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✓TAB A- STATISTICAL DATA

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Operations

a. During the month of April operations in the I Corps zone continued at about the same tempo as for the previous month. Slight increases are apparent in the number of fixed-wing, helicopter and Med-Evac missions flown. The total fixed-wing missions for April were 2,220; helicopter totals, exclusive of med-evacs, were 3,997; and an additional total of 981 med-evac missions were recorded. The last week of the month indicated a significant (49%) increase of fixed-wing missions recorded by the DLSC at Dong Ha over the earlier weeks of the month.

b. The Air Support Radar Teams also showed an overall tempo as being similar with the previous month. During the month the three ASRTs conducted 1,326 missions, controlled 1,499 aircraft, and struck 2,523 targets with 2,967.4 tons of ordnance for an average of 1.18 tons per target (TAB A-Part III). Of noteworthy interest, the 3 ASRTs during the month show Devastate "B" as having been 96.5% operationally available, Devastate "C" 91.6% operationally available; and Devastate "D" 93.1% operationally available. These percentages are based on system down-times exclusive of normal maintenance times. The cumulative totals since the ASRTs have been in Vietnam amount to 19,933 missions and 43,844 tons of ordnance dropped.

2. Civic Action. During the month of April the Squadron MedCap program included treatment of 303 Vietnamese of Hoa My hamlet. A new program introduced this month at the Hoa My Primary School was the organization of a Soccer team. Shirts are being provided as well as a coach. Only two hours of instruction in intermediate English was given to five members of the faculty at Hoa My school because this was their vacation period.

3. Supply and Services

a. Supply. Supply support for the AN/TPQ-10 remained satisfactory through the month. The revised maintenance float list was approved. A request was submitted to the Wing Comptroller for the allocation of funds necessary to purchase the newly authorized items.

b. Motor Transport. Although improvemet has been noted, the major factor which burdens the Motor Transport Section is the lack of stock support for certain high usage parts and the inability of Wing support units to provide timely and adequate re-build of 3rd echelon reparable. Continued improvemet should result with the completion of a spare parts room, now under construction which will contain a 30 day stock level of high usage 1st and 2nd echelon repair/spare parts.

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c. Engineer. Support and dependability of the 400 cycle, 45 kw Stewart-Stevenson generators remains marginal. To meet the operational commitments during the month the Headquarters Group was constantly faced with crises. On three different occasions, priority airlift of complete generators to outlying detachments had to be effected to keep the TPQ-10 radars on the air because of the lack of spare parts for the subject generators.

d. Utilities. The squadron utilities section is presently involved in completing a new group level spare-parts issue room for the motor transport shop. With all needed materials now on hand, completion will be accomplished during May 1967. Construction of the squadron mess began during the third week of April by the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion with completion scheduled about 20 May 1967.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 5 Apr. Visited by TADC controllers; briefed by Devastate "B" on ASRT mission and capabilities.
- 7 Apr. MajGen Hochmuth, CG 3rd Marine Division visited the DASC at Phu Bai.
- 8 Apr. Rotation of new TPQ-10 system from Okinawa completed.
- 9 Apr. ASRT (Da Nang) reported a large primary explosion of a suspected VC rocket site at AT 821585.
TPQ-10 system A-3 fully operational at Phu Bai with TPQ-10 system A-6 dismantled for shipment to Okinawa.
- 10 Apr. ASRT (Da Nang) reported a secondary fire upon strike of enemy target at BT 099480.
ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 22 targets hit within A Shau Valley area.
- 11 Apr. ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 12 targets hit within A Shau Valley area.
ASRT (Dong Ha) reported a secondary fire on LZ at XD 897621.
- 12 Apr. ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 5 targets hit in A Shau Valley area.
- 16 Apr. ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 6 targets hit in A Shau Valley area.
MajGen. Hochmuth, CG 3rd Marine Division visited DASC at Phu Bai.
ASRT (Dong Ha) reported a secondary explosion on enemy target at YD 158723.
- 17 Apr. ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 19 targets hit in A Shau Valley area.
- 19 Apr. ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 28 targets hit in A Shau Valley area.
- 22 Apr. ASRT (Da Nang) reported a secondary explosion on enemy position at BT 110310.
- 23 Apr. ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 9 targets hit in A Shau Valley area.
ASRT (Dong Ha) reported a secondary explosion on enemy position at YD 058708.
- 24 Apr. ASRT (Da Nang) reported a secondary explosion on enemy position at BT 173532.
ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 10 targets hit in A Shau Valley area.
- 25 Apr. ASRT (Phu Bai) reported 27 targets hit in A Shau Valley area.

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- 26 Apr. MajGen. Hochmuth visited DASC at Phu Bai.
- 27 Apr. ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 7 targets hit in A Shau Valley area.
- 28 Apr. ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 7 targets hit in A Shau Valley area.
- 29 Apr. ASRT (Da Nang) reported possible secondary explosion on enemy position at BT 035377.
ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 17 targets hit in A Shau Valley area.
- 30 Apr. ASRT (Phu Bai) recorded 18 targets hit in A Shau Valley area.

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1. Direct Air Support Center (DASC)

	Total missions			
	<u>Fixed-Wing</u>	<u>Helo</u>	<u>Med Evac*</u>	<u>Total</u>
DASC Da Nang	622	2092	576	3280
DASC Dong Ha	883	1004	179	2066
DASC Phu Bai	725	901	226	1852
TOTALS	2,220	3,997	981	7,198

* MED EVAC missions are not included in helicopter totals.

2. AIR SUPPORT RADAR TEAMS (ASRTS)

	<u>No. of Missions</u>	<u>No. of Targets</u>	<u>No. A/C Controlled</u>	<u>Tons of Bombs Dropped</u>
ASRT "B" - Da Nang	425	720	444	816.375
ASRT "C" - Phu Bai	343	730	413	682.250
ASRT "D" - Dong Ha	558	1073	642	1468.750
TOTALS	1,326	2,523	1,499	2967.375

Target Coverage = $\frac{2967 \text{ tons}}{2523 \text{ targets}}$ = 1.18 tons/target

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