

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16
1st MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FMF PACIFIC
FPO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96602

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✓(2) *Daily SITREPS*

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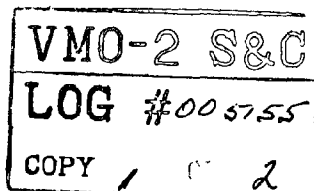
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 MARCH THROUGH 31 MARCH 1967



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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

PART I

1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol. W.F. HARRELL (1-31 Mar)
b. Executive Officer	Major C.G. REDMAN (1-31 Mar)
c. Operations Officer	Major E. REICHERT (1-31 Mar)
d. Material Officer	Major W.D. ANDREWS (1-31 Mar)
e. Administrative Officer	Capt. C.M. BRADLEY (1-31 Mar)
f. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Capt. R.E. BROWN (1-31 Mar)
g. Intelligence Officer	Capt. J.J. RICHARDSON (1-31 Mar)

2. MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16
FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, III MAF
MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, RVN

3. Average monthly strength: 40 Officers, 170 enlisted

4. There were no visitors to the squadron during the reporting period.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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VMO-2 MARCH '67

- 1 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 2 March - While escorting HMM-164 on recon insertions and extractions, 1/Lt. KEEFE, pilot of the lead Huey, along with his co-pilot 1/Lt. NAZARIAN, attempted to conduct an air strike in the vicinity of XD 839219. Heavy enemy ground fire was received and Lt. KEEFE's A/C was hit through the engine and tail rotors. However he was able to make a successful landing and he and his crew were picked up by his wing A/C piloted by 1/Lt. BACCITICH and co-piloted by Capt. TRIMBLE. Lt. KEEFE's A/C had strike damage.
- 3 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 4 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 5 March - 2 Huey gunships were escorting HMM-163 on Med-Evac Escort to YD 685 100 when they received enemy ground fire. The wingman's co-pilot, 1/Lt. ALL-EN received bits of shrapnel wounds in the leg.
- 6 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 7 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 8 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 9 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 10 March- Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 11 March- Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 12 March- Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 13 March- Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 14 March- Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 15 March- While escorting Northbrook A/C, who were extracting a recon team at YD 059672, 1 Huey gunship was hit with .50 cal. fire. 1/Lt. WALLS was wounded in the arm.
- 16 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.
- 17 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

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18 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

19 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

20 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

21 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

22 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

23 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

24 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

25 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

26 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

27 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

28 March - UH-1E on recon flight of Dong Ha TAOR - was struck by an undetermined number of .50 cal. and small arms fire in cockpit and cabin area, incapacitating pilot and flight surgeon, causing aircraft to enter uncontrolled flight and inverted nose down attitude. Aircraft exploded on impact at YD 195 625, and fire resulted. Fire caused 2.75" rkts. and 7.62mm machine gun ammunition to explode, preventing crew of chase aircraft from assisting crew. As a result, the pilot flight surgeon, crew chief and gunner were killed.

29 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

30 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

31 March - Normal flight operations were conducted.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

PART III

1. Personnel

- a. 5 Officers and 7 Enlisted were promoted.
- b. 39 personnel were joined and 15 transferred.

2. Administration

- a. No outstanding administrative problems.

3. Casualties:

a. Lt. C.R. BAKER (USN)	KIA
Capt. J.C. OWENS	KIA
Cpl. P.E. ALBANO	KIA
Pfc. G.M. STEVENSON	KIA
1/Lt. C.T. ALLEN	WIA
1/Lt. R.S. WALLS	WIA
M/Sgt. J.B. ALFORD	WIA
Sgt. F.E. WHITE	WIA
Cpl. D.P. FUGATE	WIA
Cpl. C.P. MADDOCKS	WIA
HMC J.T. GOODWIN (USN)	WIA
HM2 J.W. CALDWELL (USN)	WIA

4. Awards: 42 Air Medals

9. Air Operations:

a. Total Hours Flown:	1020.7
Hours Gunships Flown:	691.3
Hours Slicks Flown:	329.4
b. Number of sorties:	2893
c. Number of medical evacuations:	48
d. Number of passengers carried:	1801

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11. Special Operations: "Prairie III", "Beacon Hill", "Desoto"

17. Ordnance Expended:

a. 7.62mm	156,350 rounds
b. 2.75" rockets	1,581
c. 40mm CTG (M-79)	234

18. Motor Transport:

a. 4 hours of instruction in operation and maintenance of motor transport vehicles was scheduled during the month of March.

b. Truck cargo, 2½ ton, M-35A1, #96-25958 on deadline for rear suspension system. Truck cargo, Personnel Carrier, 3/4 ton, M-677, #94-47345 on deadline for complete wiring harness.

c. Total mileage for March was 4570 miles. Total fuel consumption was 1613.7 gallons, of which 78.1 gallons was mogas. Total oil consumption was 41 quarts.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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VMO-2 SETBACK FOR 1 MARCH 1967

24 HR. STBY: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR "SPARROW HAWK", LAUNCHED AT 1145 FOR ESCORT OF HMM-265. NO FIRE RECEIVED. (MISS. H-3A)

0645/1855H: PROVIDED ONE GUN TO HMM-361 FOR MED EVAC ESCORT THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. FIRE REPORTED FROM AT 929517, NO HITS RECEIVED. (MISS. H-11)

