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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 January to 31 January 1968

Enclosure (1)

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## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## PART I

## 1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol. M.G. ROBBINS	(1-31 January)
b. Executive Officer	Major G.H. DUNN	(1-31 January)
c. Operations Officer	Major R.C. FINN	(1-31 January)
d. Material Officer	Major J.D. SIMPSON	(1-31 January)
e. Administrative Officer	1stLt. S.G. WILLIAMS	(1-31 January)
f. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major D.L. ROSS	(1-31 January)
g. Intelligence Officer	Capt. R.R. BERNARD	(1-31 January)

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

## 3. Average monthly strength:

a. Permanent	Officers 38	Enlisted 151
b. TAD	Officers 4	Enlisted 5

4. 6 January Senator KENNEDY visited the Squadron Area.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY  
PART II

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January ushered in another very active month of combat for VMO-2, which continued to support the First Marine Division and elements of the Republic of Korea Marines. During most of January VMO-2 flew its normal commitments, but toward the end of the month and the beginning of TET, enemy activity rapidly increased. Flying both gunships and VIP aircraft, the squadron logged 1688.3 hours, flying a total of 4286 sorties. The squadron's BDA (Battle Damage Assessment) was very impressive, with 160 confirmed enemy kills, of which 136 were accounted for in the last two days of the month, 42 probable enemy killed, 49 structures destroyed, 60 structures damaged, 17 sampans destroyed, 1 bridge and two bunkers damaged.

During the month the standard commitments, encompassing armed helo escort for VIP, TAC(A), reconnaissance inserts and extracts, visual reconnaissance and medical evacuation missions, were flown. A UH-1E, utilizing the Anti-Personnel Detector (APD) was also employed to a great extent, particularly in the DaNang TAOR. The APD was also used in the Northern area of I Corps, including the Operation Lancaster area (around Khe Sanh) and Phu Bai.

On January 9th, Hostage 4-0 flight was supporting the 5th Marines when the ground unit requested an aircraft for an emergency med evac. Because of the amount of time it would have taken the regular med evac aircraft to arrive, Hostage 4-0 decided to go into the zone and pick up the emergency med evac. Just as he was landing, the aircraft took 7 hits and the pilot was forced to shut down in the zone. While 4-0 was in the zone, the wingman called another flight of gunships on station and they effectively suppressed the fire, enabling both the aircraft and crew to be picked up.

On a med evac mission on January 15, the H-34 was shot down while attempting to pick up the med evac. Two VMO-2 gunships were called on station, and after controlling a flight of fixed wing and effectively suppressing the enemy fire, the H-34 was recovered from the zone.

As TET approached enemy activity increased sharply, and VMO-2 went into an increased state of readiness. On the morning of January 30th, Marble Mountain came under an enemy mortar attack, and a flight of gunships hit the enemy position, which was located approximately one mile west of Marble Mountain. Inspection of the area that day revealed probable enemy casualties.

Later on during the day of the 30th a section of gunships was working in the Hoi An area when a fixed wing with an air observer aboard called them in to attack 15 enemy sampans. The gunships destroyed all 15 sampans and also got one secondary white phosphorus explosion.

During the night of the 30th and the morning of the 31st VMO-2, because of the high probability of an enemy rocket attack, kept a section of gunships airborne at all times. At approximately 0315 Marble Mountain came under enemy rocket attack, and within minutes two section of gunships had spotted the enemy positions and had begun making rocket runs. They effectively suppressed any further rocket fire and also observed one secondary explosion.

About 1100 on the morning of the 31st, a section of gunships, supporting Denver City "B", hit an enemy village with rockets and machine guns and was responsible for 100 enemy killed, which was confirmed by the ground unit.

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During the month two VMO-2 pilots were wounded in combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. On January 27, while flying as co-pilot on a search and destroy mission, Captain Guthrie was hit in the right arm. The plane was hit in a gun run on an automatic weapons position. The second aircraft rolled in putting several rockets on the position supressing the fire. On 31 January while flying Quick Reaction airborne, Maj. Shoaff took a hit and scrapel from the round struck him in the shoulder, causing minor injury.

January marked the end of another active and successful month of combat operations for VMO-2. The Squadron continued to uphold its outstanding reputation as a combat squadron, the pilots and crews showed outstanding flying while displaying above average courage and ability.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS  
PART IV

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## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## PART III

## 1. Personnel:

- a. 3 Officers and 1 Enlisted were promoted.
- b. 21 personnel were joined and 22 were transferred.

## 2. Administration:

- a. No outstanding administrative problems.

## 3. Casualties:

- a. Maj. J.W. SHOAFF WIA
- b. Capt. J.A. GUTHRIE WIA
- c. Cpl. L.E. SMITH WIA

## 4. Awards: 1 Meritorious Sergeant, 3 Purple Hearts, 21 Air Medals.

## 9. Air Operations:

- a. Total hours flown: 1688.3
- Hours gunships flown: 1256.1
- Hours slicks flown: 432.2
- b. Number of sorties: 4286
- c. Number of medical evacuations: 9
- d. Number of passengers carried: 1576

## 11. Special Operations: None

## 17. Ordnance Expended:

- a. 7.62mm 270,800
- b. 2.75" rockets 4,372

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 0100G THRU 012400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 42 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 15 TASKS,  
FOR 13.6 HOURS. 20 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HHM-363 ON (5) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (2 EMERGENCY,  
2 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/1	1.1
ROCKET BELT RECON	1/0	1/1	1.2

TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #23) LAUNCHED IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.  
THEY FLEW A ROAD RECON IN THE BANANG AREA AND A ROCKET BELT RECON ON MSN #28D,  
WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS.

B. BRENNEMAN  
LT USMC  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 020001H THRU 022400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 146 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 56 TASKS, FOR 37.0 HOURS. 49 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (12) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (2 EMERGENCY, 8 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/1	1.2
AREA RECON	2/0	2/3	1.8

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	3	3	2.1

TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #26) WHILE FLYING ESCORT FOR HMM-265 SPOTTED AND TOOK UNDER FIRE 6 VC SUSPECTS NEAR A BARGE AT AT850495, WITH 6 KBA CONFIRMED AND ONE BARGE DAMAGED. ALSO ROCKET BLAST UNCOVERED A TUNNEL ENTRANCE, AT AT849490.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #23) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT967548 AND CALLED IN ARTILLERY AT SAME COORDINATES.

