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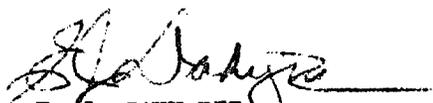
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December through 31 December

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<u>BILLET</u>	<u>PERIOD COVERED</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>
Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	Maj Edward J. DAHY III
Executive Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	Maj Donald H. CORMACK
Administrative Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	1stLt Carl W. ATKINSON Jr.
Operations Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	Capt Michael S. SHIRLEY
Services Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	1stLt Jerome M. CHASE
Comm-Elect Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	Maj Frank MANN Jr.
OIC, Detachment 1	1-31 Dec 1968	Maj Eugene H. TRESOTT
OIC, DASC Dong Ha	1-12 Dec 1968	Capt James E. BURT
OIC, DASC Dong Ha	13-31 Dec 1968	Capt Jeffery W. TAYLOR
OIC, DASC An Hoa	11-31 Dec 1968	Capt Tommy C. BEAVERS
OIC, ASRT Dong Ha	1-7 Dec 1968	1stLt Robert C. LISTER
OIC, ASRT Dong Ha	8-31 Dec 1968	1stLt Michael F. NEWCOMB
OIC, ASRT Camp Carroll B/ Vandegrift	1-31 Dec 1968	1stLt Theodore T. BEAN
OIC, ASRT DaNang C	1-31 Dec 1968	Capt John H. STERLING

2. LOCATION

a. <u>Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (-)</u>	<u>DaNang RVN</u>
b. <u>Detachment 1</u> Direct Air Support Center Dong Ha Air Support Radar Team Vandegrift Air Support Radar Team	Dong Ha/Vandegrift, RVN in support of the 3rd Marine Division
c. <u>DaNang Air Support Radar Team "C"</u>	DaNang RVN in support of the 1st Marine Division
d. <u>An Hoa Direct Air Support Center</u>	An Hoa, RVN in support of the 1st Marine Division (Task Force "Y")

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>MAR OFF</u>	<u>MAR ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
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a. Dong Ha DASC on 5 Dec 1968:

- 1. MajGen WHEELOCK, Army MACV Staff
- 2. BGen CARNEY, ADC 3rd Div

b. An Hoa DASC on 12 Dec 1968:

- 1. BGen DWYER, CG Task Force "Y"
- 2. BGen HILL, Asst 1stMAW CG
- Col NICHOLS, Chief of Staff Task Force "Y"
- LtCol JACKSON, Executive Officer MACG-18
- Maj HUGHES, S-3 MACG-18

c. An Hoa DASC on 13 Dec 1968:

- 1. BGen DWYER, CG Task Force "Y"
- 2. Col NICHOLS, Chief of Staff Task Force "Y"

d. An Hoa DASC on 14 Dec 1968:

- 1. BGen HILL, Asst 1stMAW CG
- 2. Col CHAPMAN, USAF

e. An Hoa DASC on 25 Dec 1968:

- 1. BGen HILL, Asst 1stMAW CG
- 2. BGen DWYER, CG Task Force "Y"

f. Dong Ha DASC on 31 Dec 1968:

- 1. Col REECE, 7AF
- 2. LtCol ZABAIK, Waterboy
- 3. LtCol SLACK, V DASC

g. An Hoa DASC on 31 Dec 1968:

- 1. BGen HILL, Asst 1stMAW CG
- 2. BGen DWYER, CG Task Force "Y"

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a. Direct Air Support Center (DASC) operations for the month of December indicated an increase from the previous month. The DASCs controlled 3447 missions of which 1807 were fixed wing and 1640 were helicopter missions with 325 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations.

b. Air Support Radar Team (ASRT) operations indicated a decrease from the previous month. The ASRTs controlled 730 missions, 931 aircraft, delivered 4,665,430 pounds of bombs on 1072 targets.

c. Operations supported by MASS-2 were as follows: Detachment 1 - Operations Napoleon/Saline II, Kentucky, Scotland II, Dawson River and Marshall Mountain; DaNang ASRT "C" - Operations Taylor Common and Meade River; An Hoa DASC - Operation Taylor Common.

