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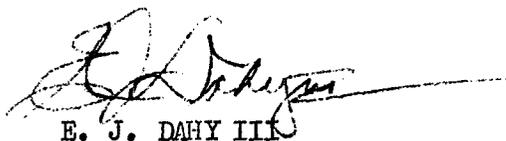
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October thru 31 October

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| <u>BILLET</u> | <u>PERIOD COVERED</u> | <u>RANK/NAME</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Commanding Officer | 1-31 Oct 1968 | Maj Edward J. DAHY III |
| Executive Officer | 1-8 Oct 1968 | Maj George N. ALLERTON |
| Executive Officer | 9-31 Oct 1968 | Maj Donald H. CORMACK |
| Administrative Officer | 1-31 Oct 1968 | 1stLt John R. CUSACK |
| Operations Officer | 1-8 Oct 1968 | Capt John C. WEARE |
| Operations Officer | 9-31 Oct 1968 | Maj George N. ALLERTON |
| Services Officer | 1-30 Oct 1968 | Capt Andrew D. GLAD |
| Services Officer | 31 Oct 1968 | 1stLt Michael R. OSBORN |
| Comm-Elect Officer | 1-31 Oct 1968 | Capt Frank MANN Jr. |
| OIC, Detachment 1 | 1-31 Oct 1968 | Maj Eugene H. TRESOTT |
| OIC, Detachment 2 | 1-31 Oct 1968 | Maj Richard W. BEASON |
| OIC, DASC Detachment 1 | 1-31 Oct 1968 | Capt Thomas E. JONES |
| OIC, Camp Carroll ASRT "A" | 1-31 Oct 1968 | 1stLt Robert C. LISTER |
| OIC, Camp Carroll ASRT "B" | 1-28 Oct 1968 | Capt Daryl D. DALRYMPLE |
| OIC, Camp Carroll ASRT "B" | 29-31 Oct 1968 | 1stLt George L. BREWER |
| OIC, Phu Bai ASRT | 1-31 Oct 1968 | 1stLt William R. MACBETH |
| OIC, Dong Ha ASRT | 1-31 Oct 1968 | 1stLt Thomas J. ZENS |

2. LOCATION

| | |
|---|---|
| a. <u>Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (-)</u> | <u>DaNang RVN</u> |
| b. <u>Detachment 1</u> Direct Air Support Center Camp Carroll Air Support Radar Team "A" Camp Carroll Air Support Radar Team "B" | Dong Ha/Camp Carroll, RVN in support of the 3rd Marine Division |
| c. <u>Detachment 2</u> Phu Bai Air Support Radar Team | Phu Bai, RVN in support of XXI V Corps |

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| <u>MAR OFF</u> | <u>MAR ENL</u> | <u>NAV OFF</u> | <u>NAV ENL</u> | <u>OTHER</u> |
| 44 | 223 | 0 | 3 | TECH REP |
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4. Important Visitors. The following personnel visited the Dong Ha DASC on 11 October 1968.

Secretary of the Navy IGNATIUS
LtGen CUSHMAN, CG III MAF
LtGen STILLWELL, CG XXIV Corps
MajGen DRAKE, Deputy CG XXIV Corps
RAdm HARNISH, Director Office of Program Appraisal
BGen GARRETSON, CG 3rdMARDIV (Acting)

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a. Direct Air Support Center (DASC) operations for the month of October indicated a total of 2,376 missions controlled of which 1308 were fixed wing and 1068 helicopter missions with 165 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations.

b. Air Support Radar Team (ASRT) operations indicated a statistical increase from the previous month. The ASRTs controlled 1224 missions, 1657 aircraft, delivered 7,030,926 pounds of bombs on 1279 targets.

c. The following operations were supported by MASS-2: Detachment 1 - Operations Lancaster II, Kentucky, Napoleon/Saline II, Scotland II and Scotland East; Detachment 2 - Operations Nevada Eagle and Job Stuart III.

d. The squadron received AN/TPQ-10 RCDC System A-12 from MASS-3 on 1 October 1968. The system has been emplaced at the Dong Ha Combat Base and has been designated Dong Ha ASRT. The system is the MACG-18 maintenance float and has not assumed an operational status as yet.

e. Camp Carroll ASRT "A" made 10 helicopter resupply paradrops in support of 3rd MARDIV units.

f. On 1 and 2 October 1968 the Communication-Electronics section displaced from Phu Bai to join Detachment 1 at the Dong Ha Combat Base. This will provide more timely Communication-Electronics support to the Dong Ha DASC and ASRTs at Dong Ha and Camp Carroll.

g. The squadron joined one General Electric Technical Representative for the AN/TPQ-10 RCDC on 22 October 1968. This should significantly enhance the capability of the squadron to maintain AN/TPQ-10 systems in an operational status.

