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 Marine Air Control Group 18  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September thru 30 September

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. COMMAND AND STAFF

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>PERIOD COVERED</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>
Commanding Officer	1-30 Sep 1968	Maj Edward J. DAHY III
Executive Officer	1-30 Sep 1968	Maj George N. ALLERTON
Administrative Officer	1-30 Sep 1968	1stLt John R. CUSACK
Operations Officer	1-30 Sep 1968	Capt John C. WEARE
Services Officer	1-30 Sep 1968	Capt Andrew D. GLAD
Comm-Elect Officer	1-15 Sep 1968	1stLt Peter P. COCONIS
Comm-Elect Officer	16-30 Sep 1968	Capt Frank MANN Jr.
OIC, Detachment 1	1-15 Sep 1968	LtCol Don L. YELEK
OIC, Detachment 1	16-30 Sep 1968	Maj Richard W. BEASON
OIC, Detachment 2	1-15 Sep 1968	Maj Richard W. BEASON
OIC, Detachment 2	16-30 Sep 1968	Capt Frank MANN Jr.
OIC, DASC, Detachment 1	1-30 Sep 1968	Capt Thomas L. JONES
OIC, DASC, Detachment 2	1-10 Sep 1968	Capt Michael S. SHIRLEY
OIC, ASRT Camp Carroll "A"	1-30 Sep 1968	1stLt Robert C. LISTER
OIC, ASRT Camp Carroll "B"	1-30 Sep 1968	Capt Daryl D. DALRYMPLE
OIC, ASRT Phu Bai	1-30 Sep 1968	1stLt William R. MACHETH
OIC, ASRT Veghel	1-9 Sep 1968	1stLt Thomas J. ZENS

2. LOCATION

a. <u>Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (-)</u>	<u>Da Nang RVN</u>
b. <u>Detachment 1</u> Direct Air Support Center Camp Carroll "A" Air Support Radar Team Camp Carroll "B" Air Support Radar Team	Dong Ha/Camp Carroll, RVN in support of the 3rd Marine Division
c. <u>Detachment 2</u> Direct Air Support Center (1-10 Sep) Phu Bai Air Support Radar Team Veghel Air Support Radar Team (1-9 Sep)	Phu Bai, RVN in support of 1st Marine Division (FWD) - LZ Veghel, RVN in support of XXIV Corps

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

MAR OFF    MAR ENL  
39            215

NAV OFF    NAV ENL  
0             3

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TECH REP  
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4. MajGen SHAFFER, USA, XXIV Corps G-5 visited Dong Ha DASC on 29 September.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Operations

a. Direct Air Support Center (DASC) operations for the month of September indicated a total of 2330 missions controlled of which 1171 were fixed wing and 1159 helicopter missions with 193 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations.

b. DASC operational statistics reflect a significant decrease from the previous month due to the Phu Bai DASC being disestablished on 10 September. As a result of the expansion of the XXIV Corps area and the current movement of USMC ground forces from the Phu Bai area a valid requirement no longer existed at Phu Bai for a USMC DASC.

c. Air Support Radar Team (ASRT) operations indicated a statistical decrease from the previous month. The ASRTs controlled 1030 missions, 1293 aircraft, delivered 5,935,720 pounds of bombs on 1083 targets.

d. Operations supported by MASS-2 were as follows: Detachment 1 - Operations Lancaster II, Kentucky, Napoleon/Saline II, Scotland II, High Rise and Lam Son 267; Detachment 2 - Operations Nevada Eagle, JEB Stuart III and Houston.

e. Phu Bai DASC personnel and equipment assets have been redistributed within the squadron. The ASRT at Phu Bai remains in place and is primarily supporting XXIV Corps. XXIV Corps targets are passed to the ASRT by USAF DASC "V". The ASRT has the capability to receive targets from the DANANG DASC to support the northern portion of the 1st Marine Division TAOR.

f. On 9 September, while being displaced from LZ Veghel to Dong Ha by GH-53, the AN/TPQ-10 system A-7 shelter was dropped into 30 feet of water in the Gulf of Tonkin 11½ nautical miles NNW of Phu Bai at YD 825340. The cause of the mishap was a broken sling. The shelter was not recovered.

