

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2
 Marine Aircraft Group 16
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
 FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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Encl: / (1) Marine Observation Squadron 2 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions contained in reference (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I
OPERATIONAL DATA

1. STAFF LISTING

a. Commanding Officer	LTCol S. A. CHALLGREN	1-11 Jan 70
	LTCol J. M. MORIARTY	12-31 Jan 70
b. Executive Officer	Maj K. D. WATERS	1-31 Jan 70
c. Operations Officer	Maj D. W. JOHNSON	1-16 Jan 70
	Maj W. R. CARROLL	17-31 Jan 70
d. Logistics Officer	Capt J. W. RUYMANN	1-31 Jan 70
e. Personnel Officer	Maj J. G. ROMAN	1-31 Jan 70
f. Maintenance Officer	Maj B. C. MILLER	1-31 Jan 70
g. Intelligence Officer	Capt M. G. MYERS	1-16 Jan 70
	Maj W. R. CARROLL	17-31 Jan 70

2. MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2
Marine Aircraft Group 16
First Marine Aircraft Wing, III MAF
Marble Mountain Air Facility, Da Nang RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. PERMANENT	12 Officers	127 Enlisted
b. TAD	3 Officers	9 Enlisted

4. Important Visitors: General Chapman, Lt General Duse, Lt General Nickerson, Maj General Thrash and the Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps.

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of January 1970, VMO-2 operated for the first time in its history without a helicopter inventory. Despite poor weather for several days, the squadron flew a total of 1342.4 hours for an average of 43.3 hours per day. This total was very close to the flight hours flown when the AH-1G cobras were integral to the squadron. VMO-2 continued to provide support for the 1st MARDIV, III MAF, 1st MAF and ROK Marine Corps in its primary mission as a visual reconnaissance aircraft. The visual recon mission averaged eight significant sightings per day. In addition, the squadron's FAC(A)'s controlled a total of 160 air strikes and the OV-10A accounted for thirteen confirmed KBA's.

During January VMO-2 was honored with 2 distinguished visitors, on 8 January 1970 Lieutenant General Henry W. Buse, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific visited MAG-16 and VMO-2 for an update briefing. On 10 January 1970, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General L. F. Chapman Jr. toured MAG-16 and VMO-2. At 1000 on 12 January 1970, VMO-2 had an impressive change of command ceremony. LtCol S. A. Challgren relinquished command of VMO-2 to LtCol J. M. Moriarty.

2. During the month of January 1970, VMO-2 flew a total of 625 sorties for a total of 1342.4 hours. These totals are the effort of 19 OV-10A's assigned to this squadron. The following tasks were accomplished:

- a. Armed Helo Escort
- b. Training
- c. Visual Reconnaissance
- d. Photo Reconnaissance
- e. FAC(A) Forward Air Control (Airborne)
- f. Artillery Spot
- g. Convoy Escort
- h. Med Evac Escort
- i. Command and Control
- j. AFD (Airborne Personnel Detection) Escort

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k. Smoke Cover

l. VIP

m. Sensor Drop

3. The following ADA was credited to the squadron for the month of January:

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel:
 - a. Promoted 1 Officer 4 Enlisted
 - b. Transferred 34 Joined 38
2. Administration: On 12 January LtCol S. A. Challengren relinquished command of VMO-2 to LtCol J. M. Moriarty.
3. Awards: NONE
4. Casualties: NONE
5. Civic Action: NONE
6. Morale/Welfare Program: NONE
7. Information Services: NONE
8. Air Operations: Victory Dragon XVII
 - a. Total Flight Hours 1042.4
9. Special Operations:
10. Ordinance Expended.

a. CV-10A	2.75 1. E. ROCKETS	2,964
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	7.62 mm Ammo (M-60)	76,900
	7.62 mm Ammo (SUU-11)	143,550
	MK 45 Parachute Flare	206
	MK 6 Float Light	17

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
PART IV

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 010001 thru 012400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	20	TASKS:	19	HOURS:	42.8	<u>NO.SIC.SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	20	TASKS:	19	HOURS:	42.8	0

P. L. COLT
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 000001 thru 002400H DECEMBER 1969

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	20	TASKS:	31	HOURS:	56.7	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	40	TASKS:	50	HOURS:	93.5	•

W. A. SWANSON
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 030001 thru 032400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	25	TASKS:	39	HOURS:	52.4	<u>NO.SIG.SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	65	TASKS:	89	HOURS:	145.9	<u>2</u>

R. G. WILLIAMS
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 040001 thru 042400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	26	TASKS:	38	HOURS:	49.1	<u>NO.SIG.SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	91	TASKS:	128	HOURS:	195.0	6

L. W. BRASMAN
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 050001 thru 052400H
JANUARY 1970**

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	2	TASKS:	2	HOURS:	2.2	NO.SIG.SIGHTINGS
MONTH:	93	93	130	197.2	6		

**J. R. HUNT
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER**

**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 060001 through 062400H
JANUARY 1970**

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	24	TASKS:	31	HOURS:	49.7	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	117	TASKS:	161	HOURS:	246.9	4

J. D. LINDBERG
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 070001 thru 072400H
JANUARY 1970**

CV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	21	TASKS:	28	HOURS:	42.2	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	307122	138	TASKS:	189	HOURS:	289.1	<u>5</u>

**P. L. GALT
LT JGMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER**

**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 000001 thru 002400H
JANUARY 1970**

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	10	TASKS:	18	HOURS:	21.3	NO.SIG.SIGHTINGS
MONTH:	SORTIES:	148	TASKS:	207	HOURS:	310.4	2

