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Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group 18
 (2) Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
 (3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May thru 31 May

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Commanding Officer
 Executive Officer
 Administrative Officer
 Operations Officer
 Services Officer
 Comm-Elect Officer
 Supply Officer
 OIC, Detachment 1
 OIC, Detachment 2
 OIC, DASC Detachment 1
 OIC, DASC Detachment 2
 OIC, ASRT "B"
 OIC, ASRT "C"
 OIC, ASRT "D"

LtCol John M. JOHNSON Jr.
 Maj Edward J. DAHY III
 Lt John R. CUSACK
 Capt John C. WEARE
 Capt John W. STONE
 Maj Denis R. HORN
 Lt Thomas J. GALIA
 LtCol Gale HARLAN
 Maj Denis R. HORN
 Capt Andrew D. GLAD
 Capt Michael S. SHIMLEY
 Lt Thomas J. ZENS
 Lt Julian J. MINION
 Capt Kenneth M. GARDNER

2. LOCATIONa. Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (-)Da Nang RVNb. Detachment 1

Direct Air Support Center
 Air Support Radar Team "A" *
 Air Support Radar Team "B"
 Air Support Radar Team "D"

Dong Ha/Camp Carroll, RVN
 in direct support of the
 3rd Marine Division

c. Detachment 2

Direct Air Support Center
 Air Support Radar Team "C"

Phu Bai, RVN in direct
 support of the 1st
 Marine Division (FWD)

*System A-12 turned over to MASS-3 on
 24 May 1968

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC
OFF	ENL
43	201

USN
ENL
2

OTHER
TECH REP
3

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a. Direct Air Support Centers (DASC) operations for the month of May showed an increase from the previous month. The DASCs controlled 5669 missions of which 3161 were fixed wing and 2508 helicopter missions with 618 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations.

b. Operations supported by MASS-2 were as follows: Detachment 1 operations Scotland, Lancaster II, Kentucky VI, Napoleon/Saline, Scotland II and Rice; Detachment 2 operations Samurai VI, Houston, Carantan II, Tennessee Grove, Delaware/Lam Son 216, Jeb Stuart III and Nevada Eagle.

c. Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT) conducted 1309 missions, controlled 1662 aircraft, delivering 8,687,365 pounds of bombs on 1467 targets.

d. ASRT "A" (system A-12) was turned over to Marine Air Support Squadron 3 on 24 May 1968.

e. As of 31 May MASS-2 AN/TPQ-10 system operation hours were as follows:

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SINCE REHAB</u>	<u>MAY APR 68</u>
*ASRT "A" (A-12)	19,352	14,818	540
ASRT "B" (A-7)	19,372	12,868	740
ASRT "C" (A-3)	13,176	9,858	744
ASRT "D" (A-8)	4,935	879	674

*Through 23 May 1968.

2. Supply

a. During the month of May several new procedures were initiated to improve supply responsiveness to the squadron. This will include all priority O2 requisitions being called directly to Supply from the detachments. This procedure will facilitate a one hour disposition of all priority O2 requisitions. In order to facilitate the reconciliation of outstanding MASS-2 detachment requisitions, Supply will record on the back of the original DD 1348 the following:

- (1) Both document numbers so they can be matched.
- (2) Explanation for any cancellations which in many cases will

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include the document number of a previous requisition.

(3) The priority and current status of the prior requisition.

b. A total of two hundred and thirty-two (232) incoming requisitions were processed during the month of May. One hundred and fifty-five (155) were filled from stock. The remainder were put on order through the Marine Corps Supply System.

3. Motor Transport. MASS-2 motor vehicles logged a total of 11,772 miles transporting 5385 personnel and 85 tons of cargo.

4. Utilities. During the past month the Utilities Section undertook and completed twenty-four (24) projects.

5. Civic Action. During May MASS-2 held six (6) MEDCAPS treating a total of three hundred and ninety (390) people. MASS-2 personnel have spent several evenings each week teaching English at the Phuoc Thanh Orphanage. The squadron is currently working on a project to aid an enlisted man's parents in adopting a Vietnamese child.

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1 May DASC at (Phu Bai) visited by Brig. Gen. WEBSTER, USMC.

3 May ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 581182.
ASRT "D" (Camp Carroll) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 260658.

4 May ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 485167.
ASRT "D" (Camp Carroll) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 251797.

5 May ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 225815.
ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 866200.
ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 179693.

6 May ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported four (4) secondary explosions at YD 868204.

8 May ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YC 929957.
ASRT "D" (Camp Carroll) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 221838 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD 244785.

10 May ASRT "D" (Camp Carroll) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 245785 and one (1) secondary fire at YD 247806.
ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported five (5) secondary explosions at YD 588155.

11 May ASRT "D" (Camp Carroll) reported one (1) secondary fire at YD 125731.

12 May ASRT "D" (Camp Carroll) reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 861429.

13 May ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YC 901945.

15 May ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 247833.

16 May ASRT "B" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 168800 and one secondary explosion at YD 241829 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD 220806.

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17 May ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported three (3) secondary explosions at YD 223801 and two (2) secondary explosions at YD 243821.

19 May ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 206843 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD 143790.

20 May ASRT "D" (Camp Carroll) reported three (3) secondary explosions at YD 235806 and one (1) secondary fire at YD 226830.

21 May ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 156886.
ASRT "D" (Camp Carroll) reported three (3) secondary explosions at YD 238370.

23 May ASRT "C" (Phu Bai) reported one (1) secondary explosion at ZC 202976.

24 May ASRT "A" (Dong Ha) system (A-12) turned over to MASS-3.

27 May ASRT "D" (Camp Carroll) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 043773.

29 May ASRT "D" (Camp Carroll) reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 222860.

31 May DASC (Phu Bai) visited by Maj.Gen. DRAKE and Brig. Gen. WEBSTER.

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TAB A STATISTICAL DATA FOR MAY 1968

1. Direct Air Support Center (DASC)

	Fixed-Wing				Total missions Helo				Med Evacs *				Total
	USMC	USAF	USN	USA	USMC	USAF	USN	USA	USMC	USAF	USN	USA	
DASC Dong Ha	997	298	53	424	1184	0	0	10	400	0	0	0	3366
DASC Phu Bai	1046	51	0	292	695	0	0	1	218	0	0	0	2303
TOTALS	2043	349	53	716	1879	0	0	11	618	0	0	0	5669

* 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		
	USMC	USAF	USN	USMC	USAF	USN	USMC	USAF	USN	USMC	USAF	USN
ASRT "A" - Dong Ha	126	10	3	138	10	3	146	20	4	448.305	38.755	10.950
ASRT "B" - Dong Ha	250	21	36	240	18	34	296	39	91	858.059	81.175	126.425
ASRT "C" - Phu Bai	482	32	0	633	44	0	545	70	0	1,374.658	152.490	0
ASRT "D" - Camp Carroll	298	25	26	298	23	26	333	50	68	1,018.180	130.095	104.630
TOTAL	1,156	88	65	1,309	95	63	1,320	179	163	3,699.202	402.515	242.005

Target Coverage = $\frac{4,343.722 \text{ tons}}{1467 \text{ Targets}}$ = 2.96 tons/targets

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