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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. March through 31. March 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. COMMAND AND STAFF

<u>BULLET</u>	<u>PERIOD COVERED</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>
Commanding Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	LtCol Robert A. SUMNER
Executive Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	Maj Charles E. MANAZIR
Administrative Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	1stLt Carl W. ATKINSON Jr.
Operations Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	Capt Michael S. SHIRLEY
Services Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	1stLt Jerome M. CHASE
Comm-Elect Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	Maj Frank MANN Jr.
OIC, Detachment 1	1-31 Mar 1969	Maj Eugene H. FRESCOTT
OIC, BASC Dong Ha	1-31 Mar 1969	Capt Michael R. OSBORN
OIC, BASC Vandegrift	1-31 Mar 1969	Capt John H. STERLING
OIC, ASRT Dong Ha	1-31 Mar 1969	Capt Jon G. JONZ
OIC, ASRT Dong Ha	1-31 Mar 1969	Capt Tommy G. BEAVES
OIC, ASRT Vandegrift	1-31 Mar 1969	1stLt Carl R. MCCLAIN
OIC, ASRT Birmingham	1-31 Mar 1969	Capt Tommy G. BEAVES
OIC, ASRT Birmingham	1-31 Mar 1969	Capt Jon G. JONZ

2. LOCATION

a. <u>Marine Air Support Squadron 1 (-)</u>	<u>DaNang RVN</u>
b. <u>Detachment 1</u> <u>Direct Air Support Center</u> <u>Dong Ha Air Support Radar Team</u>	<u>Dong Ha RVN in support</u> <u>of the 3rd Marine Division</u>
c. <u>Vandegrift</u> <u>Direct Air Support Center</u> <u>Vandegrift Air Support Radar Team</u>	<u>Vandegrift RVN in support</u> <u>of Task Force Hotel</u>
d. <u>Birmingham Air Support Radar Team</u>	<u>Birmingham RVN in support of</u> <u>3rd Marine Division</u>
e. <u>Birmingham Air Support Radar Team</u>	<u>Birmingham RVN in support of</u> <u>3rd Marine Division and 101st</u> <u>Airborne Division</u>

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>MAR OFF</u>	<u>MAR ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
75	189	8	2	<u>TECH REP</u>
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4. Important Visitors

✓ MajGen QUILTER, Commanding General 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and party visited the Vandegrift ASBT on 25 March 1969.

✓ Col SLAY, Chief of Staff and Maj MAJESKI, Headquarters Commandant of Task Force Hotel; and Col DARRON, Commanding Officer of 9th Marines visited Vandegrift ASBT on 26 March 1969.

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a. Direct Air Support Center (DASC) operations for the month of March showed a statistical increase for the 4th consecutive month. The DASC's controlled 5544 missions of which 2022 were fixed wing and 3562 were helicopter missions with 464 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations.

b. Air Support Radar Team (ASRT) operations indicated a decrease this month. The ASRT's controlled 712 missions, 989 aircraft, and delivered 4,619,500 pounds of ordnance on 739 targets.

c. Operations supported by MASS-2 were as follows: Dong Ha and Vandegrift -- Dewey Canyon, Purple Martin and Maine Crag; Cunningham ASRT -- Dewey Canyon.

d. On 1 March, Vandegrift ASRT controlled a TPQ-10 run that resulted in a confirmed kill of an active 50 caliber position.

e. At 1515 on 11 March Cunningham ASRT received word to bear down for the move to Dong Ha. Between 1130 and 1500 on 15 March, Cunningham ASRT was attracted in the midst of sniper fire, incoming mortars and artillery. On 19 March, Cunningham ASRT moved to FSB Birmingham, from Dong Ha. The personnel from Dong Ha ASRT took the set to FSB Birmingham and personnel from Cunningham remained with Dong Ha ASRT. Birmingham ASRT will support operation Massachusetts Striker, a 101st Airborne Division operation in the southern Achar Valley.

f. As of 31 March 1969, MASS-2 AN/TPQ-10 system operations hours were as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Since RHIA8</u>	<u>Mar 69</u>
Dong Ha ASRT (A-6)	1113.4	751.9	605
Vandegrift ASRT (A-2)	191.56	334.2	558
Cunningham/Birmingham ASRT (A-3)	1931.3	1894.8	173

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 Mar Vandegrift ASRT reported one (1) active 50 caliber position destroyed.
- 3 Mar Gunningham ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at XD 283947.
- 8 Mar Vandegrift ASRT reported six (6) secondary explosions in a bunker complex at XD 346198 and one (1) secondary explosion at XD 273191.
- 11 Mar Gunningham ASRT received word to tear down for move.
- 15 Mar Gunningham ASRT extracted.
- 19 Mar Gunningham ASRT moved to FSB Birmingham.
- 20 Mar Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary mine at XD 047504.
- 22 Mar Vandegrift ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at XD 812630 and three (3) secondary explosion at XD 963567.
- 27 Mar Dong Ha ASRT reported two (2) secondary explosions on an active army place at XD 812642.
- 31 Mar Squadron total VFL sorties ASRT controlled 629.
Squadron total LER sorties ASRT controlled 29.

Motor Transport. From 1 March, MASS-2 Motor Transport has logged in a total of 12,068 miles. Of these, 1,069 miles were rough rider convoys carrying approximately 60 tons of supplies to our northern detachments.

Utilities. During the past month utilities section tore down the ASRT bunker at Hill 55 and started to build a new shower for the enlisted personnel of MASS-2 and MASS-3 along with other minor camp construction projects.

Supply. During March, the Supply section handled a total of 321 incoming requisitions.

Civic Action. MASS-2 conducted no Civic Action projects during the month of March.

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TAB A STATISTICAL DATA FOR MARCH 1969

1. Direct Air Support Center (DASC)

	Fixed Wing				Total Missions				Med Evacs*				Total
	USMC	USAF	USN	USA	USMC	USAF	USN	USA	USMC	USAF	USN	USA	
DASC Dong Ha	1268	91	158	121	884	0	0	7	124	0	0	1	2656
DASC Vandegrift	1135	296	37	92	984	0	0	145	331	0	0	8	3028
TOTAL	2403	387	195	213	1868	0	0	152	455	0	0	9	5684

* 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 Incorporated		
	USMC	USAF	USN	USMC	USAF	USN	USMC	USAF	USN	USMC	USAF	USN
ASRT Dong Ha	227	4	70	244	5	73	282	8	123	713.000	31.250	220.750
ASRT Vandegrift	264	5	61	264	6	74	223	0	179	917.075	15.000	264.375
ASRT Cunningham	51	2	8	59	7	9	55	0	16	114.500	9.000	21.000
TOTAL	542	11	139	567	18	156	560	21	318	1744.575	55.250	506.125

Target Coverage = $\frac{2309.750}{739} = 3.126$ tons/targets

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