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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November through 30 November

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<u>BULLET</u>	<u>PERIOD COVERED</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>
Commanding Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	Maj Edward J. DAHY III
Executive Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	Maj Donald H. CORMACK
Administrative Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	1stLt John R. CUSACK
Operations Officer	1-23 Nov 1968	Maj George N. ALLERTON
Operations Officer	24-30 Nov 1968	Capt Michael S. SHIRLEY
Services Officer	1-23 Nov 1968	1stLt Michael R. OSBORN
Services Officer	24-30 Nov 1968	1stLt Jerome M. CHASE
Comm-Elect Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	Maj Frank MANN Jr.
OIC, Detachment 1	1-30 Nov 1968	Maj Eugene H. TRESMOTT
OIC, DASC Detachment 1	1-30 Nov 1968	Capt James E. HURT
OIC, Camp Carroll ASRT "A"/ Dong Ha ASRT	1-30 Nov 1968	1stLt Robert C. LISTER
OIC, Camp Carroll ASRT "B"	1-15 Nov 1968	1stLt George L. BREWER
OIC, Camp Carroll ASRT "B"	16-30 Nov 1968	1stLt Theodore T. BEAN
OIC, Phu Bai ASRT/Da Nang ASRT "C"	1-14 Nov 1968	1stLt William R. MACBETH
OIC, Phu Bai ASRT/Da Nang ASRT "C"	15-30 Nov 1968	Capt John H. STERLING

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 Air Support Radar Team "A"/ Dong Ha Air Support Radar Team Camp Carroll Air Support Radar Team "B"	<u>Dong Ha/Camp Carroll,</u> RVN in support of the 3rd Marine Division
c. Phu Bai Air Support Radar Team/ Da Nang Air Support Radar Team "C"	Phu Bai, RVN in support of XXIV Corps/Da Nang RVN in support of 1st Marine Division

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>MAR OFF</u>	<u>MAR ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
37	218	0	2	<u>TECH REP</u>
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a. Direct Air Support Center (DASC) operations for the month of November indicated a slight decrease from the previous month. The DASC controlled 2329 missions of which 1391 were fixed wing and 786 were helicopter missions with 152 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations.

b. Air Support Radar Team (ASRT) operations indicated a slight decrease also from the previous month. The ASRT controlled 1028 missions, 1513 aircraft, delivered 7,344,915 pounds of bombs on 1072 targets.

c. Operations supported by MASS-2 were as follows: Detachment 1 - Operations Lancaster II, Kentucky, Napoleon/Saline II, Dawson River, Scotland II; Phu Bai ASRT - Nevada Eagle; Da Nang ASRT "C" - Meade River.

d. On 19 November 1968 Phu Bai ASRT (A-3) displaced to Hill 55 to support the 1st MAR DIV in Operation Meade River. This ASRT is now designated Da Nang ASRT "C". Da Nang ASRT "C" was operational on 22 November 1968.

e. On 25 November 1968 MASS-2 learned that 3rd Marine Regiment would leave Camp Carroll by 1 December 1968. Due to Camp Carroll ASRTs A and B position to the perimeter it was decided to displace Camp Carroll "B" to the 3rd MAR COC bunker as soon as possible. Camp Carroll ASRT "A" displaced to Dong Ha on 26 November 1968. Dong Ha ASRT was operational on 28 November 1968.

f. As of 30 November 1968 MASS-2 AN/TPQ system operations hours were as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Since REHAB</u>	<u>Nov 68</u>
Camp Carroll ASRT (A-2)	18048	2337	699
Dong Ha ASRT (A-8)	8838	4973	626
Da Nang ASRT "C" (A-3)	17219	16854	560
MACG-18 Maintenance Float	21732	17198	0

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2 Nov Phu Bai reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 855035

7 Nov Camp Carroll ASRT "B" reported two (2) secondary explosions at XD 9516

15 Nov Phu Bai ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at AT 29259315

17 Nov Camp Carroll ASRT "B" reported three (3) secondary explosions at XD 796624

18 Nov Phu Bai ASRT displaced to Hill 55

19 Nov Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary fire at XD 928232

21 Nov Camp Carroll ASRT "B" reported five (5) secondary fires at YD 033284

22 Nov Da Nang ASRT "C" operational

24 Nov Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 105283

24 Nov Camp Carroll ASRT "B" reported two (2) secondary explosions and two (2) secondary fires at XD 881577

26 Nov Displaced Camp Carroll ASRT "A" to Dong Ha

28 Nov Dong Ha ASRT operational

1-30 Nov Squadron total IFR sorties ASRT controlled 23.  
Squadron total VFR sorties ASRT controlled 1080.

Supply. During November the Supply Section processed 267 incoming requisitions.

Motor Transport. MASS-2 Motor Transport logged in a total of 13113 miles. Of these, 1712 were rough rider convoys carrying approximately 62 tons of supplies to our northern detachments. The Phu Bai ASRT was also moved from Phu Bai to Hill 55 by Motor Transport, using 1 M38A2, 2 M35A1, 3 M35A1s and 1 M52A2 to accomplish this mission.

Utilities. During the past month the Utilities Section built two new hooches to relocate the Services and Security Sections. Major construction was done through out the area, such as doors and screens put on where required, and repair of boardwalks through out the area.

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1-30 Nov Civic Action. The Civic Action Team worked on two (2) projects, the MEDCAP and the Vegetable Garden Program. The team held five (5) MEDCAPs and treated approximately 120 people during the month amounting to a total of 220 treatments. Eleven farmers planted vegetable gardens with the assistance of the MASS-2 Civic Action Team and Chinese agricultural experts working through the DaNang COORDS office. One orphan boy, already on a General WALT Scholarship, was given a bicycle so he could get to and from school.

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TAB A STATISTICAL DATA FOR NOVEMBER 1968

1. Direct Air Support Center (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>Helo</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	821	173	6	391	785	∅	∅	1	152	∅	∅	∅	2329

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 Camp Carroll "A"	185	5	67	191	6	75	220	8	148	667.285	17.170	282.210
ASRT Dong Ha	9	1	1	9	1	1	15	2	2	28.140	2.280	2.280
ASRT Camp Carroll "B"	235	9	76	236	9	82	290	19	173	803.082	35.160	113.680
ASRT Phu Bai	228	7	61	233	7	66	283	11	137	683.555	21.400	285.980
ASRT DaNang "C"	138	4	2	150	4	2	192	7	6	437.370	13.795	12.540
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>2619.432</b>	<b>89.805</b>	<b>696.690</b>

Target Coverage =  $\frac{3305.927}{1072} = 3.084$  tons/targets

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