g. Detachment 1 officers and enlisted men completed the move into a new detachment area at Dong Ha on 30 September. The move will permit the consolidation of all Dong Ha personnel in one area for the first time. The Communication-Electronics section will displace from Phu Bai to the new detachment area at Dong Ha as soon as practicable.

h. As of 30 September MASS-2 AN/TPQ-10 system operation hours were as follows:

	Total	Since REHAB	Sep 68
Camp Carroll ASRT "A" (A-8)	7484	3619	660
Camp Carroll ASRT "B" (A-2)	16907	1196	144
Phu Bai ASRT (A-3)	15935	15570	666

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- 1 Sep Phu Bai ASRT reported one (1) secondary fire at each of the following coordinates: YC 925987; YC 889989; ZC 136967; AT 800981.  
Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary fire at YD 191870.
- 4 Sep Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported two (2) secondary fires at XD 843410.
- 8 Sep Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary explosion at XD 995753.
- 9 Sep AN/TPQ-10 System A-7 Shelter dropped from CH-53 into 30 feet of water in the Gulf of Tonkin while being displaced from LZ Veghel to Dong Ha.  
Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 090775.
- 10 Sep Phu Bai DASC disestablished.
- 15 Sep Camp Carroll ASRT "B" reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 965868.
- 16 Sep Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary explosion at XD 893458.
- 17 Sep Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported three (3) secondary fires at XD 845392.
- 19 Sep Phu Bai ASRT reported one (1) secondary fire at YC 991970.  
Camp Carroll ASRT "B" reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 254801; two (2) Killed By Air (KBA) at YD 259803; and one (1) secondary fire at XD 910645.
- 23 Sep Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary explosion at XD 857621.
- 25 Sep Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 216816.
- 28 Sep Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 23088723.
- 29 Sep Camp Carroll ASRT "B" reported one (1) secondary fire at YD 897676.

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30 Sep Dong Ha (Detachment 1) personnel relocated in new detachment area Dong Ha.

1-30 Sep Squadron total IFR sorties ASRT controlled 255.  
Squadron total VFR sorties ASRT controlled 1038.

Supply. During September the Supply section processed a total of 315 incoming requisitions.

Motor Transport. MASS-2 motor vehicles logged a total of 8,298 miles transporting 1992 personnel and hauling 32 short tons of cargo in support of the command post and outlying detachments.

Utilities. The Utilities section received and completed nine major work requests during the month. These included repair work to Command Post structures which were damaged by a typhoon on 6 September.

Civic Action. The squadron held 10 MEDCAPS during September treating 1090 people. Penicillin was utilized to combat infections and 2080 bars of soap were distributed to patients. Material was donated to the village of Hoa Phat to enhance defensive positions. This included 1000 sandbags, 100 metal stakes and a truckload of barbed wire. MASS-2 personnel continue to conduct English classes at the Phuoc Thanh Orphanage several evenings each week.

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TAB A STATISTICAL DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 1968

1. Direct Air Support Centers (DASC)

	<u>Fixed-Wing</u>				<u>Total missions</u>				<u>Med Evacs*</u>				<u>Total</u>
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>	
DASC Dong Ha	569	188	Ø	320	785	Ø	Ø	Ø	166	Ø	Ø	Ø	2028
DASC Phu Bai	50	10	Ø	34	180	Ø	Ø	1	27	Ø	Ø	Ø	302
TOTALS	619	198	Ø	354	965	Ø	Ø	1	193	Ø	Ø	Ø	2330

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

2. Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT)

	<u>No. of</u>			<u>No. of</u>			<u>No. A/C</u>			<u>Tons of</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 Camp Carroll "A"	455	59	12	463	64	13	522	114	33	1250.920	246.565	72.390
ASRT Camp Carroll "B"	195	11	13	196	11	12	226	22	34	506.990	45.195	62.415
ASRT Phu Bai	233	42	3	263	50	3	248	81	3	621.950	123.770	23.085
ASRT Yeghel	4	3	Ø	2	6	Ø	4	6	Ø	5.740	8.840	Ø
TOTALS	887	115	28	924	131	28	1000	223	70	2385.600	424.370	157.890

Target Coverage =  $\frac{2967.860}{1083} = 2.740$  tons/targets

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