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

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 December to 31 December 1967

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## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## PART I

## 1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol. P.M. CROSSWAIT LtCol. M.G. ROBBINS	(1-11 December) (11-31 December)
b. Executive Officer	LtCol. M.G. ROBBINS Major G. H. DUNN	(1-11 December) (11-31 December)
c. Operations Officer	Major E. LARSEN Major R.C. FINN	(1-11 December) (11-31 December)
d. Material Officer	Major R.C. FINN Major J.D. SIMPSON	(1-11 December) (11-31 December)
e. Administrative Officer	1stLt. S.G. WILLIAMS	(1-31 December)
f. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major D.L. ROSS	(1-31 December)
g. Intelligence Officer	Capt. J.J. RICHARDSON Capt. R.R. BERNARD	(1-11 December) (11-31 December)

2. MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP SIXTEEN  
FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, III MAF  
MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, RVN

## 3. Average monthly strength:

a. Permanent	Officers 39	Enlisted 137
b. TAD	Officers 5	Enlisted 6

4. There were no visitors to the squadron during the reporting period.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY  
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December was an active month as VMO-2 continued to support elements of the First Marine Division as well as the Republic of Korea Marine Corps. The monsoon season began to develop in December, and although the weather was very poor on many days, the squadron logged a total of 1,577.3 flight hours. Flying gunship support and VIP commitments in both the Da Nang tactical area of responsibility (TAOR) and the Republic of Korea Marines TAOR, VMO-2 flew a total of 4,895 sorties and 1,825 tasks, chalking up a Battle Damage Assessment (BDA) of 28 confirmed enemy kills, 138 probable, 77 structures destroyed, 74 structures damaged, 1 bridge and 2 sampans damaged.

During the month the standard commitments encompassing armed helo escort for VIP, TAC(A), reconnaissance inserts and extracts, visual reconnaissance and medical evacuation missions were flown. A UH-1E, utilizing the Anti-Personnel Detector (APD) was also employed to a great extent, particularly in the "rocket belt" areas adjacent to the Da Nang airfield complex. As in the past, the APD proved its effectiveness, obtaining heavy readings in suspected areas indicating enemy troop concentrations. As a result of information obtained from these readings, patrols were dispatched and ambushes set up, which resulted in successfully deterring enemy units from moving out of the mountains with rockets and launchers. The intelligence derived from the APD was probably a major factor in keeping the enemy from getting within range of either Da Nang Air Base or Marble Mountain Air Facility.

December 5th was an eventful day. Operation Pitt was initiated, with VMO-2 flying both escort gunships and providing the Command and Control aircraft and TAC(A) for the successful helicopter troop lift into hostile territory. On the same day, Hostage 3-0 flight was on a mission working with two Air Force rescue helicopters attempting to reach the site of a crashed Army Huey. The mission was aborted due to poor weather, and in attempting to return to Da Nang IFR (because of intense ground fire taken at low altitudes), both aircraft of 3-0 flight inadvertently crashed into the side of a mountain. All four crewmembers in the lead aircraft were killed, while the crew in the second aircraft escaped with minor injuries.

On 11 December an impressive change of command ceremony was conducted in the VMO-2 hangar. LtCol. M. G. ROBBINS relieved LtCol. P. M. CROSSWAIT as Commanding Officer of VMO-2 while the Reviewing Officer was B.Gen. KELLER, AWC, 1st MAW.

On 15 December Operation Citrus began, and although another operation had recently terminated in the same area, both the gunships and transports took heavy fire, including small arms, automatic weapons and 50 caliber. VMO-2 continued to render suppressive fire in support of the transport helicopters and the ground units. Acting both as Tactical Air Coordinator Airborne (TAC(A)) and as fire suppression aircraft, the gunships effectively suppressed much of the hostile fire while accounting for ten possible KBA and four structures destroyed.

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On 16 December, while on a visual reconnaissance mission in support of Operation Citrus, two gunships destroyed one structure and accounted for one KBA confirmed and two possible. On the same day a section of armed helos fired on VC in sampans with two sampans destroyed and three KBA possible. The squadron actively continued its participation in Operation Citrus until its completion on the 23rd of December. Throughout this period armed helos from VMO-2 accounted for four KBA confirmed, fourteen KBA possible, eight structures destroyed, and two sampans damaged.

On 21 December an APD mission was conducted with excellent results achieved. The APD and escort aircraft received and returned fire and directed fixed wing air strikes resulting in five KBA probable. The squadron received a dispatch from 1st MAW Operations commending the pilots and crews for their proficiency and excellent coverage.

On 25 December one UH-1E slick from the squadron escorted Gov. G. ROMNEY and party on visits to numerous locations in the III MAF area.

On 27 December an APD area sweep was conducted resulting in numerous sightings and machine readings. VMO-2 was again commended for continuous outstanding support in conducting APD sweep operations.

On 28 December Operation Auburn commenced with intense fire received, both on the initial insert and on subsequent resupply missions. All of the available gunships were diverted into this area during the first day, and in giving suppressive fire, a total of 43,000 rounds of 7.62 and 466 rockets were expended, with a BDA of 15 KBA confirmed, 80 KBA probable, 23 structures destroyed and 25 structures damaged. The fighting continued for the next two days, finally tapering off during the New Year's truce.

New Year marked the end of another active and successful month of combat operations for VMO-2. Flying under adverse weather conditions, the squadron continued to uphold its outstanding reputation as a combat squadron and the pilots and crews continued flying with above average courage and ability.

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## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## PART III

## 1. Personnel:

- a. 1 officer and 6 enlisted were promoted.
- b. 40 personnel were joined and 31 were transferred.

## 2. Administration:

- a. Change of Command; LtCol. M. G. ROBBINS relieved LtCol. P. M. CROSSWAIT as Commanding Officer on 11 December 1967.