h. As of 31 October MASS-2 AN/TPQ-10 system operation hours were as follows:

| | <u>Total</u> | <u>Since REHAB</u> | <u>Oct 68</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Camp Carroll ASRT "A" (A-8) | 8212 | 4347 | 728 |
| Camp Carroll ASRT "B" (A-2) | 17349 | 1638 | 442 |
| Phu Bai ASRT (A-3) | 16659 | 16294 | 724 |
| Dong Ha ASRT (A-12) | 21732 | 17198 | 0 |

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- 1 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary fire at XD 912701
- 2 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported two (2) secondary explosions at YD 020697
- 3 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported four (4) bunkers destroyed, one (1) artillery piece damaged and two (2) secondary explosions at YD 118825
- 8 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 016768 and one (1) secondary explosion at XD 997704
- 9 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary explosion at XD 994703
- 10 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 084715 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD 213829
- 13 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "B" reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 241795
- 18 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "B" reported one (1) secondary fire at XD 99298021
- 20 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "B" reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 242777
- 23 Oct Phu Bai ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at YC 11309130
- 24 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported six (6) bunkers, two (2) structures, forty (40) meters trenchline destroyed and two (2) roads cut at YD 216873; also one (1) secondary explosion at YD 119899
- 27 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported one (1) bunker and forty (40) meters of trenchline destroyed at YD 245854
- 29 Oct Phu Bai ASRT reported one secondary explosion at ZC 013977
- 30 Oct Camp Carroll ASRT "A" reported four (4) secondary explosions at YD 211825 and one (1) secondary explosion at YD 044773

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1-31 Oct

Squadron total IFR sorties ASRT controlled 340.
Squadron total VFR sorties ASRT controlled 1317.

Supply. During October the Supply Section processed 224 incoming requisitions.

Motor Transport. MASS-2 motor vehicles logged a total of 36,768 miles transporting 6,376 personnel and hauling 676 short tons of cargo in support of the command post and outlying detachments.

Utilities. The Utilities Section received and completed a total of 9 major work requests.

Civic Action. The squadron held 6 MEDCAPS during October treating 573 patients. Food, Kool-Aid and candy were donated to the Buddhist Orphanage of Hoa Phat for a monthly party. Food and candy were donated for the annual "Vietnamese Children's Day Festival" at Phuoc Tuong and Hoa An Hamlets. Over 600 lbs. of children's clothing, 2 physical education kits and 2 barber kits were donated to the Buddhist Orphanage Center of Hoa Phat Village. Additionally, 6 textile kits and 25 bags of cement were distributed to Hoa Phat Village.

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FAB A STATISTICAL DATA FOR OCTOBER 1968

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1. Direct Air Support Center (DASC)

| | Fixed Wing | | | Helicopter | | | Med Evacs* | | | Total |
|----------------|------------|--|-----|------------|------|-----|------------|------|-----|-------|
| | USMC | USAF | USN | USMC | USAF | USN | USMC | USAF | USN | |
| DASC Dong Ha | 824 | 210 | ∅ | 274 | ∅ | ∅ | ∅ | ∅ | ∅ | 2376 |
| Total missions | | | | | | | | | | |
| | USMC | USAF <td>USN</td> <td>USMC</td> <td>USAF</td> <td>USN</td> <td>USMC</td> <td>USAF</td> <td>USN</td> <td>USA</td> | USN | USMC | USAF | USN | USMC | USAF | USN | USA |

*MED EVAC Missions are NOT included in helicopter totals.

2. Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT)

| | No. of Missions | | | No. of Targets | | | No. A/C Controlled | | | Tons of Bombs Dropped | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------|-----|----------------|------|-----|--------------------|------|-----|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| | USMC | USAF | USN | USMC | USAF | USN | USMC | USAF | USN | USMC | USAF | USN |
| ASRT Camp Carroll "A" | 534 | 41 | 65 | 556 | 52 | 67 | 649 | 76 | 163 | 1499.030 | 160.655 | 277.058 |
| ASRT Camp Carroll "B" | 200 | 17 | 36 | 197 | 19 | 37 | 237 | 32 | 74 | 500.510 | 54.860 | 114.160 |
| ASRT Phu Bai | 258 | 63 | 10 | 262 | 78 | 11 | 286 | 121 | 19 | 685.300 | 195.820 | 28.070 |
| TOTALS | 992 | 121 | 111 | 1015 | 149 | 115 | 1172 | 229 | 256 | 2684.840 | 411.335 | 419.288 |

Target Coverage = $\frac{3515.463}{1279} = 2.749$ tons/targets

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