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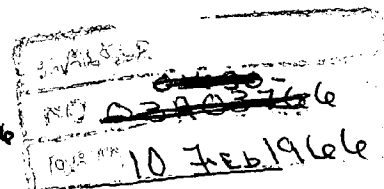
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 (b) MCO 5750.2
 (c) ForceO 3121.1B
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1. Organizational Data

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 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN.
- (3) Devastate Charlie - AN/TPQ-10 system #6 located at Chu Lai, RVN
- (4) Devastate Delta - AN/TPQ-10 system #14 located at Quang Ngai, RVN
- (5) Landshark - DASC located at 3rd Marine Division Command Post, Danang, RVN.
- (6) Landshark Alpha - DASC located at Chu Lai, RVN

b. Period Covered: 1 January through 31 January, 1966

c. Commanding Officer: LtCol R.W. SHEPPE
 Executive Officer: Maj J.R. EDDY
 Operations Officer: Capt E.L. BROWN
 Landshark OIC: Capt J.J. DEENEY
 Landshark A OIC: Capt G.R. PRESCOTT
 Devastate A OIC: First Lieutenant F.H. KOS
 Devastate B OIC: First Lieutenant F.A. FINIZIO
 Devastate C OIC: First Lieutenant E.J. KORENEK
 Devastate D OIC: First Lieutenant D.C. LECOUNT
 Administrative Officer: Capt S.J. DOHERTY
 Supply Officer: Capt L.D. HARPOLD
 Communications Officer: Capt J. AYERS
 Intelligence Officer: First Lieutenant JUNG YOUNG
 Motor Transport Officer: Capt L.J. MORTON

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d. The average strength of MASS-2 during the month of January was 34 Officers USMC, 158 Enlisted USMC, 2 Enlisted USN, and 1 civilian

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technical representative employed by General Electric.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AS THEY OCCURED CHRONOLOGICALLY:

A. 1 Jan:

(1) Devastate "B" began packing up for move to Marble Mountain Air Facility.

B. 3 Jan:

(1) Condole 9-1, controlled by Devastate, dropped 8 D-2's, 50 to 100 meters from ARVN troops preventing a VC overrun of an outpost. Report of this success came from the 3rd Marine Division ALO.

C. 4 Jan:

(1) Devastate "D" assumed AN/TPQ-10 control of DaNang TAOR while Devastate "B" moves to new location.

D. 5 Jan:

(1) Devastate "B" commenced move.

E. 6 Jan:

(1) 5 Officers from TADC visited Landshark and were briefed.
(2) Devastate "B" system #2 emplaced at Marble Mountain Air Facility.

F. 8 Jan:

(1) General GREEN and party visited Landshark.

G. 9 Jan:

(1) Devastate "B" fully operational. Assumed AN/TPQ-10 control of DaNang TAOR.
(2) Devastate "D" moved to Quang Ngai.

H. 10 Jan:

(1) Mobile DASC departed on Operation MALLARD. Operating successfully at 1645H from An Hoa air strip.
(2) Change of Command ceremony. LtCol R.W. SHEPPE relieved LtCol R.L. CUNNINGHAM JR as DEVASTATE 6. LIFESAVER 6 attended ceremony.

I. 11 Jan:

(1) DEVASTATE 6 and LtCol CUNNINGHAM visited Chu Lai sub-units.
(2) MOMENT 3 and LIFESAVER 6 visited Mobile DASC at An Hoa.

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J. 12 Jan:

- (1) Devastate "D" calibration hop had a 100 meter circular error probability.
- (2) DEVASTATE 6 visited the Mobile DASC at An Hoa.

K. 13 Jan:

- (1) Joint Chief of Staff Study Group visited Landshark to review Air Control procedures.
- (2) Brig Gen DOBSON and party visited Devastate "A".
- (3) LtCol BLAKELEY USMC, and Col DRENN USAF, were briefed on AN/TPQ-10 operations at Devastate "B".

L. 14 Jan:

- (1) VMCJ-1 reported that Devastate "B"s controlled positioning of the F-S photo aircraft was extremely accurate. They anticipate operational exploitation of this control support.

M. 16 Jan:

- (1) Devastate "B" controlled a mission that had large error. Target was in the An Hoa area and two Vietnamese were reported injured. The Mobile DASC coordinated the ensuing medical evacuation. Devastate "B" ceased operations until error can be determined. (see operations narrative below)

N. 17 Jan:

- (1) Devastate "B" calibration shows marked error in AT grid zone 49. AN/TPQ-10 site scheduled for re-survey.
- (2) The Mobile DASC returned from operation MALLARD.
- (3) Devastate "D" mortared by VC troops. No injuries or damage was sustained.

O. 20 Jan:

- (1) DEVASTATE 6 and party attended a briefing on operation DOUBLE EAGLE
- (2) Capt VAN DOREN, S-3 of the 178th Signal Co., USA, visited Devastate "D" for AN/TPQ-10 briefing.
- (3) Damage assessment on a Devastate "A" controlled mission on 16 Jan was received from AFTERGLOW 14. It confirmed 27 VC KIA.
- (4) Re-survey of Devastate "B" completed with no discrepancy noted. Also, Table "2" maintenance checks were without discrepancy.
- (5) Devastate "A" was inspected by 1stMAW CEO inspecting team.

P. 23 Jan:

- (1) DEVASTATE 3 and detachment embarked aboard LST 1167 for operation DOUBLE EAGLE.