## 3. Casualties:

- a. Cpl. S. R. PARSONS WIA

## 4. Awards: 1 Meritorious Corporal, 1 Purple Heart, 1 Air Medal.

## 9. Air Operations:

- a. Total hours flown: 1577.3
- Hours gunships flown: 1224.7
- Hours slicks flown: 352.6

- b. Number of sorties: 4719

- c. Number of medical evacuations: 22

- d. Number of passengers carried: 1759

## 11. Special Operations: "Citrus, Auburn and Pitt".

## 17. Ordnance Expended:

- a. 7.62mm 350,165
- b. 2.75" rockets 3,304
- c. 40mm CTG (M-79) 389

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 302000NOV TO 012000DEC67

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 90 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 37 TASKS FOR 22.2 HOURS. 46 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED THROUGHOUT ICTZ.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMH-363 ON 11 MED EVAC MISSIONS (2 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, 4 ROUTINE) ON MISSION H-6H SURPRESSIVE FIRE WAS PROVIDED.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN DURING THE PERIOD

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO MSN/SORT SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
HWY 1/5	2/0	2/8	4.8
ROCKET BELT	2/0	2/16	5.1

RECON INSERTS/EXTRACTS

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>PRECEDENCE</u>
INSERTS	1	1	PRIORITY
EXTRACTS	1	1	PRIORITY

ONE GUNSHIP WAS LAUNCHED TO ESCORT HMH-463 ON THE PICK UP OF A 155mm GUN AT BT 050250. THIS MISSION WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON-TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 012001H TO 022000H DECEMBER.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, VMO-2 FLEW 106 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 45 TASKS FOR 29.6 HOURS. 66 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED THROUGHOUT ICTZ.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON 12 MED EVAC MISSIONS (2 EMERGENCY, 7 PRIORITY, AND 3 PRIORITY.)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN DURING THE PERIOD

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO M&amp;N/SORT SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/2	2.0
ROCKET BELT	3/0	3/6	4.0

## RECON INSERTS/EXTRACTIONS

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>PRECEDENCE</u>
INSERTS	0	0	
EXTRACTIONS	3	3	PRIORITY

THERE WERE NO TACAN/GCA APPROACHES

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 022000H THRU 032000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 130 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 52 TASKS FOR 40.2 HOURS. 21 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED WITHIN ICTZ.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON 10 MED EVAC MISSIONS (4 EMERGENCY, 4 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTING)

THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO MSN/SORTIES SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/4	3.2
ROCKET BELT	2/0	2/8	4.4

RECON TEAM INSERTS/EXTRACTS/OVERFLYS

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>PRECEDENCE</u>
INSERTS	3	3	PRIORITY
EXTRACTS	2	2	"
OVERFLYS	1	1	"

(HMM-265 ESCORTED ON THE ABOVE)

ONE APD SHIP WITH TWO GUNSHIPS CHASING WERE LAUNCHED IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.

TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE INSERTION OF ELEMENTS OF 1/5 AT BT097634. SURPRESSIVE FIRE WAS PROVIDED ON THIS MISSION.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 032000H THRU 042000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 179 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 68 TASKS FOR 48.4 HOURS. 71 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED THROUGHOUT ICTZ.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON 13 MED EVAC MISSIONS (6 EMERGENCY, 6 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE). ON MISSION H-6N ONE EMERGENCY USMC WAS PICKED UP BY THE ESCORT.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON (HWY 14)	1/0	1/12	6.0
AREA RECON (5th MARINES TAOR)	1/0	1/8	2.6
ROCKET BELT RECON	1/0	1/4	2.8

THE FOLLOWING RECON INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>PRECEDENCE</u>
INSERTS	2	2	PRIORITY
EXTRACTS	4	4	"
OVERFLYS	1	1	"

ONE APD SHIP, WITH TWO VMO-2 GUNS CHASING WERE LAUNCHED TO THE ELEPHANT VALLEY AREA. THE AIRCRAFT TOOK FIRE AT ZC065850/115845, THIS FIRE WAS RETURNED IMMEDIATELY BY THE APD AIRCRAFT AND CHASE SHIPS EFFECTIVELY SURPRESSING ENEMY FIRE.

TWO GUNSHIPS WERE LAUNCHED TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH FOR AN ARMY AIRCRAFT.  
AIRCRAFT LOCATED DOWN A/C

STATISTIC FOR THE VMO-2 DETACHMENT CHU LAI ARE NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE THESE WILL BE FORWARDED IN A SPECIAL SITREP WHEN RECIEVED.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 042000H THRU 052000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 184 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 52 TASKS FOR 67.1 HOURS. 43 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED WITHIN ICTZ.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON 13 MED EVAC MISSIONS (5 EMERGENCY, 6 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE) THE ESCORTED PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE ON MISSIONS H-6H/D.

THE VMO-2 III MAF SLICK PICKED UP 2 EMERGENCY US MED EVACS AT AT8560 AND TRANSPORTED THEM TO G-4.

NOTE: THE REACTION FORCE AIRCRAFT, WHILE ESCORTING A JOLLY GREEN IN THE AREA OF A DOWNED ARMY HELICOPTER, AFTER GOING INADVERTANT IFR, BOTH FLEW INTO A HILLSIDE. ALL FOUR CREW MEMBERS OF THE LEAD AIRCRAFT WERE KILLED, THE SECOND AIRCRAFT'S CREW WERE ALL INJURED. ALL CREW MEMBERS WERE RECOVERED. AIRCRAFT BOTH ALPHA DAMAGE.

TWO ADDITIONAL GUNSHIPS ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE EXTRACTION OF A RESCUE TEAM AT THE ARMY CRASH SITE.

FLYING IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION "PITT" ONE SLICK FLEW AS VR/COM IN THE OPERATION AREA, WHILE TWO GUNSHIPS ESCORTED THE CH46A OF HMM-265 ON THE TROOP INSERTION AT AT820870.