WHILE ESCORTING HMM-363 ON MED EVAC (MSN #6E) RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT978573, WITH ONE STRUCTURE DAMAGED.

ON MISSION #28 TWO GUNSHIPS FLEW ROAD RECON TO PHU BAI AND RETURN, WITH NEGATIVE SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS.

W. G. RIDDLE  
CAPT USMC  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 030001 THRU 032400N

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 105 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 35 TASKS, FOR 53.1 HOURS. 27 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (18) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (10 EMERGENCY, 7 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROCKET BELT RECON	1/0	1/1	1.5

TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #8A) FIRED SURPRESSIVE FIRE IN TREE LINE AT AT065 AREA, IN RESPONSE FROM A CALL FROM MOTHERHOOD.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #8B) IN RESPONSE TO CALL FROM RECON TIGER 5 G.P. MADE LOW PASSES WITH ILLUMINATION, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS.

ONE GUNSHIP (MSN #6A) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-363 ON A PRIORITY MED EVAC, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT960545. 4 STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND 3 DAMAGED. ALSO ONE GUNSHIP (MSN #6B) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-363 ON MED EVAC, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BT039599.

THE VMO-2 III MAF SLICK TRANSPORTED PRESIDENT THIEU, GENERAL CHUSHMAN, GENERAL ANDERSON, GENERAL LAM, GENERAL KIM AND ADMIRAL BARTLETT, THROUGHOUT THE I CORPS AREA.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #51) GAVE SURPRESSIVE FIRE FOR BARKEEP AT AT818786.

W. T. HARTIGAN  
CWO USMC  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 040000H THRU 042400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 123 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 58 TASKS, FOR 33.7 HOURS. 37 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (13) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (4 EMERGENCY, 7 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	3/0	3/3	1.7

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	3	3	3.0
EXTRACTS	1	1	0.9

ONE VMO-2 GUNSHIP WHILE ESCORTING HMM-363 ON MED EVAC (MSN #6P) RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE BY BT040005 WITH 1 HUT DESTROYED AND 3 DAMAGED.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #23) ENROUTE TO DANANG WERE DIVERTED BY DASC TO AT908501 FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION IN SUPPORT OF H-3 2/5. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE WITH 2 STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND 4 DAMAGED.

LZ PREP WAS PROVIDED BY TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #28) FOR AIR HOSE INSERT AT ZC179801.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #21) WERE LAUNCHED ON A VISUAL RECON MISSION TO LOCATE A DOWNED C-1, FROM AT935919 TO THE MOUTH OF HAPPY VALLEY.

T. G. CIEPLIK  
CAPT USMC  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 0500GZ THRU 052400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 154 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 55 TASKS, FOR 64.6 HOURS. 32 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (INCLUDES STATISTICS FROM CHU LAI DETACHMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 THRU 4 JANUARY 1968.)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (10) MED EVAC MISSIONS, 3 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSM SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	3/0	3/3	1.2

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	4	4	3.2
EXTRACTS	2	2	1.4

TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSM #28) WHILE ON A RECON INSERT FOR BURLAP; PROVIDED LZ PREP AT ZC039996.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSM #27) FIRED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AT AT961954 IN SUPPORT OF A EMERGENCY MED EVAC, AT THE SCENE OF AMBUSHED CONVOY.

ONE GUNSHIP (MSM #40) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-363 ON PRIORITY MED EVAC, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT961849.

THE FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI, INSUPPORT OF THE ROOMC FROM THE PERIOD 1 THRU 4 JANUARY 1968.

70 SORTIES	18 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED
11 TASKS	2,000 7.62 ROUNDS WERE FIRED
25.6 HOURS	

THE ABOVE WERE NORMAL MED EVAC ESCORT, VIP AND ADMIN HOPE.

R. T. RANDALL  
CAPT USMC  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 0600GZ THRU 062400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 156 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 71 TASKS, FOR 56.9 HOURS. 35 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (22) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (10 EMERGENCY, 9 PRIORITY, 3 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSM SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/3	1.5
ROCKET BELT	2/0	2/7	3.7

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	4	6	1.5
EXTRACTS	2	2	0.8

HMM-265 WAS ESCORTED ON THE ABOVE.

052310H - THE NIGHT REACTION FORCE, TWO GUNSHIPS, LAUNCHED ON MISSION ALONG WITH THE SEARCH LIGHT AIRCRAFT FOR VR OF THE 7TH MARINES TAGR. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT9052 AND AT9251, ALSO FIRED AT BOATS ALONG RIVER AT AT9052.

060730H - THE III MAF SLICK CARRIED SENATOR KENNEDY AND PARTY FROM III MAF TO TAM KY AND RETURN.

061600H - TWO GUNSHIPS WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON EMERGENCY EXTRACT OF WARCLOUD AT AT827617, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT SAME COORDINATES WITH NO SIGNIFICANT BDA.

J. N. SMINNICK  
CAPT USMC  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 070000H THRU 072400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 105 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 44 TASKS, FOR 41.9 HOURS. 28 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (12) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (6 EMERGENCY, 2 PRIORITY, 4 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	1/0	1/8	3.3

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	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	1	1	1.0
EXTRACTS	1	1	0.7

062155H - THE NIGHT REACTION FORCE, TWO GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED ON MSN #31 ALONG WITH THE SEARCH LIGHT AIRCRAFT FOR VR OF THE 7TH MARINE TAGR. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT864516, WITH 2 STRUCTURES DAMAGED.

071525H - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS ESCORTED DIMMER 5-0 TO ZC076985 ON EMERGENCY RESUPPLY.

071300H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #53) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON RECON INSERTS OF WARCLOUD AT AT829635, ATTEMPTED THREE ZONES BUT ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER.

070705H - WHILE ESCORTING HMM-363 ON EMERGENCY MED EVAC (MSN #6D) RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT833997.

