests were handled during the operation. At 1650 on 23 October Landshark "Bravo" HF capability went down and used 2/3 communication vehicle (MK-83) to send traffic. Departed 2/3 C.P. site at 1645 on 25 October and arrived at MASS-2 area 2045.

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d. LOGISTICS, INCLUDING SERVICES, SUPPLY AND MOTOR TRANSPORT

(1) The major logistic problem in MASS-2 continues to be excessive maintenance and repair turn around time. The intolerable delay can be directly attributed to transportation problems encountered in moving deadlined equipment to and from the DaNang maintenance site. Of equal importance is the lack of required repair parts once the deadlined equipment is received. Lengthy maintenance time places a severe handicap on the ASRTS located at Chu Lai and Pleiku as they are involved in almost continuous operations, and do not maintain an extensive organic repair capability. Maintenance standdown time at these operating sites must be kept to an absolute minimum to ensure equipment availability on short notice. The Pleiku ASRT is further limited by the lack of a hydrogen generator to support its rawinsonde meteorological unit. A hydrogen generator has been requisitioned from protected stocks, NSO Yokosuka, Japan.

(2) The recent high failure rate of 60 cycle generators has become another major problem area. This equipment is used extensively as a source of power for DASC communications and camp lighting. In the proposed squadron displacement to the new Third Marine Division C.P., five 60 cycle generators will be required to operate simultaneously in three locations. With the current deadlining of this equipment, only three generators operating, movement by echelon will not be possible.

(3) Clothing issue stocks are estimated to be 30% complete with major shortages occurring in fast moving, popular sizes. Detachments at Chu Lai and Pleiku have been included in computing clothing stock levels.

e. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

(1) The calibration team from FSR did not have sufficient equipment, to calibrate UPS-1G test equipment. Heat and dirt still continue to be a problem in maintaining test equipment.

(2) Both UPS-1G's are still down for transmitter sub-assembly.

(3) Equipment from FSR to this area has been lost or misplaced. One RL-31 and one PU-499 shipped from FSR hasn't been received as yet. Tracer action has been initiated.

(4) Communications Electronics equipment in this squadron has been increased by the addition of 3-MRC-87's, 10-GRC-48's, 2-AN/TRC-75's and 1-PRC-41.

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f. NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL DEFENSE

(1) The squadron conducted two combination ground and NBC defense drills in October. During these drills all personnel were directed to their assigned ground defense positions with weapon, individual equipment, and M-17 field protective masks. Principal directions of fire were assigned to each position, and each defense position has one individual responsible for the acquisition and distribution of ammunition. It is noted that the ground defense procedures for this squadron are indential to those of passive air defense.

(2) The squadron armory received a total of 20 additional M-14 rifles to meet the increase in the number of squadron personnel. In addition three M-60 machine guns were acquired, as well as two .45 caliber pistols on a temporary loan from Marine Wing Headquarters Group 1.


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