0645/2200H: PROVIDED TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF USE THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. (MISS. H-1&2)

0745/2015H: PROVIDED ONE SLICK FOR C.G. 1ST MAR. DIV. THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. (MISS. H-7A & H-102)

1440/1640H: PROVIDED ONE SLICK FOR RECON OVER FLY. (MISS. H-12E)

VMO-2 PROVIDED FIVE GUNS FOR IT'S PRAIRIE II COMMITMENT AT DONG HA/KHE SANH, AND ONE GUN AND ONE SLICK FOR THE S.L.F. (MISS. H-43)

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 2 MARCH 1967

24 HR. STBY: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR PARROW HAWK, LAUNCHED AT 0220 FOR NIGHT TAOR. NO FIRE RECEIVED. (MISS. H-6)

0725/0935H: ESCORTED HMM-262 ON RECON INSERT. (MISS. H-39)

0655/1855H: PROVIDED ONE GUN FOR MED EVAC ESCORT THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. NO HITS RECEIVED. (MISS. H-11)

0645/2200H: PROVIDED TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF. (MISS. H-1&2)

0745/1700H: PROVIDED ONE SLICK FOR C.G. 1ST MAR. DIV. (MISS. H-7)

VMO-2 PROVIDED FIVE GUNS FOR THE PRAIRIE II COMMITMENT AT DONG HA/KHE SANH ONE A/C WAS SHOT DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF KHE SANH BY A 50 CAL. MACHINE GUN. (MISS. H-28) THE SQUADRON ALSO PROVIDED ONE GUN AND ONE SLICK FOR THE S.L.F.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 3 MARCH 1967

0125/0300H: ONE GUNSHIP FLEW A/O BOP NORTH-EAST OF AN HOA IN SUPPORT OF E/2/1. NO INCIDENTS. (MISS. H-6B)

0715/0945H: TWO GUNSHIPS ESCORTED HMM-265 ON RECON INSERTS AT COORD. AT 879340, AT 837378 AND ZC 175378, AND A RECON EXTRACT FROM AT 837378. NO FIRE. (MISS. H-45)

0730/1215H: MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-361 TO BT 054637 (3/1), TO BT 023289 (3/5), AN HOA (5TH MAR), BT 045644 (3/1), AND BT 068674 (BRAVISA-1). DELIVERED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AT COORD. BT 045644. (MISS. H-11)

1215/1250H: MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-361 TO COORD. BT 056588 AND AT 946697. NO FIRE. (MISS. H-11)

1410/1500H: MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-361 TO ZC 145533, AT 943683, LZ BLUEBIRD, AT 915583, NO FIRE. (MISC. H-11)

1540/1820H: TWO GUNSHIPS ESCORTED HMM-265 ON RECON EXTRACTS FROM COORD. AT 829640, AT 983281 AND ZC 209816. NO FIRE. (MISC. H-44A&B)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VMO-2 RETURNED FOR 4 MARCH 1967

0910/1225H: MED EVAS ESCORT FOR HMM-361. (MISS. H-11 B-K)

0655/0745H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR OPERATION GULF. (MISS. H-46)

1100/1400H: PROVIDED FOUR GUNS FOR OPERATION GULF. (MISS. H-46)

0650/1800H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR SPARROW HAWK, LAUNCHED 1420/1515 TO
AT 830677. (MISS. H-3)

1400/1500H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR RECON INSERTS. (MISS. H-44)

1050/1230H: PROVIDED ONE SLICK FOR MISS. H-49.

0630/2200H: PROVIDED TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF. (MISS. H-1&2)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT BONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 5 MARCH 1967

24 HR. STBY: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR "SPARROW HAWK" STBY. NO REQUIREMENT FOR LAUNCH.

0630/2200H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR III MAF USE THROUGHOUT THE TAOR.
(MISS. H-1&2)

0730/1800H: PROVIDED ONE SLICK FOR C.G. 1ST MAR. DIV. FOR USE THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. NO REQUIREMENT FOR LAUNCH.

0645/1855H: PROVIDED ONE GUN FOR MED EVAC ESCORT TO HMM-361 THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. NO FIRE REPORTED. (MISS. H-11)

1745/1900H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS TO HMM-265 FOR RECON RETRACTS. NO FIRE REPORTED. (MISS. H-43)

VMO-2 SUPPORTED IT'S PRAIRIE II COMMITMENT AT DONG HA/KHE SANH WITH SIX GUNS.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 6 MARCH 1967

0700/1225H: TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF USE. (MISS. H-1A2)

0655/0744H: ONE GUN ESCORTED TARBUSH MED EVAC TO AT 822582. NO INCIDENTS. (MISS. H-11D)

0810/1125H: TWO GUNS FOR ESCORT OF TARBUSH AND PENNANT DAY FOR RECOVERY OF DOWNED H-34 AT BT 055636. (MISS. H-102) ALSO ESCORT OF BONNE SUE FOR RECON INSERT CNX. DUE TO WEATHER. (MISS. H-48)

1200/1430H: ONE SLICK FOR COSAIR 6 USED TO TAKE GENERAL NICKERSON TO LUNCH. USED LATER IN THE AFTERNOON FOR RECON OVERFLY OF AT 9666. (MISS. H-7BAC)