**G. A. ROBERTS
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER**

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 090001 THRU 092400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	17	TASKS:	23	HOURS:	37.8	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	165	TASKS:	230	HOURS:	348.2	5

R. S. WILLIAMS
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 100001 thru 102400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	17	TASKS:	24	HOURS:	34.5	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	182	TASKS:	254	HOURS:	382.7	<u>1</u>

L. W. GRASHAN
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 110001 thru 112400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	24	TASKS:	41	HOURS:	44.2	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	206	TASKS:	295	HOURS:	426.9	4

W. A. SVENSON
1LT USMC
SQUADRON 2 TY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 120001 thru 122400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAYS:	PORTIES:	19	TASKS:	31	HOURS:	38.6	NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS
MONTH:	ERTIES:	225	TAKES:	326	HOURS:	465.5	9

J. D. LEEBERG
LT JMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 130001 thru 132400H
JANUARY 1970

CV-10A

DAY:	SCOUTIES:	15	TACKS:	29	HOURS:	35.6	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SCOUTIES:	240	TACKS:	355	HOURS:	501.1	2

P. L. COLT
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 140001 thru 142400H
JANUARY 1970

CV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	23	TASKS:	12	HOURS:	47.6	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	263	TASKS:	397	HOURS:	548.7	2

W. A. STINSON
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 150001 thru 152400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	3	TASKS:	3	HOURS:	6.1	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	266	TASKS:	400	HOURS:	554.8	0

R. S. WILLIAMS
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 160001 thru 162400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	15	TASKS:	21	HOURS:	32.6	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	281	TASKS:	421	HOURS:	587.4	6

J. B. LINDBERG
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 170001 thru 172400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	25	TASKS:	34	HOURS:	46.4	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	306	TASKS:	455	HOURS:	633.8	4

G. A. ROBERTS
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 180001 thru 182400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	20	TASKS:	28	HOURS:	47.8	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	326	TASKS:	483	HOURS:	681.6	8

J. R. HUNT
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 190001 thru 192400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	21	TASKS:	33	HOURS:	47.0	<u>NO.SIG.SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	347	TASKS:	516	HOURS:	728.6	8

P. L. COLT
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 200001 thru 202400H
JANUARY 1970

CV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	20	TASKS:	37	HOURS:	44.4	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	367	TASKS:	553	HOURS:	773.0	4

V. A. STILSON
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 210001 thru 212400H
JANUARY 1970**

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	24	TASKS:	40	HOURS:	46.2	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	391	TASKS:	593	HOURS:	819.2	<u>7</u>

**R. S. WILLIAMS
1LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER**

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 220001 thru 222400H
JANUARY 1970

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	18	TASKS:	32	HOURS:	46.4	<u>NO.SIC.SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	409	TASKS:	625	HOURS:	865.6	6

L. W. GRASMAN
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 230001 thru 232400H
JANUARY 1970**

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	26	TASKS:	50	HOURS:	56.2	<u>NO.SIG.SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	435	TASKS:	675	HOURS:	921.8	<u>6</u>

**G. A. ROBERTS
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER**

**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 240001 thru 242400H
JANUARY 1970**

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	20	TASKS:	34	HOURS:	47.0	NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS
MONTH:	SORTIES:	455	TASKS:	709	HOURS:	968.8	14

**J. R. ROBT
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER**

**MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 250001 thru 252400H
JANUARY 1970**

OV-10A

DAY:	SORTIES:	28	TASKS:	46	HOURS:	46.1	NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS
MONTH:	SORTIES:	483	TASKS:	755	HOURS:	1024.9	9

**J. B. LINDBERG
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER**

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 260001 thru 262400H
JANUARY 1970

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DAY:	SORTIES:	31	TASKS:	49	HOURS:	54.4	NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS
MONTH:	SORTIES:	514	TASKS:	804	HOURS:	1079.3	5

W. A. SVENSON
LT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 262200 THRU 272200H
JANUARY 1970

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DAY:	SORTIES:	25	TAGES:	49	HOURS:	54.6	<u>NO. SIG. SIGHTINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	539	TAGES:	844	HOURS:	1133.9	<u>12</u>

S. S. WILLIAMS
LT USMC
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 JANUARY 1970

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DAY:	SORTIES:	22	TACKS:	40	HOURS:	55.1	<u>NO. SIG. SIG. 2.100</u>
NIGHT:	SORTIES:	561	TACKS:	884	HOURS:	1189.0	<u>1</u>

L. W. GRASMAN
 LT USMC
 SQUADRON DET? OFFICER

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 MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 202200Z THRU 292200H
 JANUARY 1969

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DAY:	SORTIES:	25	TASKS:	40	HOURS:	52.0	<u>NO. AIR PHOTOGRAPHS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	586	TASKS:	924	HOURS:	1241.0	2

J. R. LINDBERG
 LT USMC
 SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 DATA PERIOD 292200 TO 302200H
JANUARY 1970

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DAY:	SCOUTS:	23	TASKS:	31	HOURS:	53.6	<u>NO. OF SORTIES</u>
MONTH:	SCOUTS:	609	TASKS:	955	HOURS:	1294.6	<u>2</u>

J. L. MONT
LT USMC
SQUADRON DATA OFFICER

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 302200Z T-03 312200H
JANUARY 1970

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DAY:	SORTIES:	19	TASKS:	28	HOURS:	47.8	<u>NO. SIG. SIG. TINGS</u>
MONTH:	SORTIES:	625	TASK:	983	HOURS:	1342.4	2

J. E. LINDBERG
LT USMC
SQUADRON SGT OFFICER