070815H - MED EVAC ESCORT ON EMERGENCY MED EVAC OF 20 WIA FOR MAILERUSH 14 CONTROLLED HELIBORNE 052 ON ZC069974 FOR MORTAR AND RECOILLESS RIFLE POSITIONS. RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND RETURNED FIRE. WENT TO PHU BAI REFUELED AND RETURNED TO ZC069974. ALSO DIRECTED MORTAR AND ARTY FIRE INTO AREA.

R. R. BERNARD  
CAPT USMC  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 0800G THRU 0824G

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 131 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 55 TASKS, FOR 16.5 HOURS. 40 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (INCLUDES STATISTICS FROM CHU LAI DETACHMENT FOR THE PERIOD 4 THRU 7 JANUARY 1968)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (11) MED EVAC MISSIONS, 4 EMERGENCY, 7 PRIORITY.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	4/0	1/1	0.8

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	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	3	3	1.8
EXTRACTS	2	2	1.2

071028 - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #5) LAUNCHED TO FLC WHICH WAS UNDER ROCKET ATTACK. ORBITED UNTIL DIVERTED BY CARSTAIRS I TO HOX AN AREA.

080128 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #5) DEPARTED MNAF FOR HILL-58. MISSION CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.

080855 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #28) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON THE INSERT OF BOOKKEP, PROVIDED LZ PREP AT AT024452.

080650 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #21) FLEW ROAD RECON ALONG HWY #1 THROUGH HAI VAN PASS TO NAILBRUSH 14B. RETURNED DUE TO UNSAT WEATHER. ALSO LAUNCHED FOR VR OF ELEPHANT VALLEY, HAPPY VALLEY, WEATHER WAS UNSAT AND ABORTED MISSION.

THE FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI, INSUPPORT OF THE ROKMC FROM THE PERIOD 4 THRU 7 JANUARY 1968.

34 SORTIES	8 TASKS
14.9 HOURS	23 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED

THE ABOVE WERE NORMAL MED EVAC ESCORT, VIP AND ADMIN HQ'S.

B. BRINKMAN III  
LT USMC  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 090001H THRU 092400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 87 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 32 TASKS, FOR 26.3 HOURS. 2 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (4) MED EVAC MISSIONS, 3 EMERGENCY, 1 ROUTINE.)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/1	0.8
AREA RECON	2/0	2/2	1.2

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	2	1.5
EXTRACTS	3	2	1.7

081028 - THREE VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #5) LAUNCHED, OPERATING WEST OF DAI LOC IN THE ARIZONA AREA AS "FIRE FLIES". MISSION CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.

091312 - WHILE ESCORTING HMM-363 ON EMERGENCY MED EVAC (MSN #H-6H) RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT980609. MISSION H-6G WAS INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER.

091400 - WHILE ON MISSION H-21 TWO GUNSHIPS WERE ATTEMPTING TO PICK UP AN EMERGENCY MED EVAC FOR 5TH MARINES. HOSTAGE 4-0 RECEIVED 7 HITS AND WAS FORCED TO LAND AT AT987612. HOSTAGE 4-2 GAVE SURPRESSIVE FIRE WITH 3 STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND 2 DAMAGED, WHILE ORBITING POSITION UNTIL CREW WAS PICKED UP. CREW WAS RESCUED BY INJURE 4-0.

091405 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #5A) ESCORTED HMM-463 TO THE SITE OF DOWN UH-1E. GAVE SURPRESSIVE FIRE AT AT987612.

090730 - TWO GUNSHIPS ESCORTED HMM-265 ON MISSION H-29 FOR THE FLIPELOP OF COWPOKE AND ELF SKIN AT AT797528. ALSO EXTRACT OF FLAG DIP AT AT959633, INSERT OF TEXAS PETE AT AT961952, AND THE EXTRACT OF DURLAP AT ZB04800L. CANCELLED QUIZMASTER DUE TO WEATHER.

J. M. SCONIERS  
LT USMC  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 0000L THRU 002400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 141 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 59 TASKS, FOR 61.4 HOURS. 82 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (INCLUDES STATISTICS FROM CHU LAI DETACHMENT FOR THE PERIOD 8-9 JANUARY 1968.)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (13) MED EVAC MISSIONS, 8 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	3/0	3/3	2.5
DANANG TAOR	1/0	1/1	1.0
ROCKET BELT	1/0	1/1	0.8

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INSERTS	4	3	2.8
EXTRACTS	2	2	1.4

100715 - TWO GUNSHIPS FLEW ROAD RECON SOUTH TO HILL 63 AND AREA OVER TO AN HOA, HILL 52 NORTH OF DANANG TAOR AND RECON OF HANWORTH TAOR. ROAD RECON NORTH OF HAI VAN PASS WAS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.

100704 - TWO GUNSHIPS WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 (MSN #28) PROVIDED LZ PREP ON THE INSERT OF CHILI PEPPER AT AT840671, ALSO CONDUCTED FLIP FLOP OF PEAL CHASE AND WAR CLOUD AT883345, EXTRACT OF GUNSMOKE AT912418, PONY BOY AT870654, AND FLIP FLOP OF PADDLE BOAT AND SADDLE BAG AT AT837377 WAS ABORTED DUE TO "INJURE" MECHANICAL TROUBLES.

101645 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #369) FLEW ROCKET BELT REACON THROUGHOUT OFF SPRING TAOR, SIGHTED DIGGINGS AND ROCKET SITE AT BT022607 AND BT061683. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE FROM BT022607 WITH 10 STRUCTURES DAMAGED.

THE VMO-2 III MAY SLICK TRANSPORTED CMC AND PARTY THROUGHOUT THE I CORPS AREA.

THE FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI, INSUPPORT OF THE ROKMC FROM THE PERIOD 8 THRU 9 JANUARY 1968.

13 SORTIES	6 TASKS
8.4 HOURS	6 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED

THE ABOVE WERE NORMAL MED EVAC ESCORT, VIP AND ADMIN HOPS.