1305/1400H: MED EVAC ESCORT TO G-4 HOSPITAL AND 13TH AIRPORT. (MISS. H-11E) MED EVAC ESCORT TO AT 944692 AND ARVN HOSPITAL. (MISS. H-11H)

1400/1515H: MED EVAC ESCORTS: TO AT 946697 TO ARVN HOSPITAL, TO AT 970620 TO G-4 AND TO AN HOA AND RETURN. (MISS. H-11G, I&F)

1605/1535H: TWO GUNS ATTEMPTED FLIGHT TO DONG HA, CANCELED WX. (MISS. NONE)

1545/1752H: TWO GUNS LAUNCHED ON SPARROW HAWK TO AT 952680. NO INCIDENTS. (MISS. H-3)

1535/1715H: ONE GUN MED EVAC ESCORT TO HILL 55, BT 104582, AT 822382 AND AT 915517. (MISS. H-11J-M)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 7 MARCH 1967

0700/2100H: TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF USE. (MIS. H-142)

0630/1711H: ONE SLICK FOR GEN XNULAK.

0700/1815H: ONE GUN ESCORTED F4M-361 AND EVAC THROUGHOUT THE DAY. NO
ENEMY FIRE ENCOUNTERED. (MIS. H-11)

0720/0910H: TWO GUNS ESCORTED F4M-361 FOR RECON INSERTS. (MIS. H-37)

0910/1240H: TWO GUNS ESCORTED F4M-361 FOR RECON INSERTS AND EXTRACTS.
(MIS. H-38)

1420/1530H: TWO GUNS ESCORTED F4M-361 FOR RECON INSERTS. (MIS. H-37)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND ONE PLANE.

VMG-2 SITREP FOR 8 MARCH 1967

0630/1935H: TWO SLICKS ON NORMAL III MAF VIP HOPS. (MISS. H-1&2)

0700/1125H: TWO GUNS ESCORTED BONNIE SUE ON RECON INSERTS OF BRISBONE.
ZC 31782, FLIP FLOP AT 837827, CIRCUMSTANCE AT 999400. (MISS. H-31)

0855/0918H: ONE GUN ESCORTED HMM-361 ON MED EVAC THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON
THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS: (MISS. H-11 A-K)

1345/1500H: TWO GUNS RECON INSERT AT 999408. (MISS. H-39)

1530/1625H: TWO GUNS, CREW CHANGE FROM DONG HA. (NO MISS. NO.)

VMG-2 HAD FIVE A/C AT DONG HA DURING THIS PERIOD.

OPERATIONAL DISCP. MED EVAC'S.

(A) CLASSIFIED EMERGENCY - WALKING WOUNDED.

(F) EVACUATED BY TRUCK PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF A/C.

(H) EVAC BY OTHER A/C.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 9 MARCH 1967

1. 6 ARMED HUEYS AT DONG HA FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) KHE SANH MED EVAC ESCORT.
- (b) KHE SANH RECON INSERT AND EXTRACT ESCORT.
- (c) DONG HA MED-ESCORT.
- (d) DONG HA RECON INSERT AND EXTRACT ESCORT.

2. 3 SLICKS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) III MAP
- (b) GEN. NICKERSON
- (c) GEN. KRULAK

3. 1 ARMED HUEY FOR:

- (a) DA NANG TAOR MED EVAC ESCORT.

4. TWO ARMED HUEYS FOR:

- (a) RECON INSERT AND EXTRACT EXTRACT ESCORT.
- (b) SPARROW HAWK ESCORT.
- (c) NIGHT TAOR COMB. III STBY.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 9 MARCH 1967

1. 6 ARMED HUEYS AT DONG HA FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 - (a) KHE SANH MED EVAC ESCORT.
 - (b) KHE SANH RECON INSERT AND EXTRACT ESCORT.
 - (c) DONG HA MED-ESCORT.
 - (d) DONG HA RECON INSERT AND EXTRACT ESCORT.
2. 3 SPECIES FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 - (a) III MAF
 - (b) CAPT. NICKERSON
 - (c) CAPT. KESLAK
3. 1 ARMED HUEY FOR:
 - (a) DA NANG TACH MED EVAC ESCORT.
4. TWO ARMED HUEYS FOR:
 - (a) RECON INSERT AND EXTRACT EXTRACT ESCORT.
 - (b) SI ARRON BANK ESCORT.
 - (c) NIGHT TACH COND. III HUEY.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 10 MARCH 1967

0630/1835H: PROVIDED ONE GUN FOR MED EVAC. FIRE RECEIVED AND RETURNED TO THE FOLLOWING COORD.: BT 023608, BT 118490 AND AT 956563. (MISS. H-11 D-E)

1035/1705H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR RECON OVERFLY OF AT 7946. (MISS. H-47A)

1635/1823H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR TROOP LIFT, PREPED ZONE PRIOR TO LANDING. (MISS. H-47)

1600/1800H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR RECON INSERTS AND EXTRACTATIONS. (MISS. H-42)

1320/1405H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR SPAR OW HAWK TO BT 087687. (MISS. H-3)

1750/1830H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR SPARROW HAWK TO ZC 196838. (MISS. H-3B)

0630/2200H: PROVIDED TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF. (MISS. H-1&2) ALSO PROVIDED ONE SLICK FOR MISS. H-44.

