

MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON-3  
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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group-One, (Attn. S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology, period 1 - 28 February 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
 (b) WgO 5750.1B  
 (c) GruO 5750.1

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in references (a), (b), and (c), the subject chronology is submitted.

2. Narrative Summary. Predominantly good weather throughout the month resulted in an increase of air support missions flown in southern ICTZ. The number of missions controlled by the squadrons' DASC's were new monthly highs since arriving in RVN. A short month, longer hours of daylight, a reduction in scheduled TPQ-10 missions, and observance of the Vietnamese holiday "TET", caused a slight decrease in ASRT statistics as compared to previous months however.

The controller cross-training program continued and resulted in three officers becoming qualified in the DASC and three as Strike Controllers. Rotation of personnel between Chu Lai, Quang Ngai and Duc Pho gave all concerned the experience of working under an advanced base combat environment.

Within the Chu Lai CP area construction work continued on various projects. An outdoor theater complete with panoramic screen, wooden seating benches and projectionists booth was completed late in the month. In addition, the squadron working area was leveled and resurfaced with gravel; and work was started on an outdoor barbecue pit and generator housing shed.

On 17 February, the squadron deployed a Mobile DASC to Buddha Mountain, north-east of Quang Ngai city, in support of the Tri-Nation operation "Rio Grande". This DASC, Landshark "Zulu", effectively controlled the air support missions flown in support of the operation until "Rio Grande" terminated on 21 February.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- A. Marine Air Support Squadron-Three, Chu Lai, RVN
- (1) CP, DASC (Landshark "Alpha") and ASRT (King Lear "Bravo") Chu Lai
  - (2) DASC (Landshark "Yankee") Duc Pho
  - (3) ASRT (King Lear "Alpha") Quang Ngai
  - (4) DASC (Landshark "Zulu") Quang Ngai, 17 - 21 February
- B. 1 - 28 February 1967
- C. Marine Wing Headquarters Group-One, First Marine Aircraft Wing (1-28 February 1967)
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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| D. Commanding Officer  | LtCol Donald L. Fenton      |
| Executive Officer      | Maj John C. Dixon           |
| Operations Officer     | Maj Desmond F. Browne       |
| Administration Officer | 2ndLt William R. Burlingame |
| Services Officer       | Capt Robert L. Hagener      |
| Supply Officer         | Capt Otto G. Linden         |
| Comm/Elect Officer     | Capt Thomas O. J. Farr      |
- E. 26 Officers and 173 Enlisted

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A. Air Operations. Air support operations are as summarized below:

DASC'S

	Landshark -	<u>Alpha</u>	<u>Yankee</u>	<u>Zulu</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed Wing Missions Controlled		1097	566	41	1704
Helo Missions Controlled		1148	389	61	1598

ASRT'S

	King Lear -	<u>Alpha</u>	<u>Bravo</u>	<u>Total</u>
Day		119	54	
Night		328	229	
All Missions		447	283	730
Targets Hit		721	393	1114
Day		232	79	
Night		543	383	
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)		775	462	1237

B. Special Operations

(1) Landshark "Yankee". The DUC PHO DASC controlled air support missions flown in support of Operations "De Soto", "Deckhouse VI", and "Pueblo". The DASC worked in conjunction with the TACC (Afloat) "Icepack" on operations involving the SLF.

(2) "Rio Grande". A Tri-Nation operation conducted west of Quang Ngai participated in as mentioned in the narrative summary.

(3) Training. The final examination for the Group Study MCI course 03.24 "Operations Against Guerrilla Units" was given and the results received. Of the forty-three (43) MASS-3 personnel examined, thirty-four (34) received passing grades and certificates of completion.

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