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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
 (b) WGO 5750.1C
 (c) GruO 5750.1

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

2. Narrative Summary

The squadron has had an active month in the recalling and displacement of DASC's. The arrival of the Army in Southern I Corps eliminated the requirement for our DASC, Landshark "Yankee", at Duc Pho. Operations there ceased on 10 April, and in approximately three days all equipment and personnel were returned to Chu Lai. On 17 April personnel and equipment and an HDC were embarked by 3 KC-130's to Phu Bai, and then by motor convoy to Phong Dien, to support operation "SHAWNEE". The HDC was established and ready to control aircraft on the 19th, although the operation did not commence until 22 April 1967.

On 26 April 1967, the Task Force "X-RAY" FSCC was disestablished and replaced by the US Army Provisional Division (Task Force Oregon) Tactical Operations Center (TOC) and Tactical Air Control Party (TACP). Exchange of fire support/air support information between the MASS-3 DASC, Landshark "Alpha" and the TOC/TACP has been established without difficulty although no formal procedural guidance has been promulgated. TPQ-10 target clearance, formerly performed by the Task Force "X-RAY" FSCC, is now being performed by the G-3 portion of the Chu Lai Installation Coordinator's staff.

TPQ-10 missions and total ordnance dropped did not exceed the squadron high of last month, although, overall, it proved to be a better than average month. Cross training of controllers continued with two officers becoming dual qualified as Strike Controllers and DASC Senior Air Directors.

Construction on the squadron recreation hut continued throughout the month and should be completed in early May. Work also commenced on a 40' x 96' butler building for supply storage.

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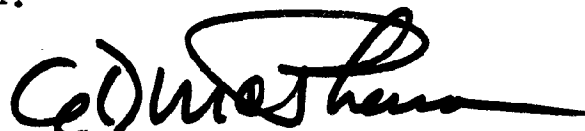
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On 26 April, Major General CUSHMAN visited the squadron CP and working area, where he was briefed by the Squadron Commanding Officer and escorted on a short tour of the DASC and ASRT.



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- 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 (1 - 11 April 1967)
 - (3) ASRT (King Lear "Alpha") Quang Ngai
 - (4) HDC (King Lear "Zulu") Phong Dien (17 - 30 April 1967)
- B. 1 - 30 April 1967
- C. Marine Wing Headquarters Group-One, First Marine Aircraft Wing
(1 - 30 April 1967)
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| Commanding Officer | LtCol GORDON D. MCPHERSON |
| Executive Officer | Maj JOHN C. DIXON |
| Operations Officer | Maj DESMOND F. BROWNE |
| Administrative 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. 27 Officers and 177 Enlisted

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A. Personnel. Eighteen (18) personnel were promoted to the rank of Corporal, fourteen (14) to Lance Corporal and four (4) officers were promoted to First Lieutenant.

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

DASC's/HDC

	<u>Alpha</u>	<u>Yankee</u>	<u>Zulu</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed Wing Missions Controlled	533	38	61	632
Helo Missions Controlled	1090	149	171	1410

ASRT's

	<u>Alpha</u>	<u>Bravo</u>	<u>Total</u>
Day Missions	79	87	166
Night Missions	<u>278</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>577</u>
Total Missions	357	386	743
Targets Hit	649	726	1375
Ordnance Dropped - Day (Tons)	175	200	375
Ordnance Dropped - Night (Tons)	<u>497</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>1077</u>
Total Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	672	780	1452

C. Special Operations

(1) Landshark "Yankee". Marine operations in southern I Corps were greatly reduced when the Army moved into this area, therefore it was determined that the DASC at Duc Pho was no longer required. Landshark "Yankee" control ceased on 10 April and the airlift of personnel and equipment to Chu Lai commenced.

(2) King Lear "Zulu". An HDC in support of Operation "SHAWNEE" was established at Phong Dien and was ready for operations on 18 April although the operation itself did not commence until 21 April 1967. Though termed a HDC, King Lear "Zulu" has a full DASC capability should Operation "SHAWNEE" warrant a more elaborate air support system.

D. Training. Cross training of all Strike Controllers has proved extremely beneficial when personnel are required for DASC and HDC displacements. At present, only four controllers are dual qualified in the DASC and ASRT.

E. Supply. On 23 April, the squadron supply section commenced the transition from SLITT to MUMMS (Marine Corps Unified Material Management System) with a target date of 5 May 1967 for completion.

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