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VMO-2 EXTREP FOR 11 MARCH 1967

0630/1855H: PROVIDED ONE GUN FOR MED EVAC. NO FIRE RECEIVED. (MISS. H-11 B-T)

0630/----H: PROVIDED TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF. (MISS. H-1&2)

0745/1120H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR RECON INSERTS AND EXTRACTS. (MISS. H-105)

1000/----H: PROVIDED ONE SLICK FOR MISS. H-7 BAC)

1200/1300H: ONE GUN TO DONG HA FOR CREW CHANGE.

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 12 MARCH 1967

0700/1857H: ONE GUN USED AS HORD EVAC ESCORT THROUGHOUT THE DAY. (MISS. H-21 A-J)

0725/0915H: TWO GUNS FOR RECON INSURE AND RETRACTION ESCORT. RECON TEAM INSERTED AND IMMEDIATELY RETRACTED FROM ZC 205454 DUE TO ENEMY FIRE. BRADLOCK DIRECTED PENGUIN 1-1 AND 1-4. NO RDA. (MISS. H-37)

0930/1630H: ONE SLICK FOR CODE 5 TAOR VIP. (MISS. H-36)

1715/1745H: ONE SLICK TO PICK UP FRANCHISE 5 AT III MAP. FRANCHISE 5 DEPARTED 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO A/C ARRIVAL. A/C WAITED 30 MINUTES BEFORE BEING TOLD TO RETURN TO NMAP. (MISS. H-103)

VMO-2 MAINTAINED SIX A/C AT DONG HA.

VMO-2 ~~STAFF~~ FOR 13 MARCH 1967

0700/1857H: ONE GUN FOR ESCORT OF HMM-361 MED EVAC. (MISS. H-11)

0725/0730/14 TWO GUNS FOR SPARROW HAWK. LAUNCHED ON RECON INSERTS AND EXTRACTS ESCORTING HMM-265. (MISS. H-45)

0930/1630H: ONE SLICK FOR GEN NICKERSON. (MISS. H-7AAB)

1300/W/DH: ONE GUN FOR RELIEF CREW TO DONG HA AND ONE SLICK FOR ADMIN RUN TO DONG HA.

VMO-2 MAINTAINED SIX GUNS AT DONG HA.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 14 MARCH 1967

0700/1855H: ONE GUN FOR ESCORT OF HMM-361 MED EVAC. (MISS. H-11)

0700/1700H: ONE GUN FOR ESCORT OF HMM-163 MED EVAC AT PHU BAI. (MISS. H-14)

0700/W/D 14 MAR.H: ONE SLICK FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL AT PHU BAI-RON. (H-15)

0730/0730 14 MAR.H: TWO GUNS FOR ESCORT OF SPARROW HAWK, RECON INSERTS AND EXTRACTS, REACTION FORCE LIFTS - LAUNCHED ON INSERTS, EXTRACTS AND ASSISTED IN MED EVAC. (MISS. H-3, 6, 29, 34, 35)

0700/1900H: TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF C.G. (MISS. H-1&2)

1030/1200H: ONE SLICK FOR GEN WICKERTON. (MISS. H-7) STBY - LAUNCHED FOR RECON OF 1-1 TAOR WITH BATTALION C.G. (MISS. H-7A)

1530/W/D/0H: ONE GUN FOR CREW RELIEF AND A/C RELIEF TO DONG HA. (MISS. ADMIN)

VMO-2 MAINTAINED SIX GUNS AT DONG HA.

VMO-2 ~~REPORT~~ FOR 15 MARCH 1967

0630/——H: TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF. (MISS. H-1&2)

0225/0305H: TWO GUNS FOR NIGHT TAOR RECON. (MISS. H-6)

0415/0630H: ONE SLICK FOR NIGHT RECON. (MISS. H-101)

0420/0725H: TWO GUNS ESCORTED HMM-265 ON TROOP LIFT. (MISS. H-30&103)

0655/1220H: ONE GUN ON MED EVAC ESCORT. (MISS. H-11)

0745/0845H: TWO GUNS FOR RECON INSERTS AND EXTRACTS. (MISS. H-102&36)

0800/0915H: TWO GUNS IN SUPPORT OF HMM-265 TROOP LIFT. (MISS. H-104)

0940/1108H: TWO GUNS FOR EMERGENCY RECON EXTRACTION. (MISS. H-29)

1100/1225H: TWO GUNS ESCORTING HMM-265 ON SPARROW HAWK. (MISS. H-4)

1100/——H: ONE SLICK FOR GEN NICKERSON. (MISS. H-7A&B)

1255/1425H: TWO GUNS ON ROUTINE INSERTS AND EXTRACTS.

VMO-2 HAD IT'S COMMITMENT AT DONG HA, ONE SLICK REMAINED AT PHU RAI FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL.