DURING THE PERIOD 1-4 DECEMBER THE VMO-2 DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FLEW 31.1 HOURS IN SUPPORT OF THE ROK MARINES. THESE MISSIONS WERE RESUPPLY, MED EVAC, TROOP\* LIFT ESCORT. ALL WERE COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT.



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DURING THE PERIOD 1-5 DECEMBER 1967 THE VMO-2 DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FLEW THE FOLLOWING IN SUPPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA MARINE CORPS.

TOTAL TIME	61.3
TOTAL SORTIES	178
TOTAL TASKS	34
TOTAL PAX	39

ORDNANCE EXPENDED:	7.62	108000
	2.75	175

## BREAKDOWN OF SORTIES/TASKS BY TYPE

AH	127/17
VIP	15/5
VR	27/9
CAS	6/2
A/L	3/1

NATTATIVE:

THE MISSIONS DURING THIS PERIOD WERE NORMAL RESUPPLY, MED EVAC ESCORTS, VIP AND VR FLIGHTS. ON 1 DEC TWO GUNSHIPS WERE UTILIZED FOR A TARGET ATTACK AT BS785485, ACCOUNTING FOR SIX STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 052000H THRU 062000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 331 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 86 TASKS, FOR 101.7 HOURS. 120 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED THROUGHOUT ICTZ. (INCLUDE ROKMC SUPPORT 1-5DEC67, NOTE SPECIAL SITREP ATTACHED)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON NINE (9) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (2 EMERGENCY, 4 PRIORITY, 3 ROUTINE)

RECON EXTRACTS/INSERTS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST RECON BATTALION

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>PRECEDENCE</u>
EXTRACTS	3	3	PRIORITY
INSERTS	3	3	PRIORITY

ON ALL INSERTS LZ PREP WAS PROVIDED BY THE VMO-2 AIRCRAFT.

ONE SLICK WAS LAUNCHED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION "PITT". IT PERFORMED AS A COM AIRCRAFT AND ON VR OF THE OPERATIONAL AREA (NOTE SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS REPORT)

TWO GUNSHIPS ESCORTED HMM-265 ON A TROOPLIFT FROM THUNG DOC TO ZC 169505, PROVIDING LZ PREP, THEN FLEW COVER AS THE TROOPS WERE EXTRACTED.

THE NIGHT REACTION AIRCRAFT (TWO GUNSHIPS) WERE LAUNCHED TO ANDREW HOTEL'S POSITION, WHO WAS UNDER FIRE, AND PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE FOR THE UNIT.

LATE ENTRY: ON MISSION H-25 5DEC67 WHILE ON A VR MISSION IN THE ELEPHANT VALLEY AREA THE FLIGHT WAS ABORTED TO ASSIST IN THE SAR FOR THE DOWN VMO-2 300 FLIGHT. ONE OF THESE AIRCRAFT PICKED UP THE TWO REMAIN SURVIORS OF 3-2. LAST NIGHTS SITREP DID NOT INDICATE THAT THE TWO MED EVACS PICKED UP BY THE III MAF SLICK WERE THE TWO INJURED CREW OF 3-2.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 062000H THRU 072000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 104 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING <sup>41</sup>~~75~~ TASKS,  
FOR 18.7 HOURS. 58 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED THROUGHOUT ICTZ.

(NOTE: FLIGHT TIME FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (9) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (4 EMERGENCY,  
6 PRIORITY, 3 ROUTINE)

TWO GUNSHIPS ESCORTED HMM-265 ON TROOP LIFTS TO AT996464 AND ZD129048 AND  
PROVIDED LZ PREP. INSERT OF SWIFT SCOUT AT ZD129048 WAS ABORTED DUE TO  
WEATHER.



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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 072000H THRU 082000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 90 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 39 TASKS, FOR 21.1 HOURS. 80 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED THROUGHOUT ICTZ.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (3) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (1 EMERGENCY, 1 PRIORITY, 3 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSION WAS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON (GRID AT8968)	1/0	1/2	1.0

THE FOLLOWING RECON INSERTS/OVERFLYS WERE FLOWN

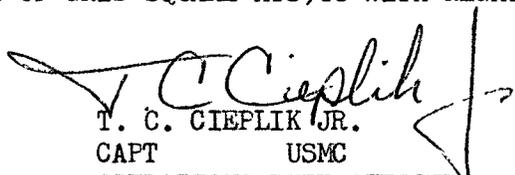
	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>PRECEDENCE</u>
INSERTS	2	2	PRIORITY
OVERFLYS	2	2	"

ON ALL INSERTS LZ PREP WAS PROVIDED BY THE VMO-2 AIRCRAFT.

THE VMO-2 III MAF SLICK PICKED UP 1 ROUTINE US MEDEVAC ON THE USS PROVIDENCE AND TRANSPORTED HIM TO NSA HOSPITAL.

TWO GUNSHIPS FLEW ESCORT FOR THE INSERT OF SWIFT SCOUT AT ZD124048 AND PERRIFY AT AT898888. LZ PREPS WERE PROVIDED AT BOTH LOCATIONS.

TWO GUNSHIPS FLEW VISUAL RECON OF GRID SQUARE AT8968 WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS.

  
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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 082000 THRU 092000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 165 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 55 TASKS, FOR 54.5 HOURS. 41 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED THROUGHOUT ICTZ.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (12) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (8 EMERGENCY, 10 PRIORITY, 3 ROUTINE.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON (HWY #1, HWY #5, LIBERTY HWY)	1/0	1/8	5.0
AREA RECON (ELEPHANT VALLEY, ANDREW TAOR)	1/0	1/8	5.0

THE ABOVE VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.

THE FOLLOWING RECON INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>PRECEDENCE</u>
INSERTS	2	2	PRIORITY
EXTRACTS	3	3	"

ON ALL INSERTS LZ PREP WAS PROVIDED BY THE VMO-2 AIRCRAFT.

