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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February through 28 February

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<u>BULLET</u>	<u>PERIOD COVERED</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>
Commanding Officer	1-28 Feb 1969	LtCol Robert A. FULLER
Executive Officer	1-28 Feb 1969	Maj Charles H. MANAZIR
Administrative Officer	1-28 Feb 1969	1stLt Carl W. ATKINSON Jr.
Operations Officer	1-28 Feb 1969	Capt Michael S. SHIRLEY
Services Officer	1-28 Feb 1969	1stLt Jerome M. CHASE
Comm-Elect Officer	1-28 Feb 1969	Maj Frank MANN Jr.
OIC, Detachment 1	1-28 Feb 1969	Maj Eugene H. TRESMOTT
OIC, DASC Dong Ha	1-28 Feb 1969	Capt Michael R. OSBORN
OIC, DASC Vandegrift	1-28 Feb 1969	Capt John H. STEELING
OIC, ASRT Dong Ha	1-28 Feb 1969	Capt Jon G. JONZ
OIC, ASRT Vandegrift	1-28 Feb 1969	1stLt Theodore T. BEAN
OIC, ASRT DaNang "C"/ ASRT Cunningham	1-28 Feb 1969	Capt Tommy C. BEAVERS

2. LOCATION

a. <u>Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (-)</u>	<u>Da Nang RVN</u>
b. <u>Detachment 1</u> Direct Air Support Center Dong Ha Air Support Radar Team	Dong Ha RVN in support of the 3rd Marine Division
c. <u>Vandegrift</u> Direct Air Support Center Vandegrift Air Support Radar Team	Vandegrift RVN in support of Task Force Hotel.
d. <u>DaNang Air Support Radar Team "C"/</u> <u>Cunningham Air Support Radar Team</u>	DaNang RVN in support of the 1st Marine Division/Cunningham RVN in support of the 3rd 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>
<u>1</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>TECH REP</u>
				<u>1</u>

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a. Direct Air Support Center (DASC) operations for the month of February indicated an increase for the third consecutive month. The DASC's controlled 4790 missions of which 2030 were fixed wing and 2140 were helicopter missions with 506 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations.

b. Air Support Radar Team (ASRT) operations indicated a slight increase again. Although fewer missions were flown and fewer targets hit, there was an increase in the number of aircraft controlled and the amount of ordnance dropped. The ASRT's controlled 815 missions, 1165 aircraft, and delivered 5,575,050 pounds of bombs on 851 targets.

c. Operations supported by MASS-2 were as follows: Detachment 1 - Operations Marshall Mountain, Kentucky, Scotland II and Dewey Canyon; Vandegrift - Operations Marshall Mountain, Kentucky, Scotland II and Dewey Canyon; DaNang ASRT "C" - Operation Taylor Common; and Gunningham ASRT - Operations Marshall Mountain, Kentucky, Scotland II and Dewey Canyon.

d. On the 5th thru the 8th of February, Vandegrift ASRT ran the first ASRT controlled paratroop resupply missions to troops in the field under combat conditions. The drops were made from CH-56's and KC-130's. The drops were very successful, with over 80% of the loads being recovered.

e. On 14 February, DaNang "C" secured operations to move to Fire Support Base Gunningham. The team was moved from Hill 55 on the 16th and 17th. The Gunningham ASRT became operational on 26 February.

f. Through accurate pinpoint bombing, Dong Ha ASRT helped 3rd AMTRACK Bn from being over-run on 23 February, running 1 bird every 13 minutes for 2 hours and 13 minutes and dropping 69,000 pounds.

g. As of 28 February 1969, MASS-2 AN/TPQ-10 system operations hours were as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Since REHAB</u>	<u>Feb 69</u>
Dong Ha ASRT (A-8)	10809	6944	632
Vandegrift ASRT (A-2)	18862	2784	564
Gunningham ASRT (A-3)	19140	18775	529

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- 5 Feb 1st ASRT controlled paradrop resupply mission to troops in the field under actual combat conditions run by Vandegrift ASRT. Vandegrift ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at XD 230573.
- 12 Feb Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at XD 053000.
- 14 Feb 1st ASRT "C" secured operations for move to Fire Support Bn Cunningham.
- 18 Feb Dong Ha ASRT reported four (4) secondary explosions at XD 227287 and three (3) secondary explosions and one (1) secondary fire at XD 111058.
- 19 Feb Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at XD 223062.
- 20 Feb Vandegrift ASRT reported two (2) secondary fires at XD 118068.
Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at XD 217082.
- 23 Feb Dong Ha ASRT reported two (2) secondary fires and explosions at XD 238118.
One (1) aircraft was run every 10 minutes for 2 hours and 10 minutes by Dong Ha ASRT while dropping 69,000 pounds of bombs to prevent 3rd AMTRAC Bn from being over run.
- 25 Feb Vandegrift ASRT reported two (2) secondary fires at XD 680619 and one (1) secondary explosion at XD 810565.
- 26 Feb Cunningham ASRT became operational.
- 1 - 28 Feb Squadron total IFR sorties ASRT controlled 704.
Squadron total VFR sorties ASRT controlled 31.

Motor Transport. During the month of February MASS-2 Motor Transport logged in a total of 11,005 miles. Of these, 1,216 miles were rough rider convoys carrying approximately 32 tons of supplies to our outlying detachments.

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1 - 28 Feb

Supply. MASS-2 Supply processed a total of 136 incoming requisitions during February.

Utilities. During February the Utilities section finished the new Armory in the CP and other minor construction projects.

Civic Action. MASS-2 Civic Action held only two (2) meetings this month because of the TET offensive.
A total of 324 friends were treated.

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TAB A STATISTICAL DATA FOR FEBRUARY 1969

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	1672	198	133	101	836	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	2399
DASC Vandegrift	759	265	31	121	732	0	0	66	417	0	0	0	2391
TOTAL	1831	463	134	222	1568	0	0	66	506	0	0	0	4790

* 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	AUST	USMC	USAF	USN	AUST	USMC	USAF	USN	AUST	USMC	USAF	USN	AUST
ASRT Dong Ha	201	9	67	1	207	8	75	2	263	16	146	1	699.250	29.050	275.500	3.500
ASRT Vandegrift	232	12	103	7	253	10	92	0	294	26	199	0	854.325	43.625	374.250	0
ASRT DaNang "C"	142	11	9	0	172	16	12	0	166	21	19	0	421.625	48.800	37.000	0
ASRT Cunningham	9	2	0	0	10	2	0	0	9	2	0	0	5.600	4.500	0	0
TOTAL	604	34	176	1	619	36	186	2	735	65	364	1	1970.800	115.975	686.750	3.500

Target Coverage = $\frac{2878.525}{843} = 3.415$ tons/targetsCONFIDENTIAL
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