VMO-2 PILOT WOUNDED IN ACTION NEAR DONG HA, MED EVACED TO USS REPOSE.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 14 MARCH 1967

0400/0500H: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR SPARROW HAWK STBY. LAUNCHED AT 1040 AND 1710, NO INCIDENTS. (MISS. H-3A)

0630/2100H: PROVIDED TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF USE THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. (MISS. H-142)

0630/1900H: PROVIDED ONE GUN FOR MED EVAC ESCORT TO HMM-361, RECEIVED FIRE FROM BT 007608, NO HITS RECEIVED. (MISS. H-11)

1000/1630H: PROVIDED ONE SLICK FOR C.G. 1ST MAR. DIV. FOR COM. THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. (MISS. H-7A)

1305/1515H: PROVIDED ONE SLICK FOR VIP CODE III. (MISS. H-102)

0730/1900H: PROVIDED ONE SLICK FOR COM USE IN PHU BAI TAOR. (MISS. H-103)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT LONG AND KHE BARR.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 17 MARCH 1967

24 HR. STEY: PROVIDED TWO GUNS FOR SPAROW HAWK STEY. LAUNCHED AT 0845
AND 1530 ON RECON INSERTS AND EXTRACTS. (MISS. H-36)

0630/2100H: PROVIDED TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF C.G. (MISS. H-1&2)

0630/1900H: PROVIDED ONE GUN FOR MED EVAC ESCORT TO HMM-361. (MISS. H-11)

0800/2000H: PROVIDED ONE SLICK FOR C.G. 1ST MAR DIV. (MISS. 7A&B)

1530/1900H: LAUNCHED ONE GUN TO DONG HA FOR CREW AND A/C RELIEF. (ADMIN)

VMO-2 MAINTAINED SIX GUNS AT DONG HA.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 18 MARCH 1967

0630/1900H: MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-361. (MISS. H-11 B-o)

0835/1950H: SLICK FOR GEN. NICKERSON. (MISS. H-7 A-B)

1305/1435H: AERIAL OBSERVATION OF AT 9382. (MISS. H-115)

W/D W/D SLICK AND CHASE FOR GEN WALT. (MISS. H-1&2)

1513/1647H: TWO GUNS ESCORTED HMM-265 FOR P/U OF TROOPS AT AN HOA AT AT 939499 FOR 2/5. (MISS. H-38)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 19 MARCH 1967

0630/1900H: ONE GUN FOR HMM-361 MED EVAC ESCORT. RECEIVED FIRE ON H-11D FROM BT 030022. (MISS. H-11)

0700/20/0715H: TWO GUNS FOR HMM-164 RECON INSERT EXTRACT AND SPARROW HAWK. (MISS. H-42)

W/D W/DH: TWO SLICKS FOR III MAF VIP FLIGHTS. (MISS. H-1&2)

W/D W/DH: ONE SLICK FOR S.L.P. (MISS. H-118)

VMO-2 PROVIDED AIRCRAFT FOR STANDARD DONG HA AND KHE SANH COMMITMENT.

MISSION'S H-7A AND H-67 WERE CANCELLED DUE TO WX.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 20 MARCH 1967

0730/1555H: ONE GUN ESCORTED HMM-361 ON MED EVAC THROUGHOUT THE DAY. (MISS. H-11)

2250/0330H: ONE GUN FOR NIGHT TAOR, TOOK SMALL ARMS FIRE AT 963693, NO DAMAGE. MISS. INCOMPLETE TX. (MISS. H-6)

0725/1400H: TWO GUNS ESCORTED CH-54 FROM KY HA TO BT 1114 AND DA NANG TO THONG DUC. (MISS. H-41)

1010-1045H: TWO GUNS ESCORTED HMM-262 ON RECON INSERT TO BT 034691, NO INCIDENTS. (MISS. H-3)

1300-1632H: ONE SLICK FLEW C&C FOR CORSAIR 6. (MISS. H-7A)

1337/1500H: TWO GUNS FOR ESCORT ON RECON INSERT, CANCELLED TX. (MISS. H-45)

W/D W/DH: TWO SLICKS FLEW REGULAR III MAF HOPS. (MISS. H-1&2)

VMO-2 MAINTAINED FIVE A/C AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 21 MARCH 1967

0610/1630H: REGULAR III MAF VIP HOP'S THROUGHOUT THE DAY. (MISS. H-1&2)

0945/1259H: ONE SLICK FOR MGAN NICKERSON. (MISS. H-7A)

0730/1800H: ONE GUN ESCORTED HMM-361 ON MED EVAC THROUGHOUT THE DAY. (MISS. H-11)

1418/1645H: TWO GUNS ESCORTED HMM-265 FOR RECON INSERT TO ZC 003685. SECOND INSERT ~~CANCEL~~ DUE TO UNSATISFACTORY LZ. NO INCIDENTS. (MISS. H-36)

VMO-2 HAD ITS REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VNO-2 SITREP FOR 22 MARCH 1967

24 HOURS: REGULAR III MAF VIP (MIS- 2 SLICES (MISS 1&2)

0630/2000: 1000 HOURS 1000 HOURS -361 C-119 AIRCRAFT. (MIS H-11)

24 HOURS: TWO GUNSHIP C-119 AIRCRAFT FOR DE BROW HAWK, REACTION FORCE,
RECON. INSERTS/EXTRACTS. (MIS. 30, 101 WERE INCOMPLETED DUE TO VA.
(MIS 3, 6, 29)