DURING THE PERIODS OF 6 DECEMBER THRU 8 DECEMBER THE VMO-2 DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI SUPPORTED THE ROK MARINES WITH NORMAL RESUPPLY, MED EVAC, ESCORTS, AND VIP FLIGHTS. (NOTE: FLIGHT TIME AND SORTIES FOR THE ABOVE PERIOD ARE ENCLUDED IN THIS SITREP.)

THE MED EVAC ESCORT ON MSN #61, RECEIVED FIRE AND PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AT AT126625 FOR THE MED EVAC HELICOPTER.

TWO GUNSHIPS FLEW VISUAL RECON OF HWY #1, HWY#5, LIBERTY HWY, AND ALSO PORTIONS OF ELEPHANT VALLEY AND THE ANDREW TAOR.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 092000H THRU 102000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 139 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHED 58 TASKS, FOR 41.2 HOURS. 86 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED THROUGHOUT ICTZ.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (10) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (4 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSION WAS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON (BT025612)	1/0	1/4	1.0

THE FOLLOWING RECON INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>PRECEDENCE</u>
INSERTS	2	2	PRIORITY
EXTRACTS	2	2	"

THE NIGHT REACTION FORCE LAUNCHED AND CONDUCTED TAC(A) WITH "HELL BENDER 529" AT AT990475. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE WITH TARGET ATTACK ON SAME COORD.

TWO GUNSHIPS ESCORTED HMM-265 ON INSERT OF AIR HOSE AT AT836378 AND BURLAP AT AU821087, ALSO EXTRACT OF TEXAS PETE AT AT836378 AND RUMMAGE AT AT802529.

TWO GUNSHIPS WHILE ESCORTING MED EVAC MSN #6L, PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AT AT987601. BDA, THREE STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND TWO DAMAGED.

MED EVAC ESCORT ON MSN #6E RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BT029615 WITH ONE KBA (POS) AT AT029618.



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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 102000H THRU 112000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 143 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHED 73 TASKS, FOR 47.6 HOURS. 39 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED THROUGHOUT ICTZ.  
(NOTE: FLIGHT TIME AND SORTIES FROM DETACHMENT INCLUDED IN THIS SITREP.)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (13) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (5 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, 3 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON (RTE#1, RTE#554)	1/0	1/4	1.0
AREA RECON (OFFSPRING, IMPRESSIVE TAOR'S)	1/0	1/4	1.0

THE FOLLOWING RECON INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	2	1.6
EXTRACTS	4	4	1.8

ALL INSERTS LZ PREP WAS PROVIDED BY VMO-2 AIRCRAFT.

THE MED EVAC ESCORT ON MSN #6C AT ATO75609 AND MSN #6I AT BTO70627 TOOK AND RETURNED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE. BDA: ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED.

TWO GUNSHIPS FLEW VISUAL RECON OF PORTIONS OF ROUTE #1 AND ROUTE #554, OFFSPRING AND IMPRESSIVE TAOR'S. TOOK AND RECEIVED FIRE AT BTO70627.

TWO GUNSHIPS ON MSN #28 ON VR SWEEP, FOR NAIL BRUSH 14B, FOR SNIPERS RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE WITH WITH ONE KBA. CONDUCTED ANOTHER VR SWEEP FOR SAME UNIT IN VILLE AT ATO73604, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE WITH ONE KBA (CON) AND ONE (POS), FOUR STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND TWO DAMAGED.



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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 112000H THRU 122000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 157 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHED 51 TASKS, FOR 55.5 HOURS. 45 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED THROUGHOUT ICTZ.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (7) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (2 EMERGENCY, 4 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
	1/0		
ROAD RECON (HWY#1)		1/2	1.0
ROCKET BELT	3/0	1/2	0.5
AREA RECON (HORSESHOE AREA)	1/0	1/4	1.0

THE FOLLOWING RECON INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	3	1	1.0
EXTRACTS	2	2	1.2

MSN #24 CANCELLED DUE TO WX

THE 4-0 FLIGHT (MSN #22) CONDUCTED VISUAL RECON OF HWY#1 AND A ROCKET BELT SWEEP (INCOMPLETE DUE TO WX). WHILE ON RECON OF HORSESHOE AREA FOR "ANDREW 14A" ONE BRIDGE WAS DAMAGED AT BT126623 AT THE REQUEST OF THAT UNIT.

TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS ON (MSN #23) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE INSERT OF QUIZMASTER AT AT793394, and THE EXTRACT OF THIN MAN AT AT812600 AND WAR CLOUD AT AT853655.

THE III MAF SLICK UPON RETURNING TO MMAF, RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM AREA OF 05/06 - 72 GRID.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS FROM THE DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR THE PERIOD OF 9-11 DEC 67 IN SUPPORT OF ROKMC.

121 SORTIES	16,200 - 7.62 ROUNDS
44 TASKS	167 - 2.75 ROCKETS
37 PAX	

THE ABOVE WERE NORMAL MED EVAC ESCORT, VIP AND VR MISSIONS.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 122000H THRU 132000H DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 73 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 39 TASKS, FOR 19.6 HOURS. 47 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (8) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (3 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON (HWY #5)	1/0	1/4	1.5
AREA RECON (7TH MARINES AREA)	1/0	1/4	1.5

THE FOLLOWING FLYOVER WAS CONDUCTED

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
FLYOVER	1	1	0.5

MSN #23C CANCELLED DUE TO WX

TWO GUNSHIPS ON (MSN #24) CONDUCTED FLYOVER OF TEXAS PETE AT AT7952. THE INSERT OF "LUNGA POINT" AND EXTRACT OF "BURLAP" WERE ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER.

THE MED EVAC ESCORT ON (MSN #6H) PICKED UP TWO PRIORITY U.S. MED EVACS AND CARRIED THEM TO "C" MED.