D. W. KOCH  
CAPT USMC  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 110001H THRU 112400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 119 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 49 TASKS, FOR 4.0 HOURS. 24 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (19) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (3 EMERGENCY, 9 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/1	1.9
AREA RECON	3/0	3/12	4.0

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WERE FLOWN

<u>INSERTS</u>	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
	3	3	2.7

110715H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#29) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE INSERT OF GOLD LEMON (A0839059), QUIZ MASTER (ZC179801) AND GRIM REAPER (AT845623). AN LZ PREP WAS PROVIDED BY THE GUNSHIPS ON THE INSERT OF QUIZ MASTER.

110730H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#30) FLEW VR OF ROUTE #1 TO PHU LOC, CHARLIE RIDGE, AND ELEPHANT VALLEY WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS.

111230H - THE MED EVAC ESCORT ON MSN#6M AN EMERGENCY MED EVAC FOR BEECHNUT 7H2, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT925504 WITH NO SIGNIFICANT BDA.

111435H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#27), QUICK REACTION FORCE, LAUNCHED FOR SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION IN THE 7TH MARINES TACR. DIVERTED TO AT9250 TO SUPPORT GROUND UNIT IN CONTACT, RECEIVED AND RETURNED AT AT938495, ALSO FIRED AT SNIPER POSITIONS AT AT930507. THE GUNSHIPS SUPPRESSED FIRE FOR MURRAY 3-16 ON EMERGENCY MED EVAC AT AT929508. WHILE BEING CONTROLLED BY "BARKEEP", FIRED ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS AT AT803478 ALSO RECEIVED FIRE FROM SAME COORDINATES. THE GUNSHIPS FIRED ON VC AT AT803488 AND AT827543 WITH ONE POSSIBLE AND ONE CONFIRMED KBA RESPECTIVELY, ALSO 8 STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND TWO DAMAGED. TOTAL BDA FOR THE MISSION WAS EIGHT STRUCTURES DESTROYED TWO DAMAGED, AND ONE CONFIRMED AND NINE POSSIBLE KBA.

BELOW ARE THE STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR 10JAN68:

5 SORTIES      6 PASSENGERS CARRIED  
2 TASKS      4.0 HOURS

ALL MISSIONS WENT AS SCHEDULED.

G. P. LAWRENCE  
CAPT      USMC  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 120000N THRU 122400N**

**DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 96 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 38 TASKS, FOR 35.7 HOURS. 12 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.**

**VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (17) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (9 EMERGENCY, 3 PRIORITY, 5 ROUTINE,)**

**THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN**

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	2	1.4
EXTRACTS	1	1	0.8

**120900 - TWO GUNSHIPS (HEW #34) WHILE ON OVERFLY 1/5 CP RECEIVED FIRE. DELIVERED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE FROM Z6057966. ALSO ESCORTED HMM-265 ON FLIP FLOP OF STONE PIT AND BAR KEEP AT AT828463, EXTRACTED LUCKY LARK AT AT998465.**

**121415 - TWO GUNSHIPS CHASED THE APD AIRCRAFT WHILE ON MISSION OF MORTAR VALLEYS, CHARLIE RIDGE AND ELEPHANT VALLEY.**

**121512 - ON MISSION H-64 TWO GUNSHIPS WENT TO "CHARLIE" TWO POSITION AT GRID 2000. RECEIVED FIRE AND RETURNED SAME AT Z6205005. RETURNED TO PHU BAI REFUEL AND REARM. RETURNED TO "CHARLIE" TWO POSITION RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AGAIN.**

**G. L. LAKEY  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER**

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 130001H THRU 132400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 161 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 64 TASKS, FOR 70.8 HOURS. 80 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (INCLUDES STATISTICS FROM CHU LAI DETACHMENT ~~FOR~~ THE PERIOD 11 THRU 12 JANUARY 1968.)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (8) MED EVAC MISSIONS, 4 EMERGENCY, 2 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/1	0.8
ROCKET BELT	2/0	2/2	1.4

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	2	1.2
EXTRACTS	3	3	1.8

130732 - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #24) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE INSERTS OF ELF SKIN ZC118999, FLAG DIP AT838757, AND THE EXTRACTS OF TEXAS PETE AT901952 AND COW POKE AT797528. PROVIDED LZ PREP ON THE INSERT OF ELF SKIN.

131350 - FOUR GUNSHIPS (MSN #5AAB) LAUNCHED ON EMERGENCY QUICK REACTION TO BT118590 PAST 1 1/2 AREA. FIRED ON SUSPECTED VC VILLAGE EMPLACEMENTS, PROVIDED COVER FOR GROUND SWEEP UNITS. ONE STRUCTURE WAS DESTROYED.

131115 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #5) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON RESUPPLY TO BT022575. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BT023578, BT013577 AND FIRED ON BT013587 WITH TWO STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

THE FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI, INSUPPORT OF THE ROKMC, FROM THE PERIOD 11 THRU 12 JANUARY 1968.

29 SORTIES	9 TASKS
11.0 HOURS	18 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED

THE ABOVE WERE NORMAL MED EVAC ESCORT, VIP AND ADMIN HOVS.

LT. K. P. SIRMON  
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 110001H THRU 112100H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 124 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 40 TASKS, FOR 30.5 HOURS. 65 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (8) MED EVAC MISSIONS. (1 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, AND 2 ROUTINE.)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	2/0	2/2	1.2
ROCKET BELT	1/0	1/1	0.7

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	1	0.8
EXTRACTS	2	1	1.1

110715 - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #24) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE INSERT OF GUN SMOKE AT AT881347 AND THE EXTRACT OF WAR CLOUD AT AT831613. THE INSERT AT ZC057959 WAS ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER AND THE EXTRACT AT ZC179801 WAS ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER.

110720 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #23) FLEW ROAD RECON, COVERING HIGHWAY #1 FROM DANANG TO PHU LOC. ALSO DIVERTED TO ARIZONA AREA (MSN #31) TO PROVIDED COVER FOR RECON TEAM STONE PITT. THE GUNSHIPS RECEIVED FIRE AND RETURNED SAME ON VC AT AT840486 WITH FIVE POSSIBLE AND ONE CONFIRMED KIA RESPECTIVELY. ALSO ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED AND TWO DAMAGED.