1400/1700: 1000 HOURS 1000 HOURS -361 C-119 AIRCRAFT. (MIS 6 TO KY HA. (MIS 7A)

1200/1400: 1000 HOURS 1000 HOURS -361 C-119 AIRCRAFT. (MIS 12)

VNO-2 1000 HOURS 1000 HOURS -361 C-119 AIRCRAFT. (MIS 14TH.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 23 MARCH 1967

24 HOURS: REGULAR III MAF VIP HOPS - 2 SLICKS (MISSION 1&2)

24 HOURS: 2 GUNS ON COMB III FOR SPARROW HAWK, REACTION FORCE ESCORT, AND INSERTS AND RETRACTS. BOTH ESCORTS SCRAMBLED TO ESCORT TAR BUSH MEDEVAC AND TAR BUSH MEDEVAC RECONSTITUTED ON EMERGENCY MEDEVAC MISSION H-11D. AT COMPLETION OF MEDEVAC SPARROW HAWK AIRCRAFT (MISSION #3) FLEW EMERGENCY VISUAL RECON WITH BLACK COAT ONE ABOARD. SPOTTED 12 VC MOVING INTO TRENCH LINE/TRENCH AT AT830517. TOOK UNDER FIRE ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION FROM HUT. 2 HUTS BURNED, 1 DAMAGED. 6 METERS OF TRENCH HIT. WEATHER DURING ENTIRE HOP WAS 800' OVERCAST AND POOR VISIBILITY.

0600-1900: ONE GUN ESCORT FOR TAR BUSH MEDEVAC. MISSIONS H, G, F, L, A, E ALL EMERGENCY MEDEVACS. MISSION O EMERGENCY MEDEVAC. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT850497. MISSION "J" CHASE PICKUP 1 US EMERGENCY WIA FROM SECURE ZONE. (MISSION: H-11A, B, D, E, F, G, H, J, L, O)

1230-1300: PROVIDED SLICK FOR GEN NICKERSON. (MISSION: 7)

0800-W/D: TWO GUNS FOR DONG HA RELIEF. NO FLY WX. (MISSION 45)

VMO-2 REGULAR SIX PLANE COMMITMENTS AT DONG HA/KHE SANH. ONE A/C ENROUTE DA NANG FOR PHU BAI WX.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 24 MARCH 1967

0140-0305: TWO BATTALIONS CONDUCTED NIGHT SUPPORT MISSIONS FOR 2/5 (H-6B)

0700-2100: VMO-2 HAD TWO HUEY SLICKS FLYING VIP MISSIONS FOR III MAF AT III MAF PAD. (H-1&2)

VMO-2 PILOTS AND CREWS UTILIZED SIX ARMED HUEYS SUPPORTING OPERATIONS IN THE DONG HA AREA. NO AFTER ACTIONS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. (H-21,22,20,23,28)

0630-2100: ONE HUEY GUNBIRD SUPPORTED MED VAC MISSIONS A THRU J FOR HMM 361. ENEMY FIRE ENCOUNTERED IN GRID SQUARE AT9360. NO HITS RECEIVED. (H-11A-J)

ONE VMO-2 AIRCRAFT AND CREW WAS ABOARD THE SLP SUPPORTING OPERATIONS IN I CORPS NORTH.

1330-1730: TWO VMO-2 SPARROW HAWK AIRCRAFT FLEW 12 SORTIES, INSERTIONS, RECON TEAMS, AND EXTRACTING ONE IN DANANG TAOE. BWP-264 TOOK FIRE IN ZONE AT ZC0866.

VMO-2 HAS SIX HUEYS IN THE DONG HA AREA AT THIS TIME.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 25 MARCH 1967

24 MARCH 1967

1940/2105H: SPARROWHAWK A/C LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT SPOOKY ON STATION. (MISS. H-44)

2140/2330H: NIGHT TAOR RECON HOP. (MISS. (MISS. H-3))

25 MARCH 24 HR. STBY: REGULAR III MAF VIP HOPS WITH TWO SLICKS. (MISS. H-1&2)

24 HR. STBY: TWO GUNS ON COND III FOR SPARROWHAWK REACTION FORCE ESCORT, INSERTS AND RETRACTS. SPARROWHAWK WAS LAUNCHED AT 0900 FOR INSERTION OF 325 TROOPS WITH ON OVERFLIGHT SPARROWHAWK ALSO LAUNCHED WITH A SLICK FOR AN ARLIGHT ASSESSMENT. (MISS. H-104)

1005/1510H: SLICK PROVIDED FOR GEN. NICKERSON. (MISS. H-7A)

0700/1900H: MED EVAC CHASE RAN MISSION'S A-N WITH NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY HAPPENING. (MISS. H-11)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 26 MARCH 1967

25 MARCH 1967

1750/2100H: NORMAL III MAP HOP FOR MGEN NICKERSON. SAR FOR HMM-361 ON MED EVAC. (MISS. H-7C & H-11P)

1815/1925H: ESCORT FOR CH-53. (MISS. H-101)

26 MARCH 1967

0635/1740H: NORMAL III MAP C.G. VIP HOP. (MISS. H-1&2)

0830/1945H: MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-361. ENEMY FIRE ENCOUNTERED VICINITY OF GRID SQ. BT 0158, AT 8951, BT 0058. (MISS. H-11)