THE 4-0 FLIGHT ON (MSN #23) FLEW VISUAL RECON OF PORTIONS OF HWY #5 AND ALSO CONDUCTED VR SWEEP OF THE 7TH MARINES AREA WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 132000H THRU 142000H

DURINE THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLOW 154 SORTIES, ACCOMOLISHING 46 TASKS, FOR 46.7 HOURS. 23 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (9) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (2 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	1/0	1/10	0.8
ROAD RECON (HWY #1, #5)	1/0	1/8	2.2
ROCKET RECON ( IMPRESSION TAOR)	2/0	1/7	2.5

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	4	4	3.3
EXTRACTS	2	2	1.5

TWO GUNSHIPS ON (MSN #23) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE INSERT OF "LUNGA POINT" AT AT913418, "LUCKY LARK" AT AT820453, "TEXAS PETE" AT AT797528 and "ELF SKIN" AT AU843026. EXTRACT OF "SENATOR" AT AT823756 AND "BURLAR" AT AU829077. LZ PREP WAS PROVIDED FOR THE INSERT OF "ELF SKIN".

TWO GUNSHIPS ON (MSN # 29) ON ROCKET RECON FOR NAILBRUSH LAD GAVE SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AT AT069614 WITH ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED. THEY ALSO DESTROYED TWO SAMPANS AT AT982591.

  
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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 142000H THRU 152000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 128 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 51 TASKS, FOR 50.5 HOURS. 39 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (13) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (4 EMERGENCY, 7 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON (HWY #1)	1/0	1/5	1.8
AREA RECON (IMPRESSION TACR)	1/0	1/3	1.0
ROCKET BELT	3/0	3/12	4.8

THE MED EVAC ESCORT ON ROUTINE MED EVAC FOR TERIPIN 14M DELIVERED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE WITH ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED AT AT988607.

TWO GUNSHIPS ON (MSN #30) WHILE ON ROCKET BELT RECON SUPPORTED NAILBRUSH 14B ON MOVE THROUGH VILLE AT BT1062. SPOTTED VC AND FIRED ROCKETS WITH ONE POSSIBLE KBA.

THE 5-0 FLIGHT ON MSN #22/27 (OPERATION CITRUS) ESCORTED HMM-265 TO LZ "CANARY" AT AT823536. SPOTTED VC IN THE OPEN AND FIRED WITH FOUR STRUCTURES DAMAGED AND TEN KBA POSSIBLE AT AT833541.



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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 152000H THRU 162000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 209 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 68 TASKS, FOR 79.3 HOURS. 62 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (16) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (8 EMERGENCY, 6 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON (	1/0	1/4	2.0
AREA RECON (DEFEND TAOR, OP CITRUS)	2/0	2/12	9.5

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	3	3	2.1

TWO GUNSHIPS ON (MSN #27) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE INSERT OF FLAGBIP/AIRHOSE AT AT836378, PETRIFY AT AT867656 AND SWIFT SCOUT AT AT838758.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #29&81) WHILE VISUAL RECON IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION CITRUS, WORKED WITH FINGERPRINT 15 ON SUSPECT VILLAGE AT AT855505. BDA WAS ONE STRUCTURE DAMAGED, ONE KBA CONFIRMED AND TWO POSSIBLE AT AT855504.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #23) WHILE ON VR OF NAILBRUSH TAOR, FIRED ON VC SUSPECTS IN SAMPANS WITH 2 SAMPANS DAMAGED AND THREE KBA PROBABLE AT BT075675. ALSO ON VR OF DEFEND TAOR SPOTTED VC CARRYING ROCKET AT AT870815, FIRED ON SAME WITH THREE KBA AND TEN WBA CONFIRMED. ALSO RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BT110627.

THE BELOW ARE STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR THE PERIOD OF 12-15 DEC.

74 SORTIES, 12 TASKS, 151 PASSENGERS, 32.4 HOURS FLT. TIME. A TOTAL OF 7,000 ROUNDS 7.62 AND 54 2.75 ROCKETS WERE EXPENDED.

WHILE IN SUPPORT OF THE ROKMC (MSN #14) ON 15 DEC VMO-2 GUNSHIPS DESTROYED ONE STRUCTURE AND DAMAGED THREE MORE AT BS774853.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 162000H THRU 172000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 206 SORTIES, AC COMPLEISHING 77 TASKS, FOR 77.7 HOURS. 99 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (12) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (1 EMERGENCY, 6 PRIORITY, 5 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON (MAAF to PHU BAI)	1/0	1/1	1.2
ROCKET BELT RECON (ELEPHANT VALLEY, HORSESHOE AREA)	3/0	1/7	6.0

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	2	1.0
EXTRACTS	1	1	0.7

TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #24) FLEW VISUAL RECON OF ROCKET BELT IN ELEPHANT VALLEY AND THE HORSESHOE AREA, WITH NO SIGHTINGS. PICKED UP EMERGENCY ARVN MED EVAC (MSN#6E) AND TOOK TO ARVN HOSPITAL. DIVERTED TO "CITRUS" OPERATING AREA AND EXPENDED AMMO ON NVA IN TREE LINE AT AT867540, NO BDA.

TWO GUNSHIPS OF AN HOA QUICK REACTION (MSN #28) LAUNCHED FOR SHOOT UP OF VC IN OPEN AT AT861541. EXPENDED ORDNANCE RETURNED TO AN HOA TO REARM AND RETURNED TO SAME COORDINATES, BDA, TWO STRUCTURES DAMAGED AND ONE KBA CONFIRMED. ALSO WHILE ESCORTING TROOP LIFTS, FIRE WAS RECEIVED AND RETURNED AT COORDINATES AT554880 AND AT850541.

THE FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI IN SUPPORT OF THE ROKMC.

