

MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 2  
Marine Air Control Group 18  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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**ENCLOSURE (1)**

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January thru 31 January

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. COMMAND AND STAFF (1-31 January unless shown otherwise)
- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Commanding Officer     | LtCol J. M. JOHNSON Jr.                 |
| Executive Officer      | LtCol D. S. TWINING                     |
| Administrative Officer | Lt T. R. KOLB                           |
| Operations Officer     | Maj D. R. HORN                          |
| Services Officer       | Capt J. W. STONE                        |
| Comm-Elect Officer     | Lt D. F. PHILLIPS                       |
| Supply Officer         | Capt R. H. CRICHE                       |
| OIC Detachment 1       | LtCol D. S. TWINING (1-2 January 1968)  |
|                        | LtCol G. HARLAN Jr. (3-31 January 1968) |
| OIC Detachment 2       | Capt J. K. TAYLOR (1-14 January 1968)   |
|                        | Capt J. C. WEARE (15-31 January 1968)   |
| OIC DASC Detachment 1  | Capt A. D. GLAD                         |
| OIC DASC Detachment 2  | Capt J. C. WEARE                        |
| OIC ASRT "A"           | Lt T. J. ZENS                           |
| OIC ASRT "B"           | Lt J. D. HOWELL II                      |
| OIC ASRT "C"           | Lt J. J. MINION                         |
2. LOCATION
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| a. <u>Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (-)</u> | Da Nang, RVN  |
| b. <u>Detachment 1</u>                      | Dong Ha, RVN in direct support of the 3rd Marine Division       |
| Direct Air Support Center                   |   |
| Air Support Radar Team "A"                  |   |
| Air Support Radar Team "B"                  |   |
| c. <u>Detachment 2</u>                      | Phu Bai, RVN in direct support of the 1st Marine Division (FWD) |
| Direct Air Support Center                   |   |
| Air Support Radar Team "C"                  |   |
3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>TECH REP</u>
35	195	2	0

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a. Direct Air Support Centers (DASC) operations for the month of January showed an increase over the previous month. The DASCs controlled 4882 missions of which 2877 were fixed wing and 2005 helicopter missions with 394 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations. MASS-2 Detachments supported the following operations: Detachment 1 - operations Scotland, Lancaster, Lancaster II, Osceola, Osceola II, Kentucky, Fortress Attack, Badger Catch and Napoleon; Detachment 2 operation Badger Tooth. Additionally, ARVN operations Lam Son 179 and 183, were supported by Detachment 2. MASS-2 operated an Airborne DASC in support of the 26th Marines at Khe Sahn on 22 and 23 January flying three (3) sorties consisting of 31 flight hours.

b. Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT) conducted 2009 missions, controlled 2760 aircraft, delivering 12,013,385 pounds of bombs on 2274 targets. Three new squadron records were established for aggregate ASRT performance in one month: 2009 missions (old record 2000), aircraft controlled 2760 (old record 2287) and dropped 6006.693 tons of bombs (old record 5627.375).

2. Supply. A review of present stocks was conducted and a schedule for disposing of excesses has been established. TR tubes for the radar subsection of the radar course directing central AN/TPQ-10 remain a high usage item for which replenishment has been a critical problem.

3. Motor Transport. The lack of sufficient MOS 3500 personnel to support the squadron headquarters and its two detachments continues to be a problem. Consequently, vehicle repair has been delayed and some administrative deadlining of vehicles because of the driver shortage was required.

4. Utilities. During the month the utilities section continued working on camp maintenance and improvement projects of which twentyeight were completed.

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- 11 January ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YDL47744, one (1) secondary explosion at YD328385 and three (3) secondary explosions at YDL11743.  
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported three (3) secondary explosions at YD086764.
- 12 January ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported five (5) large secondary explosions and three (3) secondary fires at YD086764.  
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YDL77758.
- 14 January DASC (Phu Bai) visited by MajGen ANDERSON, MajGen ROBERTSON and BrigGen LA HUE for the purpose of DASC orientation.
- 18 January ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported five (5) secondary explosions at YD075646 and one (1) secondary explosions at YD078643.
- 19 January DASC (Dong Ha) visited by MajGen METZGER and BrigGen GLICK.  
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD250797.
- 20 January ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions and three (3) secondary fires at YD245858, two (2) secondary explosions at YD228870 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD250858.
- 21 January DASC (Dong Ha) visited by MajGen TOMPKINS and MajGen ANDERSON.
- 22 January DASC (Airborne) activated this date.  
ASRT "B" reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD273760 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD244855.
- 24 January DASC (Dong Ha) visited by BrigGen KELLER.
- 25 January DASC (Dong Ha) visited by BrigGen ANDERSON.
- 27 January ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD277522 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD275516.
- 29 January DASC (Phu Bai) visited by BrigGen LA HUE.  
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary fire at YD086746.  
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported four (4) secondary explosions at YD068772, five (5) secondary explosions and one (1) large fire at YD068773 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD071750.

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30 January DASC (Phu Bai) visited by Gen KENNEDY U.S. Army for briefing on DASC operations.  
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD073705.

31 January DASC (Phu Bai) visited by BrigGen LA HUE.

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CONFIDENTIALTAB A STATISTICAL DATA FOR JANUARY 19681. Direct Air Support Centers (DASC)

	Total missions			Total
	Fixed-Wing	Helo	Med Evacs*	
DASC Dong Ha	1557	832	191	2580
DASC Phu Bai	1214	779	203	2196
DASC Airborne	106	0	0	106
TOTALS	2877	1611	394	4882

\* MED EVAC missions are NOT included in helicopter totals.

2. Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT)

	No. of Missions	No. of Targets	No. A/C Controlled	Tons of Bombs Dropped
ASRT "A" - Dong Ha	702	728	999	2174.378
ASRT "B" - Dong Ha	729	734	1083	2323.240
ASRT "C" - Phu Bai	578	812	678	1509.075
TOTALS	2009	2274	2760	6006.693

Target Coverage =  $\frac{6006.693 \text{ Tons}}{2274 \text{ Targets}}$  = 2.642 tons/targets

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