0940/1835H: ESCORT HMM-265 FOR RECON INSERTS AND EXTRACTS. CH-46 RECEIVED FIRE VICINITY OF GRID SQ. ZC 0866. VMO-2 CONDUCTED AIR STRIKE WITH DEC. 8. (MISS. H-41)

VMO-2 HAD THE REGULAR DONG HA, KHE SANH AND S.L.F. COMMITMENT.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 27 MARCH 1967

27 MARCH 1967

2300/2330H: HUEY SLICK FLEW STBY TAC(A) MISS. (MISS. H-6)

27 MARCH 1967

0855/0925H: MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-361. ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED, RETURNED AND NEUTRALIZED BY VMO-2 HUEY GUNSHIP AT BT 081616. TWO OTHER MED EVACS WERE UNEVENTFUL. (MISS. H-11A, 11B&11C)

0938/1201H: MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-361 TO AN HOA, BT 081612 AND AT 865574. NO FIRE RECEIVED. (MISS. H-11D, 11E&11F)

1545/1615H: MED EVAC ESCORT TO AN HOA, NO FIRE RECEIVED. (MISS. H-11G)

1305/1815H: VIP FOR GEN NICKERSON AND PARTY INCLUDING SENITOR BYRD FOR A DA NANG TOUR. RECEIVED FIRE AT AT 802391, NO HITS. (MISS. H-7A)

0700/1825H: NORMAL GEN WALT HOP. (MISS. H-1)

0940/1255H: TWO HUEY GUNSHIPS ESCORTED HMM-262 TO AT 850420 FOR RECON TEAM EXCHANGE. ESCORTED HMM-262 ON INSERT OF CLASSMATE, MISSION ABORTED TO ESCORT HMM-164 ON SPARROW HAWK TO BT 020613. GUNSHIPS FIRED ON 50 CAL POSITION AND SUSPECTED VC CONCENTRATIONS, UNKNOWN RESULTS. (MISS. H-3/39)

1345/1645H: ESCORTED HMM-262 WHO ATTEMPTED TO INSERT RECON TEAM AT ZC 081660, VC FIRE IN THE ZONE ABORTED MISS., HUEYS CONTROLLED FIXED WING ON THE VC. ATTEMPTED INSERT AT AT 985298 BUT RECEIVED FIRE, GUNSHIPS FIRED BACK AND CONTROLLED FIXED WING ON THE TARGET-50 CAL POSSIBLY DESTROYED. (MISS. H-39)

1730/1900H: ESCORTED HMM-262 FOR EXTRACT AT AT 962368 AND AT 041470. FIRE RECEIVED AND RETURNED AT THE LATTER, ALSO DIRECTED FIXED WING ON THE TARGET. ONE PROBABLE KIA VC. (MISS. H-39)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 28 MARCH 1967

27 MARCH 1967

0638/2110H: NORMAL III MAF C.G. VIP HOP. (MISS. H-1)

28 MARCH 1967

0655/1800H: SLICK TO DONG HA FOR GEN RYAN. (MISS. H-102)

0700/1130H: MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-361 ON ELEVEN MED EVACS. ESCORT A/C CRASHED AT AN HOA NOT AS A RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION. NO INJURIES, NO FIRE RECEIVED. (MISS. H-11)

0749/1110H: ESCORTED HMM-164 ON RECON INSERT TO BT 005432, BT 958285, AT 791620. NO FIRE RECEIVED. (MISS. H-44)

1216/1303H: MED EVAC ESCORT TO AT 916578, AT 865574. RECEIVED ENEMY FIRE FROM COORD. AT 924495. GUNSHIPS RETURNED FIRE, RESULTS UNKNOWN. (MISS. H-11)

1620/1727H: MED EVAC ESCORT TO AT 925528. NO FIRE RECEIVED. (MISS. H-11)

1600/1735H: ESCORTED VMO-6 SLICK ON ARC LIGHT EVALUATION, ORDINANCE EXPENDED ON LZ PREP AT COORD. AT 8063. (MISS. H-108)

1735/1825H: ESCORTED HMM-164 ON RECON EXTRACT AT COORD. AT 997403. (MISS. H-44)

1850/1920H: MED EVAC ESCORT TO AT 925525. NO FIRE RECEIVED. (MISS. H-11)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 29 MARCH 1967

28 MARCH 1967

0635/2200H: NORMAL III MAP C.G. VIP SERVICE. TWO HUEY SLICKS WERE USED.
(MISS. H-11)

29 MARCH 1967

1000/1225H: HUEY GUNSHIP ESCORT FOR HMM-361 FOR FIVE MED EVACS. FIRE WAS RECEIVED AND RETURNED AT AT 879396 AND BT 089679. UNKNOWN RESULTS. (MISS. H-11 D-H)

1245/1350H: HUEY GUNSHIP ESCORTED HMM-361 FOR THREE MED EVACS, NO FIRE TAKEN. (MISS. H-11 K,I&H)