57 SORTIES, 15 TASKS, 16.5 HOURS AND 13 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED. 7000 ROUNDS OF 7.62 AND 40 2.75 ROCKETS WERE EXPENDED.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #14) ON VR INSUPPORT OF THE ROKMC ON 16DEC67 FIRED ROCKETS AT BS872849 WITH TWO HUTS DAMAGED.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 172000H THRU 182000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 163 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 61 TASKS, FOR 47.3 HOURS. 73 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON 14 MED EVAC MISSIONS (4 EMERGENCY, 6 PRIORITY, 4 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	2	0.8
EXTRACTS	3	3	1.4

THE APD AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED ON MSN #39 FOR APD OF AREA AT860650.

THE MED EVAC ESCORT (MSN #6N) ON EMERGENCY MED EVAC AT AT865535, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE WITH THE MED EVAC ESCORT TAKING ONE HIT AT COORDINATES AT865544. ALSO RECEIVED FIRE ON EMERGENCY MED EVAC (MSN #6M) AT AT976597.

THE AN HOA QUICK REACTION (OP. CITRUS, MSN #30/31) LAUNCHED TO AT862537 FOR TARGET ATTACK AT DIRECTION OF BEECHNUT 14L & 14M WITH ONE KBA CONFIRMED AND TEN PROBABLE AT AT8654. ALSO WHILE ON ESCORT OF HMM-363 & 265 ON EMERGENCY RESUPPLY TO AT865535, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE WITH ONE SAMPAN DESTROYED AT AT973565.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 182000H THRU 192000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 154 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 82 TASKS, FOR 49.2 HOURS. 48 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (18) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (8 EMERGENCY, 8 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON (HWY 1&5)	2/0	2/2	2.0

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	2	1.0
EXTRACTS	3	3	1.3

TWO GUNSHIPS ON MSN #24 WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON THE INSERT OF PANAMA HAT . RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT826606.

TWO GUNSHIPS ON THE AN HOA QUICK REACTION (MSN #25) WHILE ON ESCORT FOR THE INSERT OF BEECHNUT 6 TOOK SNIPER FIRE FROM AT865536, DID NOT RETURN FIRE. PREPPED LZ AT AT871523. WHILE AS ESCORT OF THE EXTRACTION OF "L" COMPANY, BEECHNUT, TOOK FIRE FROM AT861498 AND RETURNED FIRE WITH ONE HUT DAMAGED. FIRED ON 15 VC IN OPEN AT AT888570 WITH ONE KBA CONFIRMED.

BELOW ARE STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR THE PERIOD OF 17-18 DEC 67

48 SORTIES	1800 - 7.62 ROUNDS
20 TASKS	62 - 2.75 ROCKETS
16.0 HOURS	

TWO GUNSHIPS WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ROKMC (MSN #14) ON 18 DEC 67, FIRED ON BS771839 WITH TWO KBA CONFIRMED, SIX STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND THREE DAMAGED.



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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 192000H THRU 202000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 162 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 62 TASKS, FOR 57.6 HOURS. 64 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (14) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (5 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, 4 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSION WAS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON(HWY #1)	1/0	1/2	1.1

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERT	1	1	1.4
EXTRACT	1	1	1.4

THE MED EVAC ESCORT ON MSN #6H ON PRIORITY MED EVAC TO AT901511, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE WITH ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED AND TWO DAMAGED AT AT890510.

TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #26) FLEW ROAD RECON OF HWY#1 FROM PHU BAI TO THE HOI AN RIVER. ALSO ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE INSERT OF QUIZMASTER AT BT016465 AND THE EXTRACT OF GRIM REAPER AT AT878848. AN LZ PREP WAS PROVIDED BY THE GUNSHIPS AT BOTH ZONES.

ONE GUNSHIP WAS LAUNCHED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION CITRUS FOR TAC(A) OF SPARROW HAWK INSERT AT AT8552. RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE IN ZONE AND SUPPRESSED SAME.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #23) AN HOA QUICK REACTION WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON TROOP LIFTS, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT823536, AT873533, AND AT856530. TOTAL BDA FOR THE FLIGHT WAS ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED, FOUR DAMAGED AND TWO KBA POSSIBLE.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 202000H THRU 212000H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 232 SORTIES, 102 TASKS, FOR 76.5 HOURS. 87 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (NOTE: STATISTICS AND FLT TIME FROM DET. AT CHU LAI ARE INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE.)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (19) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (7 EMERGENCY, 6 PRIORITY, 6 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSION WAS FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON (HWY #1)	1/0	1/2	1.3

TWO GUNSHIPS ON THE NIGHT REACTION FORCE LAUNCHED FOR ESCORT OF MED EVAC (MSN #6B) AT AT918675, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE 800 METERS WEST OF COORD. THEN TO IMPRESSIVE-HANSWORTH AREAS TO SPOT ENEMY MORTAR POSITIONS, THEN ESCORT FOR MED EVAC AT 7D7 POSIT RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE FROM WEST OF THAT POSIT. ALSO TWO OTHER GUNSHIPS WERE LAUNCHED FOR VR OF HANSWORTH AREA, RECEIVED FIRE WHILE ESCORTING MED EVAC (MSN#6C).

THE APD AND TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#28) LAUNCHED FOR APD MISSION IN HAPPY VALLEY. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT8565 WITH FIVE KBA CONFIRMED.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#33) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON EXTRACT OF DOWNED H-46 RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT856535 WITH ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED.

THE BELOW ARE STATISTICS FROM THE DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI IN SUPPORT OF THE ROKMC FOR THE PERIOD OF 18-20 DEC 67.

102 SORTIES	30 2.75 ROCKETS
29 TASKS	3 STRUCTURES DAMAGED
28.5 HOURS	

THE ABOVE WERE NORMAL MED EVAC ESCORT, VIP AND ADMIN HOPS.

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DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 190 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 76 TASKS, FOR 47.4 HOURS. 108 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (11) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (3 EMERGENCY, 6 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	7	7	3.0
EXTRACTS	3	3	1.5

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#31) ESCORTED HMM-363 ON RESUPPLY MISSIONS TO AT851543 AND AT834525.