111515 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #5A) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON RE-SUPPLY FOR PAST 14 AT BT016370, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE FROM BT012581.

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**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 150000H THRU 152400H**

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 107 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 45 TASKS, FOR 48.9 HOURS. 60 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (10) MED EVAC MISSIONS. (4 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, AND 1 ROUTINE.)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	3/0	3/3	3.2
ROAD RECON	1/1	1/1	1.2

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	2	1.4
EXTRACTS	3	3	2.1

150740 - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #27) ESCORTED HMM-265 AND PROVIDED LZ PREP ON THE INSERTS OF LUCKY LARK AT AT797528 AND ICE BOUND AT AT873648. ALSO ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE EXTRACTS OF STONE PIT, GOLD LEMON, AND GRIM REAPER.

151650 - WHILE ESCORTING HMM-363 (MSN #6M) ON A PRIORITY MED EVAC FOR BEECHNUT 7H1, THE MURRAY MED EVAC AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN AT AT914504. HOSTAGE 6-0 MADE TWO GUNRUNS WITH TWO STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND ONE DAMAGED AT SAME COORDINATES.

151650 - TWO GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED ON EMERGENCY QUICK REACTION (MSN #5) TO COVER EXTRACT OF HMM-363 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN ON MED EVAC FOR BEECHNUT 7H1. CALLED IN HELLBORNE 256, CONDUCTED TAC(A) WITH SAME. DELIVERED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE DURING EXTRACT WITH SEVEN STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND TEN POSSIBLE KBA AT AT914504. ALSO ESCORTED INJURE 11-0 ON RESUPPLY AT AT914504, RECEIVED FIRE AND RETURNED FIRE.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 160001H THRU 162400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 14 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 57 TASKS, FOR 67.2 HOURS. 62 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (4) MED EVAC MISSIONS. (1 EMERGENCY, 2 PRIORITY, AND 1 ROUTINE.)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	2/0	2/2	3.4
ROCKET BELT RECON	1/1	1/1	1.3

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	1	1	0.9
EXTRACTS	2	2	1.6

161345 - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #25) LAUNCHED FOR INSERT OF COM POKE AT AT912418, DURING LZ PREP OBSERVED SECONDARY EXPLOSION ABORTED MISSION. ALSO EXTRACTED FLAG DIP AT AT846728, AND ELF SKIN AT ZC418996.

161300 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #40) LAUNCHED TO ESCORT CONVOY AT AT915935. CONVOY STALLED NORTH OF HAI VAN PASS DUE TO ONE TRUCK DESTROYED BY ROCKET OR MORTAR FIRE. PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE, RECEIVED NO FIRE.

160945 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #15) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON RESUPPLY OF LATIN REBEL, AT BT016570. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE DURING RESUPPLY FROM AREA BT023578.

161030 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #40) ESCORTED HMM-363 ON PRIORITY MED EVAC, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT914504. ALSO FLEW TO HOTEL I POSITION, TOOK AND RETURNED FIRE AND DIRECTED FIRED WING, LOVE BUG 509 W/D9 AND COMBAT 321. THE GUNSHIPS ACCOUNTED FOR THREE STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND FOUR DAMAGED.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 17000LH THRU 172400H.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 126 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 36 TASKS, FOR 47.3 HOURS. 46 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (8) MED EVAC MISSIONS. (5 EMERGENCY, 2 PRIORITY, AND 1 ROUTINE.)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROCKET BELT RECON	2/0	2	2.6
ROAD RECON	1/0	1	1.1

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WERE FLOWN

<u>INSERTS</u>	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
	3	1	6.9

171515 - ONE VMO-2 GUNSHIP (MSN #60) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-363 ON EMERGENCY MED EVAC TO UNSURE ZONE AT AT902503 FIRED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE ON ENEMY POSITION AT AT900510 WITH TWO STRUCTURES DESTROYED, TWO DAMAGED AND TWO POSSIBLE KBA.

171252 - AN APD MISSION WAS FLOWN (MSN #35) WITH TWO GUNSHIPS AS ESCORTS, COVERED CHARLIE RIDGE, MORTAR VALLEY, ENTRANCE TO HAPPY VALLEY AND NORTH TO ELEPHANT VALLEY.

162330 - THREE GUNSHIPS (MSN #29) LAUNCHED ON FIRE FLY MISSION IN POSTER AREA AND SURROUNDING RIVERS.

161945 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #40) LAUNCHED TO NORTH OF THI VAN PASS, ATTEMPTED TO ESCORT CONVOY, ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER.

171154 - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #23) LAUNCHED FOR INSERT OF COW POKE, ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER. LAUNCHED FOR INSERT OF CHILI PEPPER AT AUG24086 PROVIDED LZ PREP. THE INSERT OF AIR HOSE WAS ALSO ABORTED DUE TO UNSAT WEATHER.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 180000H THRU 182400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 142 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 47 TASKS, FOR 62.2 HOURS. 45 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (NOTE: STATISTICS FROM CHU LAI FOR PERIOD 12-14 JAN 68 INCLUDED.)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON 15 MED EVAC MISSIONS, (8 EMERGENCY, 6 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

LOCATION	MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES	FLOWN	HOURS
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/9	2.4
AREA RECON	1/0	1/4	1.4

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	SCHEDULED	FLOWN	HOURS
INSERTS	2	2	1.0
EXTRACTS	1	1	0.5

172230H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#21) LAUNCHED AS ESCORT OF VMO-3 AIRCRAFT ON FIRE FLY. SEARCHED AREA WITHIN AT81 TO AT97 GRID AND AT57 AND AT52 GRID NORTH AND SOUTH, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS. RECEIVED AND DELIVERED FIRE AT AT9154 GRID WITH NO BDA.

181400H - WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 (MSN#30) ON THE FLIP-FLOP OF QUIZMANBER AND GUNSMOKE AT AT883347 AND INSERT OF COWPOKE AT AT912418, TWO GUNSHIPS PROVIDED LZ PREP AND ALSO ACTED AS TAC(A) FOR FIXED WING.