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Q. 24 Jan:

(1) LIFESAVER 6 and Col PARKER USAF, the J-3 from Saigon, observed operations at Landshark.

R. 25 Jan:

(1) DEVASTATE 6 departed for Chu Lai to join Devastate detachment afloat.

(2) Devastate "C" ceased operations due to error in controlled missions. Required re-calibration aircraft and mission.

S. 26 Jan:

(1) DEVASTATE 3A attended after-action critique on operation MAILLARD. The Mobile DASC received favorable comments from STAKEOUT 6, SKEPTIC 6, PERMISSION 6, STAKEOUT 14, and MOMENT 3.

T. 27 Jan:

(1) MOMENT 6 visited the DEVASTATE area.

(2) Devastate "B" re-calibration runs reported an average circle probability of 60 meters on three targets. Resumed operations in grid zone 49.

U. 28 Jan:

(1) Airborne DASC initiated from 0852 to 1705H. Utilized only as a radio relay for ground units and not in accordance with set concept of this DASC.

(2) ROSEANN 5 and 6 visited Devastate "B".

V. 31 Jan:

The Mobile DASC was operational in the DOUBLE EAGLE TAOR.

3. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. Administrations:

- (1) One emergency leave
- (2) One two-year extension of enlistment
- (3) Twenty enlisted had rotation date set up one month for early rotation.

(4) There were eleven regular promotions to Corporal (E-4), eleven regular promotions to Lance Corporal (E-3), one regular promotion to Sergeant (E-5), and three regular promotions to Staff Sergeant (E-6).

(5) LtCol R.W. SHEPPE assumed command on 10 January 1966.

(6) Two non-judicial punishments were held.

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C. Operations

(1) Devastate Alpha, located at Chu Lai, controlled the following aircraft during January:

48 - F-4B
3 - F-3E
301 - A-4

Ordinance expended:

8 - D1	236 - D8
110 - D2	1227 - D11
15 - D3	117 - ANM-65

(2) Devastate Bravo, located at Marble Mountain, controlled a mission in Grid Zone 49 that showed a large calibration error. Re-calibration shows error is in the Grid Zone 49 grid lines. Maps of the Grid Zone 49 were relined to coincide with Grid Zone 48. Calibration results using zone 48 grid lines was a CEP of 60 meters. Devastate Bravo has controlled RF8A aircraft on day and night photo missions with exceptional accuracy. Photo aircraft can be used in the calibration of TPQ-10's when other aircraft are not available. The following aircraft were controlled by Devastate Bravo:

80 - F-4B
29 - F-3E
42 - A-4
4 - RF-8A

Ordinance expended:

104 - D1	63 - D8
102 - D2	399 - D11
102 - D3	4 - ANM-65

(3) Devastate Charlie, located at Chu Lai, was ~~down~~ due to aircraft not available for calibration. Recommend RF-8A aircraft be used for calibration.

(4) Devastate Delta, located at Quang Ngai, completed calibration on 12 January 1966 with a CEP of 100 meters. The following aircraft were controlled by Devastate Delta during January:

53 - F-4B
11 - F-3E
40 - A-4
1 - F-57

Ordinance expended:

16 - D1	10 - D8
30 - D2	552 - D11
56 - D3	8 - ANM-65

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(5) Landshark controlled 798 helicopter missions, 263 fixed wing missions, and 213 medical evacuations. Operated in conjunction with operations LONG LANCE, MALLARD, and DOUBLE EAGLE.

(6) Landshark Alpha controlled 645 helicopter missions, 185 fixed wing missions and 73 medical evacuations.

(7) The mobile DASC, Landshark Bravo, controlled 95 helicopter missions, 21 fixed wing missions and 25 medical evacuations during operation MALLARD. Was deployed and operational 31 January on operation DOUBLE EAGLE.

(8) The airborne DASC, Landshark Xray, was airborne 8 hours during operation DOUBLE EAGLE. It was utilized only as a radio relay and not in accordance with set concepts of airborne DASC utilization.

D. Logistics, Including Services, Supply and Motor Transport.

(1) The supply situation within MASS-2 is improving due primarily to the reduction in lead time. The transportation of supplies from MASS-2 to Chu Lai is marginal due to lost shipments and aircraft availability. It has been determined that a courier will accompany all shipments. Significant supply changes since the last report include movement of the supply section from the old squadron CP area at DaNang to the new squadron CP area at Hill 265.

(2) Motor Transport and Generator support is in a critical phase due to the high failure rate of the equipment. This situation is caused by extremely heavy operating schedules and nearly impassable roads. Motor Transport has experienced a great deal of brake failure due primarily to road conditions. Supply support for Motor Transport and Generators continues to improve.

E. Communications

(1) Electronic inspections of detached sub-units were begun by inspecting Detachment Alpha.

(2) Electronics personnel completed AFG-52 training at MAG-16

(3) The GRM-48 storage shelter arrived and will be emplaced shortly.

(4) Calibration difficulties between TPQ-10 and A-4 aircraft test equipments were located and the solution proposed.

(5) Tin roofs were put on three of the four living tents on radio hill and a new Comm-Elect Office was built.

(6) Flood lights were installed on the defensive perimeter.

F. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Defense

(1) The squadron possesses all required equipment and trained personnel for NBC defense.

G. Ground Defense

(1) The Seismic Intrusion recording instruments, expected in January, did not arrive.

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(2) Planned ground defense drills were cancelled due to the large numbers of personnel deployed on DOUBLE EAGLE. The drills are currently planned for February.


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