THE 3-0 FLIGHT ON MSN#24 ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE INSERTS OF SENATOR, WEST ORANGE, ALA KING, FLAG DIP, LUCKY LARK, BAR KEEP, AND AIR HOSE, ALSO ON THE EXTRACTS OF LUNGA POINT, WAR CLOUD AND PANAMA HAT. AN LZ PREP WAS PROVIDED BY THE VMO-2 GUNSHIPS ON THE INSERT OF LUCKY LARK AT AT912418.

TWO GUNSHIPS ESCORTED MISSION BLUE SPRINGS.

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DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 177 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 58 TASKS, FOR 60.0 HOURS. 52 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (10) MED EVACS MISSIONS, (3 EMERGENCY, 3 PRIORITY, 4 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON(HWY#1)	1/0	1/3	1.5

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	3	3	4.0
EXTRACTS	1	1	1.0

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#29) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL AT AT823536. RECEIVED AND DELIVERED FIRE WITH ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED AND FOUR DAMAGED AT AT828538.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#23) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON INSERT OF PETRIFY AT ZC203641, CONDUCTED LZ PREP ALONG WITH HELLBORNE 513. THE INSERT WAS ABORT DUE TO FIRE IN THE ZONE.

THE BELOW ARE STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR PERIOD OF 21-22 DEC 67

87 SORTIES	4000 7.62 ROUNDS
28 TASKS	36 2.75 ROCKETS
23.7 HOURS	

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#14) IN SUPPORT OF THE ROKMC ON 22 DEC 67 DELIVERED FIRE ON HOSTILE VILLE AT BS745837 WITH FOUR STRUCTURES DESTROYED, THREE DAMAGED, AND ONE CONFIRMED AND THREE POSSIBLE KBA.

  
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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR PERIOD OF 240001H THRU 242400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 120 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 35 TASKS, FOR 39.8 HOURS. 48 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (6) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (1 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSION WAS FLOWN INSUPPORT OF FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON( HWY#1)	1/0	1/4	2.0

THE FOLLOWING INSERT WAS FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERT	1	1	1.3

TWO GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED (MSN#23) FOR ROAD RECON OF HWY#1 FROM CHANNEL 94 TO PHU BAI. RETURNED TO LZ-401 THEN ESCORTED HMM-265 (MSN#24) ON THE INSERT OF GUNSMOKE AT AT882840, REMAINDER OF MISSION CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#25) LAUNCHED TO AT997585 FOR ESCORT OF TROOP LIFT TO PHU LOC AND AN HOA. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT997585 WITH THREE STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND TWO DAMAGED.

THE NIGHT REACTION FORCE (MSN#41) LAUNCHED TO ESCORT HMM-265 ON EMERGENCY RESUPPLY OF HANDWORTH 14C AT AT898672.

  
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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 250001H THRU 252400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 90 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 24 TASKS, FOR 37.6 HOURS. 49 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (2) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (2 EMERGENCY)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/2	1.4
ROCKET BELT (ELEPHANT & HAPPY VALLEYS)	1/0	1/2	2.0

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#22) CONDUCTED ROAD RECON NORTH TO PHU LOC AND SOUTH TO HOI AN RIVER, ALSO ROCKET BELT SWEEP (MSN#22B) OF ELEPHANT AND HAPPY VALLEYS.

TWO GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED ON MSN#33 ON ESCORT OF EMERGENCY EXTRACT OF DOWNED F-9 IN THE A SHAU AREA. UNABLE TO EFFECTIVELY ASSIST AND RETURNED TO PHU BAI AND THEN BACK TO MAF.

A VMO-2 SLICK (MSN#31) CHASED GOVERNOR ROMNEY AND PARTY IN OPERATION BAMBO HUT.

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#29) CHASED THE VMO-6 AND AIRCRAFT TO AT8261 GRID AREA AND HAPPY VALLEY.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 260001H THRU 262400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 138 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 55 TASKS, FOR 58.6 HOURS. 51 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (NOTE: STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR PERIOD 23-25 DEC 67 INCLUDED)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (10) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (2 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, 3 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/3	1.2
ROCKET BELT	2/0	2/4	4.0
AREA RECON(AT9066)	1/0	1/2	1.2

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	3	3	5.6
EXTRACTS	6	6	10.0

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#20B) FLEW VR OF AT9066 AND SURROUNDING AREAS, ALSO ON (MSN#20C) FLEW ROCKET RECON OF OFFSPRING, TERRIPIN, HANSWORTH AND DEFEND AREAS. MSN#20D) FLEW RECON OF ROCKET, FIRED ON AT987524 WITH FOUR SAMPANS DESTROYED AND THREE STRUCTURES DAMAGED.

TWO ARMED HELICOPTERS (MSN#21) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE FOR THE INSERT OF SAILFISH AT AT827605. ALSO RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE ON THE EMERGENCY EXTRACT OF BARKEEP AT ZC154970.

THE MED EVAC ESCORT (MSN#6B) WHILE ON EMERGENCY MED EVAC RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE WITH TWO STRUCTURES DAMAGED AT AT8951.

BELOW ARE STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR THE PERIOD 23-25 DEC 67:

48 SORTIES	17.0 HOURS
17 TASKS	29 PASSENGERS

THE ABOVE FLIGHT WERE NORMAL MED EVAC ESCORT AND VIP HOPS.

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DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMQ-2 FLEW 182 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 72 TASKS, FOR 72.2 HOURS. 28 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (NOTE: STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR PERIOD 26-27 DEC 67 INCLUDED)

VMQ-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (11) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (4 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/3	1.5
AREA RECON	3/0	1/12	3.0

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	5	5	3.0
EXTRACTS	4	4	2.8

TWO GUNSHIPS ON MSN#23 LAUNCHED INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION. THEY FLEW A ROAD RECON OF HWY#1 FROM MMAF AND RETURNED. ALSO FLEW VR OF ELEPHANT VALLEY, DEFEND AND CHARLIE RIDGE AREAS WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS.