181525H - ONE GUNSHIP ON MSN#15 ESCORTED H-46 ON RESUPPLY OF , ROKMC, LATIN REBEL 14D. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BT018573 WITH ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED AND THREE DAMAGED.

181740H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#31) LAUNCHED AND CONDUCTED VR OF THE FOLLOWING GRID SQUARES, AT8956, 8453, 8348, 8751, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS. FIRED ON AW POSITION AT BT018573 WITH TWO BUNKERS DAMAGED.

MSN #31 - THE PORTION OF ROAD RECON TO HI VAN PASS AND NORTH TO PHU BAI ABORT DUE TO WEATHER.

MSN #30 - ON INSERT OF GOLD LEMON, AIRCRAFT RETURNED MMAP WITH CHIP LIGHT ON.

STATISTICS FROM CHU LAI FOR PERIOD 12-14 JAN 68:

27 SORTIES	11.6 HOURS
4 TASKS	18 PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 190001N THRU 192400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 158 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 62 TASKS, FOR 46.1 HOURS. 70 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (10) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (4 EMERGENCY, 4 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE.)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/1	1.1
ROCKET BELT	1/0	1/2	1.9

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	4	3	1.5
EXTRACTS	4	3	1.8

181828H - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #6Q) LAUNCHED FOR ARMED ESCORT FOR EMERGENCY MED EVAC AT 912419, MED EVAC AIRCRAFT COULD NOT GET IN BOMB DUE TO WEATHER AND ALT.

190645H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #28) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON A TROOP LIFT TO AT872797, CONDUCTED LZ PREP.

191253H - WHILE ESCORTING HMM-363 (MSN #6K) ON A PRIORITY MED EVAC, AIRCRAFT RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BT028620.

191030H - AN APD MISSION WAS FLOWN (MSN #37) WITH TWO GUNSHIPS AS ESCORTS. COVERED HAI VAN PASS, ELEPHANT VALLEY, HAPPY VALLEY, MORTAR VALLEY AND CHARLIE RIDGE.

MSN #27 - ON THE INSERT OF GRIM REAPER AND EXTRACT OF TEXAS PETE MISSION WAS ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER.

MSN #6Q - ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 200001H THRU 202400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 117 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 50 TASKS, FOR 37.5 HOURS. 36 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (10) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (7 EMERGENCY, 3 ROUTINE.)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/1	0.8
ROCKET BELT RECON	3/0	3/3	1.9

201540H - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED ON EMERGENCY QUICK REACTION (MSN #30) TO AT8552 GRID, FOSTER AREA FOR ATTACK ON VC POSITION. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE. THE GUNSHIPS ACCOUNTED FOR TEN CONFIRMED AND TEN POSSIBLE KBA. FOUR STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND SEVEN DAMAGED.

201240H - WHILE ESCORTING HMM-363 (MSN #6J) ON EMERGENCY MED EVAC FOR BEECH-NUT 7H3, AIRCRAFT RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT936523 WITH ONE CONFIRMED AND ONE POSSIBLE KBA, ALSO ONE STRUCTURE WAS DAMAGED.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 210001H THRU 212400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 131 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 52 TASKS, FOR 57.7 HOURS. 47 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (11) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (6 EMERGENCY, 4 ROUTINE, 1 PRIORITY.)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	2/0	2/2	2.5
ROCKET BELT RECON	2/0	2/2	2.7

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	1	0	
EXTRACTS	1	1	1.5

211500H - AN APD MISSION WAS FLOWN (MSN #13) WITH TWO GUNSHIPS AS ESCORTS. COVERED THE PHU BAI BASS DROP, DONG HA AREA, YB91-97 AND 33-40, AND THE QUANG TRI AREA.

211605H - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #15) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON RESUPPLY OF LATIN REBEL. DIVERTED TO VILLAGE AT AT981558 FOR GUNRUN ON SIX UNIFORMED NVA AND ONE SAMPAN WITH RICE. TOTAL BDA FOR MISSION ONE SAMPAN DAMAGED AND ONE CONFIRMED KBA.

210715H - TWO GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED TO ACT AS ESCORT WITH MINE SWEEP ON ROUTE 1 NORTH, (MSN #23). RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT818997.

MSN #24 INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 220000H THRU 222400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 104 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 53 TASKS, FOR 37.6 HOURS. 18 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (11) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (4 EMERGENCY, 3 PRIORITY, 4 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MMN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	2/0	2/2	2.8

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	4	4	2.7
EXTRACTS	4	4	2.8

220715H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#25) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON THE INSERT OF ICEBOUND AT AT878355 AND GRIMREAPER AT AT849639, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BOTH COORDINATES.

220800H - TWO GUNSHIPS INSUPPORT OF MAILBRUSH 14 (MSN#32), RAN ARTILLERY MISSION AT BT103983 WITH NO BDA.

221345H - INSUPPORT OF MAILBRUSH 14 (MSN#43), TWO GUNSHIPS ACTED AS TAC(A) ON AIRSTRIKES ON BUTTON OLIVE AT ZC132958. ONE VMO-2 AIRCRAFT TOOK HIT AT ZC137962 WITH NO INJURY TO CREW.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 230601H THRU 232400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 186 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 73 TASKS, FOR 74.4 HOURS. 138 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (10) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (6 EMERGENCY, 3 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VE MISSION WAS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MEN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/4	0.8

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	1	1	0.3
EXTRACTS	2	2	0.6

222245H - THREE GUNSHIPS (MSN#24) LAUNCHED ON FIRE FLY OVER THE OPERATION FOSTER AREA. FIRED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE ON SUSPECTED AREAS. RECEIVED FIRE IN AREA OF AT905535 AND OPERATION FOSTER AREA.

230845H \* TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#25) FLEW COVER FOR CONVOY TO PHU BAI WITH NO SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

231515H - THE AFTERNOON MED EVAC ESCORT ON MSN#6M RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE IN AREA OF BT0867, WITH NO BDA.

