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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July through 31 July 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA~~CONFIDENTIAL~~1. COMMAND AND STAFF

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>PERIOD COVERED</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>
Commanding Officer	1-31 July 1969	LtCol Robert A. FULLER
Executive Officer	1-13 July 1969	Maj Eugene H. TRESKOTT
Executive Officer	14-31 July 1969	Maj Marvin L. CROWDIS
Administration Officer	1-31 July 1969	1stLt Richard L. SCHUHLER
Operations Officer	1-31 July 1969	Capt John H. STERLING
Services Officer	1-31 July 1969	Capt James E. BURT
Comm-Elect Officer	1-31 July 1969	Maj Frank MANN Jr.
OIC, Detachment 1	1-15 July 1969	Capt Orrie G. MONTGOMERY
OIC, Detachment 1	16-31 July 1969	1stLt Ronald L. HOFER
OIC, DASC Dong Ha	1-31 July 1969	Maj Herbert F. SAEGER
OIC, HDC Vandegrift	1-13 July 1969	Maj Marvin L. CROWDIS
OIC, HDC Vandegrift	14-31 July 1969	Maj Richard B. SCIBECK
OIC, ASRT Dong Ha	1-31 July 1969	Capt Jon G. JONZ
OIC, ASRT Vandegrift	1-31 July 1969	1stLt Earl L. BAILEY
OIC, ASRT Birmingham	1-31 July 1969	1stLt Phillip M. MARRIE

2. LOCATION

a. <u>Marine Air Support Squadron (-)</u>	<u>Dong Ha, RVN</u>
b. <u>Detachment 1</u> Motor Transport Supply	<u>Da Nang, RVN</u>
c. <u>Vandegrift</u> Helicopter Direction Center Air Support Radar Team	<u>Vandegrift, RVN</u> in support of 3rd MAR DIV and 2nd ARVN's
d. <u>Birmingham Air Support Radar Team</u>	<u>FSB Birmingham, RVN</u> in support of the 101st Airborne Division

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>MAR OFF</u>	<u>MAR ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>	<u>OTHER TECH REP</u>
47	180	0	2	0

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a. MACG-18 Commanding Officer Col FRIS and his successor, Col DUNWIDDIE, visited Dong Ha DASC, Vandegrift HDC and Birmingham ASRT on 16 July 1969.

b. Commanding General of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, MGen THRASH, and Assistant Wing Commander BGen SPANJER, visited Dong Ha DASC, Vandegrift HDC and Vandegrift ASRT on 25 July 1969.

c. MACG-18 Commanding Officer, Col. DUNWIDDIE, and Assistant Wing Commander BGen SPANJER visited the MASS-2 Command Post in Dong Ha on 31 July 1969.

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~1. Operations

a. Direct Air Support Center (DASC) operations for the month of July indicated a slight decrease from last month. The DASC and HDC controlled 4619 missions of which 2419 were fixed wing missions and 2200 were helicopter missions with 441 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations.

b. Air Support Radar Team (ASRT) operations for the month of July also indicated a slight decrease from last month. The ASRT's controlled 600 missions, 882 aircraft, and delivered 3,724,000 pounds of bombs on 641 enemy targets.

c. Operations supported by MASS-2 during July were as follows: Iroquois Grove, Williams Glade, Arlington Canyon, Georgia Tar, Idaho Canyon, Montgomery Rendezvous, Campbell Streamer, Kentucky Jumper, 2nd ARVN's and the 101st Airborne Division.

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

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Since REHAB</u>	<u>July 69</u>
Dong Ha ASRT (A-8)	14,210	10,345	730
Vandegrift ASRT (A-2)	22,087.5	5,979.5	683.5
Birmingham ASRT (A-3)	21,826.5	21,461.5	733

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(a) Administration - None

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(b) Personnel - None

(c) Command Relationships/Command and Control - As a result of the disestablishment of Task Force Delta on 10 July 1969, a need existed to realign the Marine tactical air control system to be compatible with revisions in the 3rd Marine Division chain of command. As a result Vandegrift DASC was redesignated Vandegrift HDC.

(d) Air Control -

(1) During the month of July MASS-2 ASRT's controlled 538 VFR sorties and 62 IFR sorties.

(2) 8 July - Vandegrift ASRT reported one (1) secondary fire.

(3) 9 July - Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion.

(4) 12 July - Birmingham ASRT reported one (1) secondary fire.

(e) Special Operations - None

(f) Civic Action - None

(g) Ground Defense - None

(h) Training - An exchange program of SAD's and HD's between Dong Ha DASC and TADC was established whereby the officers involved may better understand the specific functions and problems each agency experiences.

(i) Logistics - None

(j) Supply - The MASS-2 Supply section processed 181 incoming requisitions while supplying the MASS-2 CP and Detachments by convoy from Da Nang.

(k) Engineering - None

(l) Maintenance - None

(m) Communications/Electronics - None

(n) Construction - Construction is near completion of the Transport complex at Dong Ha Combat Base.

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(o) Motor Transport - The MASS-2 Motor Transport section logged in a total of 7,686 miles during the month of July. Of this total, 281 miles were rough rider convoys carrying supplies to the squadron CP and Detachments.

(p) Informational Services - None

(q) Casualties - Sgt Maj J. S. STEWART, 916811 USMC, was seriously wounded in a non-combat fragmentation grenade incident on 29 July 1969. He was evacuated to the hospital ship USS Sanctuary for medical care.

(r) Awards - None

(s) Morale and Welfare - None

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(t) Air Defense - None

(u) Base Development and Military Construction - The MASS-2 Utilities section spent the month of July making general repairs and improvements in the Command Post. The construction of a loft in the supply building was completed to add additional warehouse storage space.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~TAB A - STATISTICAL DATA FOR JULY 1969~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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1. Direct Air Support Center (DASC)

	<u>Fixed Wing</u>				<u>Helo</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	1322	150	138	324	815	Ø	Ø	Ø	159	Ø	Ø	2	2910
HLC Vandegrift	312	93	17	63	925	Ø	1	18	272	Ø	1	7	1709
TOTALS	1634	243	155	387	1740	Ø	1	18	431	Ø	1	9	2619

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

2. Air Support Radar Team (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 Dong Ha	144	14	66	152	12	64	178	27	142	471.500	501.000	166.750
ASRT Vandegrift	104	8	51	117	7	50	118	8	126	348.250	15.750	180.250
ASRT Birmingham	179	9	25	203	7	29	217	11	55	542.750	15.750	70.000
TOTALS	427	31	142	472	26	143	513	46	323	1362.500	532.500	417.000

Target Coverage = $\frac{2312.000}{641} = 3.607$ tons/targets

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