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✓TAB A-STATISTICAL DATA

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 FEBRUARY 1967 TO 28 FEBRUARY 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Air Support Squadron 2 LTCOL H. HUNTER, Jr.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Direct Air Support Center	MAJOR	J.T. MAXWELL
Air Support Radar Team "B"	1/LT	A.R. VAN DIVER
Detachment Phu Bai	CAPT	J.T. GALLAGHER
Direct Air Support Center	CAPT	C.J. COWELL
Air Support Radar Team "C"	1/LT	T.J. KOONTZ
Detachment Dong Ha	CAPT	A.C. GETZ
Direct Air Support Center	CAPT	A.J. PARDINI
Air Support Radar Team "D"	2/LT	S.J. SCALZO

2. LOCATION

a. <u>Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (-)</u>	DANANG, RVN in direct support of the 1st Marine Division (-).
Direct Air Support Center	
Air Support Radar Team "B"	
b. <u>Detachment Phu Bai</u>	PHU BAI, RVN in direct support of the 3rd Marine Division (-).
Direct Air Support Center	
Air Support Radar Team "C"	
c. <u>Detachment Dong Ha</u>	DONG HA, RVN in direct support of the 3rd Marine Division (FWD).
Direct Air Support Center	
Air Support Radar Team "D"	

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	MAJOR	D.P. KARCHER
Operations Officer	MAJOR	R.F. GORE
Administrative Officer	2/LT	L.T. CLARK
Communications Officer	CAPT	J.L. BELT
Services Officer	1/LT	E.G. STUCKRATH

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USM</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>TECH REP</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Operations

a. During the month of February operations in the I Corps remained relatively static. The area in the southern portion of the DANANG TAOR remained the most active. In February, the Direct Air Support Center, DANANG, controlled 489 fixed wing missions and 1,411 helio missions of which 370 were medical evacuations.

b. The Air Support Radar Teams continued to provide all weather radar bombing support throughout the I Corps. During the month, the 3 ASRTs of MASS-2 conducted 1,136 missions, controlled 1,304 aircraft and struck 2,350 targets with 2,855 tons of ordnance for an average of 1.21 tons per target. (TAB-A- PARTIV) Since arriving in Vietnam the ASRTs of this squadron have conducted 17,273 missions and dropped 27,692.4 tons of bombs.

c. On the night of 20-21 February, ASRT "D", at Dong Ha, established a new record for a 24 hour period dropping a total of 420,000 pounds of bombs on targets in the northern I Corps area.

d. The ALO from 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines reported his unit had found TPQ-10 strikes to be an extraordinarily effective weapon. The ALO could not give specific bomb damage assessment but reported that during follow up ground actions 2/3 had opened many fresh graves and the condition of the bodies indicated KIA were caused by severe explosions. Commanding Officer 2/3 believes them to be the result of TPQ-10 strikes.

2. Civic Action. During the month, the MASS-2 MEDCAP team treated 60 Vietnamese from HOA MY hamlet for minor complaints. No instructions were given at the hamlet school because of the Tet Holidays.

3. Supply and Services.

a. The supply support for the AN/TPQ-10 has been improving continuously. There remains certain exceptions to this in cases where lack of usage data prohibits the stockage of certain spares (i.e. Electric Drive Motor). This problem will be solved as these areas of low usage, vitally important parts are being screened thoroughly. The AN/GRC-48 Radio support remains sketchy as high usage spares are still at a low stock level. The FMFPac Inspection Team was generally well satisfied with Supply procedures used by the Squadron. No major discrepancies were noted in any areas.

b. Supply support for critical generator parts continued to improve during February, however this area still requires constant supervision. Motor Transport has improved greatly since the end of the monsoon season.

c. The Squadron Utilities section continued to work on improving the camp area. New screening was put up throughout the billeting areas during the month and styro foam packing was used as insulation on all the office spaces.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 5 Feb ASRT "B" (DANANG) received a secondary explosion after attacking VC ammo dump at BT116411.
- Received ground defense alert from Northern Sector Defense Headquarters. Intelligence indicates 120 VC moving to attack Civic Action Company west of RED BEACH. DASC/FSCC/COC coordinated to set up a flare ship orbiting over DANANG Airfield on 2 minute alert.
- 6 Feb ASRT "D" (DONG HA) received secondary explosion after strikes against VC position at YD039616.
- 7 Feb ASRT "B" received secondary explosions at AT989251, BT118456, and BT221462.
- 8 Feb Commenced Lunar New Year truce.
- 9 Feb All ASRTs conducted night flare missions.
- 10 Feb Major General ROBERTSHAW, CG, 1stMAW, visited the DASC and ASRT at DONG HA. Operations in progress.
- 11 Feb Operations personnel attended planning conference for OPERATION STONE
- 12 Feb ASRT "D" received secondary explosions while conducting strikes against VC positions at YD126490 and YD053643.
- 13 Feb Operations personnel attended 1stMAW conference on HAWKEYE FIREX, RIO BLANCO III and DECKHOUSE IV.
- 14 Feb Colonel SWINBORN, Australian Military Attache visited DASC at PHU BAI in company with Colonel MORGAN, USA.
- 17 Feb ASRT "D" received secondary explosion at YD103753.
- 20 Feb ASRT "D" received secondary explosion at YD135665.
- 21 Feb ASRT "D" set a new 24 hour period bombing record dropping 420,000 pounds of bombs.
Operations personnel attended debrief on OPERATION STONE
Survey team departed CP for QUANG TRI to select possible ASRT sites.
- 22 Feb ASRT "B" begins planning for support of HAWKEYE FIREX. Tracking drills underway
- 28 Feb ASRT "D" received secondary explosion at YD062636.
- MASS-2 MEDCAP team treated 60 Vietnamese of HOA MY hamlet for minor complaints.

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TAB A -- STATISTICAL DATA FOR FEBRUARY 1967

1. Direct Air Support Centers.

	Total Missions			Total
	<u>Fixed wing</u>	<u>Helo</u>	<u>Med-Evac*</u>	
DASC - DANANG	489	1,411	370	1,900
DASC - DONG HA	415	576	86	991
DASC - PHU BAI	267	519	108	786
TOTALS	1,171	2,506	564	3,677

* Med-Evac missions are included in helicopter totals.

2. Air Support Radar Teams.

	<u>No. of Missions</u>	<u>No. of Targets</u>	<u>No. a/c Controlled</u>	<u>Tons Bombs Dropped</u>
ASRT "B"-DANANG	307	452	319	613.250
ASRT "C"-PHUBAI	209	540	211	444.750
ASRT "D"-DONG HA	620	1,358	774	1,797.375
TOTALS	1,136	2,350	1,304	2,855.375

Target Coverage = $\frac{2855 \text{ tons}}{2350 \text{ targets}} = 1.21 \text{ tons/target}$

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