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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February thru 29 February

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. COMMAND AND STAFF (1-29 February unless shown otherwise)
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|------------------------|---|
| Commanding Officer | LtCol John M. JOHNSON Jr. |
| Executive Officer | LtCol David S. TWINING |
| Administrative Officer | Lt Theodore R. KOLB (1-7 February 1968) |
| | Lt John R. CUSACK (12-29 February 1968) |
| Operations Officer | Maj Denis R. HORN |
| Services Officer | Capt John W. STONE |
| Comm-Elect Officer | Lt Donald F. PHILLIPS |
| Supply Officer | Capt Richard H. CRICHE |
| OIC Detachment 1 | LtCol Gale HARLAN |
| OIC Detachment 2 | Capt John C. WEARE |
| OIC DASC Detachment 1 | Capt Andrew D. GLAD |
| OIC DASC Detachment 2 | Capt Richard A. DUNCAN |
| OIC ASRT "A" | Lt Thomas J. ZENS |
| OIC ASRT "B" | Lt Jack D. HOWELL II |
| OIC ASRT "C" | Lt Julian 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 REF</u>
33	196	2	2

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a. Direct Air Support Centers (DASC) operations for the month of February showed a decrease from the previous month. The DASC controlled 3119 missions of which 1033 were fixed wing and 1664 helicopter missions with 422 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations. Included in these figures are 77 helicopter sorties controlled in support of the 26th Marines at Khe Sahn.

b. Operations supported by MASS-2 were as follows: Detachment 1 - operations Kentucky, Fortress Attack, Napoleon, Saline, Lancaster II, Osceola II, Badger Catch, and Scotland; Detachment 2 - operations Hue City and Houston.

c. Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT) conducted 2261 missions, controlled 2335 aircraft, delivering 13,448,020 pounds of bombs on 2389 targets. 53 of these missions were in support of the 26th Marines at Khe Sahn. Three new squadron records were established for aggregate ASRT performance in one month; 2261 missions (old record 2009), aircraft controlled 3335 (old record 2760) and dropped 6724.010 tons of bombs (old record 6006.693). Also, two new individual monthly performance ASRT records were established: ASRT "A" - 789 missions (old record 785) and aircraft controlled 1278 (old record 1085).

2. Supply

a. Supply processed a total of 266 requisitions. Of those processed, 216 were handled by direct issues from stock while the remaining were placed on requisition from outside sources.

b. A supply contact team visited Detachment - 2 at Phu Bai to examine the supply situation there and conduct a complete inventory of detachment equipment.

3. Motor Transport. During the past month there were four (4) quarterly and three (3) annual PM's performed on motor vehicles. Total mileage was 12,491 miles. Total cargo hauled was 96½ short tons and the total passengers carried was 6,302.

4. Utilities. The utilities section continued its program of general repair and improvement in the squadron area.

5. Ground Defense. Since initiation of the "TET" offensive by insurgent (Viet Cong) and North Vietnamese forces, ground defense has been given increasing emphasis at the DaNang Headquarters of this squadron. During the month of February the average man day commitment to ground defense at DaNang increased by 125 percent, from eight (8) to eighteen (18), with up to a Thirty-two (32) man day commitment on certain days.

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- 3 February ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported twelve (12) secondary explosions and four (4) secondary fires at YD110770, also, four (4) large secondary explosions and four (4) secondary fires at at YD099756.
- 4 February DASC (Dong Ha) visited by BrigGen STARBURG (Army), MajGen MURRAY (USMC), Gen LIMAVALLE (USAF).
ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported three (3) secondary explosions at YD237826 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD095754.
- 6 February DASC (Dong Ha) visited by LtGen KRULAK (USMC).
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported four (4) secondary explosions at YD057664.
- 7 February ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD143801.
- 9 February ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD078863.
- 11 February ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD078639 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD078642.
- 13 February DASC (Phu Bai) visited by BrigGen LAHUE (USMC).
- 14 February ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD224790.
- 16 February DASC (Phu Bai) visited by BrigGen LAHUE (USMC) and BrigGen ANDERSON (USMC).
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD058674.
- 21 February DASC (Dong Ha) visited by Gen FLANAGAN (Army) and BrigGen HOFFMAN (USMC).
- 23 February ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) large secondary explosion at YD099740.
- 25 February ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD126797.
- 26 February ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD074767.
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD104775.

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27 February ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD241862, YD240862, and YD237862, also one (1) secondary explosion at YD141735 and one (1) large secondary explosion at YD138735.

28 February DASC (Dong Ha) visited by MajGen ANDERSON (USMC). ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD186816 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD186817.

29 February ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD122797.

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TAB A STATISTICAL DATA FOR FEBRUARY 1968

1. Direct Air Support Centers (DASC)

	<u>Fixed - Wing</u>			<u>Helo</u>			<u>Med Evacs *</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	
DASC Dong Ha	499	8	0	811	105	0	154	0	0	1577
DASC Phu Bai	526	0	0	668	80	0	268	0	0	1542
TOTALS	1025	8	0	1479	185	0	422	0	0	3119

* MED EVAC missions are NOT included in helicopter totals.

2. Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT)

	<u>No. of Missions</u>			<u>No. of Targets</u>			<u>No. A/C Controlled</u>			<u>Tons of Bombs Dropped</u>		
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>
ASRT "A" - Dong Ha	564	136	89	562	135	93	747	299	232	1548.130	796.968	320.789
ASRT "B" - Dong Ha	575	106	104	560	105	109	705	207	260	1598.799	385.626	381.388
ASRT "C" - Phu Bai	677	7	3	815	7	3	756	17	12	1643.912	30.728	17.670
TOTALS	1816	249	196	1937	247	205	2208	523	604	4790.841	1213.322	719.847

Target Coverage = $\frac{6724.010 \text{ Tons}}{2389 \text{ Targets}}$ = 2.815 tons/targets

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