0730/1820H: TWO HUEY GUNSHIPS ESCORTED TWO H-46'S, HMM-265 FOR EMERGENCY MED EVAC, AND RECON INSERT. ESCORTED TWO 46'S, HMM-164 FOR RECON INSERTS AND PICK UP OF TEN KIA. GUNSHIPS WERE ONCE DIVIDED TO (BECAUSE FIXED WING A/C WERE BINGO FUEL) AND FIRED UPON 8 VC IN CULVERT. UNKNOWN RESULTS. (MISS. H-4A, 102A,B,C&D, 108)

1610/1700H: ONE ROUTINE GUN ESCORT OF MED EVAC FIRED FROM HMM-361. (MISS. H-11 L)

1710/1835H: GUN ESCORT FOR HMM-361 DURING FOUR MED EVACS. 1000 ROUNDS AND 14 ROCKETS WERE FIRED FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION. (MISS. H-11 M,P&N)

1720/1800H: GUN ESCORT FOR HMM-265'S 46'S FOR PICK UP OF 4 KIA AND GUNS FROM SNOOPY CRASH SITE. (MISS. H-4B)

1905/1940H: ESCORTED HMM-361 MED EVAC TO AT 915517, NO FIRE RECEIVED. (MISS. H-11 Q)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

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29 MARCH 1967

0710/2253H: III MAF CONGRESSIONAL PARTY VIP HOP. (MISS. H-2)

0800/2145H: NORMAL III MAF VIP HOP. (MISS. H-1)

2145/2305H: VIS. RECON OF DANANG TAOR. (H-6A)

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2400/0700H: TAOR OF DANANG TAOR. (MISS. H-6B)

0835/1305H: MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-361 ON FOUR MED EVACS. FIRE REPORTED FROM AT 805546. (MISS. H-11)

0902/1018H: AN ADDITIONAL GUN WAS LAUNCHED TO ASSIST MED EVAC, EXPENDING 1500 RD'S M-60 AND 10 ROCKETS IN SUPPRESSING FIRE. DIRECTED WAIST COAT 04 ON STRIKE AT 805549. (MISS. H-11)

1015/1315H: LAUNCHED TWO GUNSHIPS IN SUPPORT OF BALD EAGLE TO LZ AT 791566. DIRECTED CONDOL 052 ON LZ PREP. GUNSHIPS TOOK FIRE FROM AT 895568 AND EXPENDED 3,000 RD'S 7.62 AND 48 2.75 ROCKETS IN SUPPRESSING FIRE. (MISS. H-3A)

1315/1445H: LAUNCHED TWO GUNSHIPS IN SUPPORT OF HMM-265 ON TROOP LIFT FROM ZC 203503 TO THONG DUC. (H-44)

1300/1705H: NORMAL VIP HOP FOR GEN NICKERSON. (MISS. H-7)

1510/1720H: MED EVAC ESCORT IN SUPPORT OF HMM-361 ON FIVE MED EVACS. (MISS. H-11)

1639/1826H: LAUNCHED TWO GUN SHIPS IN SUPPORT OF HMM-164 ON RETRACTION. (MISS. H-3A)

1730/1800H: MED EVAC ESCORT IN SUPPORT OF HMM-361 ON ONE MED EVAC. (MISS. H-11)

1815/1900H: MED EVAC ESCORT IN SUPPORT OF HMM-361 ON TWO MED EVAC. (MISS. H-11)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 31 MARCH 1967

30 MARCH 1967

0640/2055H: TWO HUEYS FLEW NORMAL VIP HOPS FOR GEN WALT. (MISS. H-1)

2100/2400H: NIGHT RECON OF DA NANG TAOR. (MISS. H-6)

31 MARCH 1967

0100/0600H: NIGHT RECON OF DA NANG TAOR. (MISS. (MISS. H-6)

0655/0830H: FLEW RECON OVERFLIGHT OF NUI LOC SON AREA. (MISS. H-71)

0720/0905H: ESCORTED ONE H-46 , HMM-265, FOR RECON INSERT. (MISS. H-36)

0840/1210H: GUNSHIP FLEW ESCORT FOR SEVEN ROUTINE MED EVACS-HMM-361. (MISS. H-11 C-I)

1238/1423H: GUNSHIP ESCORTED MED EVAC. NO FIRE. (MISS. H-11 J-N)

1330/1600H: VIP FOR RECON OVER FLIGHT SOUTH OF HOI AN. (MISS. H-7B&C)

1445/1504H: ONE GUN ESCORTED HMM-361 ON MED EVAC TO COORD. AT 958677. (MISS. H-110)

1455/1730H: TWO GUNSHIPS ESCORTED TWO H46'S, (HMM-262) FOR FOUR RECON INSERTS AND 8 EXTRACTS. RECEIVED FIRE AT AT 945287, RETURNED FIRE AND DIRECTED AIR STRIKES, UNKNOWN RESULTS. (MISS. H-35)

1510/1750H: GUNSHIPS ESCORTED MED EVAC FOR FIVE NORMAL MED EVACS. NO FIRE RECEIVED. (MISS. H-11P-S AND V)

1630/1850H: LOCAL VIP FOR GEN BUSE. (MISS. H-47)

1730/1950H: TWO GUNSHIPS ESCORTED HMM-265 H46'S FOR TROOP LIFT INTO AT-930658. (MISS. H-45)

0700/1750H: LOCAL GEN WALT VIP. (MISS. H-1)

VMO-2 HAD IT'S REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA AND KHE SANH.