231625H - IN SUPPORT OF 3/7, TWO GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED TO AT984479 AND ATTACKED POSIT OF 70 NVA REPORTED BY BENCHMARK 4-3. NO BDA.

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**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 240001H THRU 242400H**

**DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 142 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 60 TASKS, FOR 63.3 HOURS. 65 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.**

**VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (13) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (8 EMERGENCY, 1 PRIORITY, 4 ROUTINE)**

**THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION**

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/4	1.0
AREA RECON	1/0	1/6	2.7

**232225H - ON MSN#27, THREE GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED FOR FIRE FLY OF THE FOSTER AREA. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT855548 AND AT858498. NO BRA.**

**241330H - THE APD AIRCRAFT PLUS TWO GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT LAUNCHED (MSN#28) ON APD MISSION OF THE HANSWORTH AREA.**

**241750H - TWO GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED (MSN#49) IN SUPPORT OF ROKMO, LATIN REBEL 14B. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT617572 WITH ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED AND TWO DAMAGED. THE SECOND AIRCRAFT TOOK ONE HIT FROM BT003780 WITH NO INJURY TO CREW.**

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 250001H THRU 252400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 159 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 52 TASKS, FOR 58.4 HOURS. 45 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (10) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (8 EMERGENCY, 2 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/3	1.0
ROCKET BELT RECON	2/0	2/4	1.6
AREA RECON	1/0	1/4	1.6

THE FOLLOWING INSERT WAS FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	1	1	0.7

242340H - TWO GUNSHIPS PLUS FIRE FLY AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED ON MSN#23. PROVIDED ESCORT FOR EMERGENCY MED EVAC MSN#6W FOR ANDREW 1A. THEN DIRECT AT0447 TO AT9756 FOR FIRE FLY RECON OF RIVER AREAS. RECEIVED VARIOUS SNIPER ROUNDS, RETURNED FIRE PERIODICALLY IN FREE FIRE AREA. NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS.

251350H - TWO GUNSHIPS AND APD AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED ON MSN#1 FOR APD MISSION OF THE MAILRUSH 1A AREA.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 250001H THRU 262100H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 123 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 45 TASKS, FOR 59.6 HOURS. 47 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (NOTE: STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR PERIODS 14-23 JAN 68 ARE INCLUDED)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (3) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (1 EMERGENCY, 1 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/2	1.1
AREA RECON	3/0	3/7	4.0

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
EXTRACTS	2	2	0.6

252240H - TWO GUNSHIPS PLUS FIRE FLY SLICK LAUNCHED ON MSN#18 FOR NIGHT SEARCH AND DESTROY IN THE 3/7 AREA. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT VARIOUS COORDINATES IN THAT AREA.

260430H - THE NIGHT REACTION FORCE MSN#8 LAUNCHED AND DELIVERED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE FOR RECON TEAM BURLAP AT AT998464.

260715H - TWO GUNSHIPS ON MSN#20 WHILE ON VR OF ELEPHANT VALLEY SPOTTED VC WEARING PACKS, CARRYING BIKES AT AT829854. EXPENDED AMMO ON SAME WITH ONE KIA CONFIRMED BY BODY COUNT.

261435H - TWO GUNSHIPS ON MSN#20 WHILE ON VR IN 1/7 TAOR SPOTTED SEVERAL BUNKERS AT AT870800 AND ONE PERSON HIDING IN BUSHES. EXPENDED ROCKETS ON SAME WITH ONE TRENCH DAMAGED.

STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR PERIOD 14-23 JAN 68.

8 SORTIES	5.5 HOURS
5 TASKS	2 PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED.

MSN #68 CNX DUE TO WX

MSN #43 CNX DUE TO MSN BEING RAN BY OTHER AIRCRAFT.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 270001H THRU 272400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 129 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 53 TASKS, FOR 50.9 HOURS. 65 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (9) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (3 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, & ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/1	2.0
ROCKET BELT RECON	3/0	3/3	4.2

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	4	3	2.2
EXTRACTS	2	2	1.6

262130H - TWO GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED ON MSN#5A IN SUPPORT OF BORO 4 AT AT035697. DELIVERED FIRE ON TARGETLINE IN THAT AREA WITH TWO KRA CONFIRMED. ALSO ESCORTED HMM-363 ON MED EVAC MSN#6K. LAUNCHED ON MSN#25 ALONG WITH FIRE FLY SLICK BUT RETURNED DUE TO WEATHER.

271540H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#30) LAUNCHED TO THE ARIZONA AREA TO WORK WITH AIR HOSE AT AT9237, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE IN SAME AREA WITH TWO HOOTCHES DAMAGED AND ONE CONFIRMED AND FOUR POSSIBLE KRA. REPELLED AT ANHMOA AND RETURNED TO AREA TO MAKE SWEEP OF RIVER, HITTING BOATS ALONG RIVER BANK, DAMAGING FOUR. LEAD AIRCRAFT TOOK TWO ROUNDS WITH CO-PILOT, CAPT J. A. GUTHRIE, RECEIVING A MINOR WOUND IN RIGHT ARM AT AT850504. NO OTHER INJURIES.

MSN#25 - INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER.

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**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 280001H THRU 282400H**

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 113 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 50 TASKS, FOR 59.0 HOURS. 19 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (NOTE: STATISTICS FROM DET. AT CHU LAI FOR PERIOD 24-28 JAN 68 INCLUDED)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (9) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (3 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/6	1.9
ROCKET BELT RECON	2/0	2/2	2.0

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	2	1.7
EXTRACTS	1	1	0.7

272247H - TWO GUNSHIPS PLUS FIRE FLY SLICK (MSN#26) LAUNCHED TO THE FOSPER AREA. COVERED RIVERS AND GENERAL AREA WITH FIRE FLY. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT8752 WITH ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED.

281200H - THE APD AIRCRAFT PLUS TWO GUNSHIPS AS CHASE LAUNCHED ON MSN#28 AND RAN APD MISSION IN THE FOLLOWING GRID SQUARE, YD7070, 0204, 0291, 9391, 9399, 7099.

STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR PERIOD 24-28 JAN 68

6 SORTIES      6.4 HOURS  
6 TASKS

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**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 290000LH THRU 292400H**  
**DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 182 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 69 TASKS,**  
**FOR 57.2 HOURS.**

**VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (11) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (3 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY,**  
**3 ROUTINE)**

**THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION**

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	2/0	2/2	1.5
ROCKET BELT RECON	2/0	2/2	1.6

**THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN**

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	4	4	1.7
EXTRACTS	3	3	1.1

**282247H - TWO GUNSHIPS PLUS FIRE FLY SLICH (MSN #25) LAUNCHED FOR RIVER**  
**RECON FOR BEECHNUT 14 AND HANWORTH 14, RECEIVED SCATTERED SNIPER FIRE**  
**AND RETURNED FIRE.**

**290720H - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #24) ON THE INSERT OF BURLAP AT AT854649**  
**PROVIDED LZ PREP.**

**290650H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #23) FLEW ROAD RECON AND VR OF ELEPHANT VALLEY**  
**AREA WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS.**

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 300001H THRU 302400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 269 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 110 TASKS, FOR 109.9 HOURS. 82 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (30) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (15 EMERGENCY, 10 PRIORITY, 5 ROUTINE.)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSION WAS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	2/0	2/2	3.2

300001H - TWO GUNSHIPS PLUS FIRE FLY SLICK (MSN #21) LAUNCHED FOR VR IN CITRUS AREA, RECEIVED AND DELIVERED FIRE AT AT0657 AREA.

300208-300538H - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #8B) LAUNCHED TO AID RED BEACH, DIVERTED BY CARSTAIRS I TO INVESTIGATE MORTAR FIRE FROM WEST. FURTHER DIVERTED TO ATTACK ROCKET SITES AT AT040648, THAT WERE USED ON THE ATTACK OF MMAF AND BANANG AB. ALSO DIVERTED TO ATTACK VC CROSSING RIVER SW OF MMAF. UNKNOWN BDA.

300445-300740H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #8C) LAUNCHED FOR SUPPRESSIVE AT III MAF. RECEIVED FIRE FROM CHINA BEACH REDEVELOPMENT CENTER. DIRECTED DENVER CITY REACTION FORCE INTO THE AREA. THEY RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BT050726. RETURNED TO MMAF, REARMED & REFUELED. LAUNCHED AND COMPLETED MISSION WITH REACTION FORCE, SPOTTED THREE ENEMY AT BT044744, TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE WITH THREE KBA, ~~ONE~~ CONFIRMED AND TWO POSSIBLE.

300715H - ONE GUNSHIP WHILE SUPPORTING HMM-363 ON MED EVAC MISSION 6L, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BT031803, SUNK ONE SAMPAN WITH FOUR KBA'S CONFIRMED. ALSO ON MED EVAC MISSION 6N, DAMAGED FOUR HOOTCHES AT AT966672. TOTAL BDA ONE SAMPAN DESTROYED, FOUR HOOTCHES DAMAGED AND FOUR CONFIRMED KBA.

300730-301430H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN 46) LAUNCHED TO HOI AN AREA IN SUPPORT OF "MASSIVE BUSTER". CONTACTED BY BIG 06 TO DESTROY 15 SAMPANS AT BT173549. DESTROYED ALL BOATS AND ONE STRUCTURE. ALSO OBSERVED SECONDARY WP FIRE. TOTAL BDA 15 SAMPANS DESTROYED 1 HOOTCH DESTROYED.

300925H - ONE GUNSHIP LAUNCHED IN SUPPORT OF HMM-363 FOR MED EVAC MISSION 6N (HOT ZONE). TOOK FIRE AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT962678. TOTAL BDA THREE STRUCTURES DAMAGED, ONE CONFIRMED KBA AND ONE POSSIBLE.

VMO-2 SITREP FOR 30 JAN 68 CONTINUATION OF:

300643-301800H - THE VMO-2 ROKMC SLICK (MSN #16) WHILE TRANSPORTING GENERAL KIM AND VARIOUS STAFF OFFICER TO VARIOUS LZ IN THE ROKMC TAOR, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE SIX DIFFERENT TIMES IN VICINITY OF HOI AN CITY AND RIVER SOUTH OF HOI AN CITY WITH FIVE CONFIRMED KBA AT BT15553.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 310001H THRU 312400H

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD FLEW 256 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 99 TASKS, FOR 111.6 HOURS. 76 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (32) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (24 EMERGENCY, 6 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE.)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSION WAS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/2	1.1

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT WAS FLOWN

<u>EXTRACT</u>	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
	8	1	0.9

302120-310440H - TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #5) LAUNCHED FOR STRIKE AT BT042722, CONTACTED DENVER CITY BRAVO FOR CONTROL AGAINST SUSPECTED MORTAR POSIT.

302135-310625H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #5) LAUNCHED FOR SUPPORT OF ANDREW 14 AND TERRAPIN 14. FIRED ON SAMPANS IN RIVER AT BT032732 AND BT042730. ALSO FIRED ON VC COMPANY MOVING ALONG HWY IN BT0069 GRID. BDA UNKNOWN.

310655H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #29 & 31) LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT DENVER CITY "B". ALSO DELIVERED ORDNANCE AT REQUEST FOR BENCH MARK 4. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT933833, WITH 5 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 30 DAMAGED AND 6 CONFIRMED KBA, 15 POSSIBLE KBA.

311220-311832H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #26) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON RESUPPLY OF HOI AN AIRSTRIP, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BT050512. ESCORTED HMM-363 ON EMERGENCY MED EVAC AT BT167587, FIRED ON VC POSITIONS AT BT167582. TOTAL BDA 9 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 3 DAMAGED.

301530H - TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #38) FLEW ESCORT FOR HMM-265 ON EMERGENCY RECON EXTRACT AT AT8665 GRID. ALSO CHECKED THREE SMALL ISLANDS IN RIVER FOR VC, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE WITH 20 KBA CONFIRMED AT BT042732. TOTAL BDA FOR MISSION WAS 20 CONFIRMED KBA AND 20 POSSIBLE KBA.

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