d. At 1930 4 December 1968, Camp Carroll "B" ASRT secured operations for move. On 8 December 1968, TPQ-10 system and team equipment was helo lifted to Vandegrift Combat Base in preparation for the move to Signal Hill. On 19-20 December 1968 the TPQ-10 system and remaining team equipment was helo lifted to Signal Hill. On 21 December 1968, the erection of the antenna was completed and the site survey completed. Vandegrift ASRT became operational after a successful calibration hop on 24 December 1968. They were unable to run a cal hop before the 24th due to bad weather.

e. On 8 December 1968, MASS-2 Comm Section moved the radios out to An Hoa and at 1300 on 11 December 1968 An Hoa DASC was operational.

f. On 12 December 1968, DaNang ASRT "C" dropped the 1st MK-121 in support of Task Force "Y".

g. As of 31 December 1968, MASS-2 AN/TPQ-10 system operations hours were as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Since REIAB</u>	<u>Dec 68</u>
Dong Ha ASRT (A-8)	9485	5620	647
Vandegrift ASRT (A-2)	18298	2587	250
DaNang ASRT "C" (A-3)	17939	17574	720

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1 Dec Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary fire at YD 017366

2 Dec Camp Carroll ASRT reported one (1) secondary fire at
XD 945583

4 Dec Camp Carroll ASRT "down" for move

10 Dec Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at
XD 948642

11 Dec An Hoa DASC operational

12 Dec DaNang ASRT "C" dropped 1st MK-121

18 Dec DaNang ASRT "C" reported one (1) secondary explosion at
AT 842591
Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at
YD 236357

19 Dec Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary fire at XD 897625

24 Dec Vandegrift ASRT operational

27 Dec Vandegrift ASRT reported two (2) secondary fires at
YD 283404

30 Dec Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at
YD 217307

31 Dec DaNang ASRT "C" reported one (1) secondary explosion at
ZC 087376

1-31 Dec Squadron total IFR sorties ASRT controlled 3.
Squadron total VFR sorties ASRT controlled 724.

Motor Transport. MASS-2 Motor Transport logged in a
total of 12,707 miles. Of these, 917 miles were rough
rider convoys carrying approximately 55 tons of supplies
to detachments.

Supply. During the month of December, MASS-2 Supply
Section handled a total of 363 incoming requisitions.

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1-31 Dec

Utilities. During the month of December, the Utilities Section built one new hooch in the CP area and 3 hooches at Hill 55. Rewiring of the DaNang CP was completed along with other minor camp construction projects.

Civic Action. This month MACG-18 created a Group Civic Action Section. Lt PASKERT, MASS-2's Civic Action was selected to become Group Civic Action Officer and he was transferred to MACG-18. Since his departure MASS-2's Civic Action program has been limited to MEDCAPs.

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TAB A STATISTICAL DATA FOR DECEMBER 1968

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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>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	763	245	2	338	877	4	1	∅	160	∅	∅	∅	2330
DASC An Hoa	420	35	∅	4	430	∅	∅	3	225	∅	∅	∅	1117
TOTALS	1183	280	2	342	1307	4	1	3	325	∅	∅	∅	3447

*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>AUST</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>AUST</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>AUST</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>AUST</u>
ASRT Dong Ha	225	7	56	1	220	8	59	1	250	14	121	1	650.830	28.800	290.425	2.460
ASRT Camp Carroll	26	∅	2	∅	25	∅	1	∅	29	∅	4	∅	62.510	∅	4.560	∅
ASRT Vandegrift	38	1	1	∅	39	1	1	∅	45	2	4	∅	147.360	4.560	3.420	∅
ASRT DaNang "C"	357	7	9	∅	389	12	9	∅	425	12	24	∅	1045.710	4.034	4.674	∅
TOTALS	646	15	68	1	673	21	70	1	749	28	153	1	1906.410	37.394	303.079	2.460

Target Coverage = $\frac{2249.343}{765} = 2.940$ tons/targets

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