THE MORNING MED EVAC ESCORT WHILE ON PRIORITY MISSION RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT900505 WITH TWO STRUCTURES DAMAGED.

THE APD AIRCRAFT PLUS TWO GUNSHIPS CHASING LAUNCHED ON MSN#38 TO AREA BOUNDED BY ZC5400, ZC3000, ZC3020 AND ZC5420. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT ZC148502, ZC190378, ZC133391 AND ZC021375.

THE 5-0 FLIGHT LAUNCHED ON MSN#40 TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY EXTRACT AND MED EVAC AT AT790500. RECEIVED AND RETURNED BOTH TIMES GOING INTO AREA.

BELOW ARE STATISTICS FROM DET. AT CHU LAI FOR THE PERIOD 26-27 DEC 67:

39 SORTIES            13.8 HOURS FLT TIME  
12 TASKS            12 PASSENGERS

THE ABOVE WERE NORMAL RESUPPLY, MED EVAC ESCORT AND VIP FLIGHTS INSUPPORT OF THE ROKMC.

  
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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 280001H THRU 282400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 144 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 70 TASKS, FOR 48.5 HOURS. 43 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (13) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (5 EMERGENCY, 3 PRIORITY, 5 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSION WAS FLOWN INSUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON(HWY#1)	1/0	1/2	1.4

VMO-2 GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED ON FOUR OCCASIONS (MSN#24&35) INSUPPORT OF THE 5TH MARINES IN OPERATION AUBURN. THE 4-0 FLIGHT LAUNCHED (MSN#24) TO ACT AS TAC(A) FOR LZ PREP AT AT995537. ALSO LATER FLEW ESCORT FOR HMM-265 AIRCRAFT BRINGING IN STRIKE FORCES (TERRIPAN 14 & ROCK MAT 14E), FLEW AND GAVE SUPPRESSIVE FIRE FOR THE UNITS WITH SIX STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 10 DAMAGED AND THIRTY KBA POSSIBLE. THE SECOND FLIGHT 3-0 LAUNCHED (MSN#24) TO ACT AS TAC(A) AND PROVIDE SUPPRESSIVE FIRE. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE TWICE WITH 3-0 TAKING A HIT(AT983535) WITH CREW CHIEF WIA. BDA: EIGHT STRUCTURES DESTROYED, FIFTEEN DAMAGED, KBA FIFTEEN (CONF), FIFTY (POS) AT AT985535. THE 5-0 FLIGHT (MSN#35) LAUNCHED FOR ESCORT OF HMM-265 ON TROOP LIFTS, ALSO FLEW ESCORT ON RESUPPLY AND MED EVAC. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT995539 AND AT995533 WITH EIGHT STRUCTURES DESTROYED. THE 4-0 FLIGHT (MSN#35) LAUNCHED AGAIN FOR ESCORT OF INJURE ON MED EVAC FROM OPERATION AUBURN AT AT997553, ALSO PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE FOR THE GROUND UNITS. (NOTE: FOR TOTAL STATISTICS AND BDA, SEE SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS SHEET).

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 290001H THRU 292400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 187 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 76 TASKS, FOR 73.7 HOURS. 84 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (NOTE: STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR PERIOD 27-28 DEC 67 INCLUDED)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (9) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (2 EMERGENCY, 5 PRIORITY, 2 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/3	1.5
AREA RECON	1/0	1/3	1.5
ROCKET BELT	2/0	2/7	3.0

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
EXTRACTS	3	3	1.9

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #33) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON TROOP LIFT OF ROCK MAT PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AT BT 045502 AND AT 995537. ALSO TWO OTHER GUNSHIPS LAUNCH OF (MSN #23) FOR THE ESCORT OF TROOP LIFT FROM AN HOA TO LZ HAWK IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION AUBURN.

BELOW ARE STATISTICS FROM DET. AT CHU LAI FOR THE PERIOD 27-28 DEC 67:

51 SORTIES	28.0 HOURS FLT TIME
20 TASKS	28 PASSENGERS
21,500 7.62 ROUNDS	
239 2.75 ROCKETS	

THE ABOVE WERE NORMAL RESUPPLY, ARMED ESCORT AND VIP FLIGHTS INSUPPORT OF THE ROKMC.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 300001H THRU 302400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLEW 82 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 28 TASKS, FOR 31.0 HOURS. 30 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (9) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (6 EMERGENCY, 2 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/2	1.1
AREA RECON	1/0	1/8	1.3

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
EXTRACTS	4	4	1.0

TWO VMO-2 GUNSHIPS (MSN #30) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON TROOP LIFT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION AUBURN, RECEIVED AND DELIVERED FIRE WITH 3 STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND 10 POSSIBLE KBA.

LZ PREP WAS PROVIDED WHEN TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #20) ESCORTED HMM-265 ON EXTRACT OF FLAG DIP AT AT853762 AND PANNAMA HAT AT AT849762.

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MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 310001H THRU 312400H

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD VMO-2 FLOW 110 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 52 TASKS, FOR 49.1 HOURS. 28 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED. (NOTE: STATISTICS FROM DETACHMENT AT CHU LAI FOR PERIOD 29-30 DEC 67 INCLUDED)

VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-363 ON (5) MED EVAC MISSIONS, (1 EMERGENCY, 3 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE)

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INSUPPORT OF FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLWON</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	1/0	1/3	1.8

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	5	5	2.4
EXTRACTS	1	1	0.8

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN #24) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON THE INSERTS OF QUIZ MASTER, PETRIFY, PONY BOY, MUSK OX, ICE BOUND, AND LUCKY LARK, PROVIDED LZ PREP. TWO GUNSHIPS ALSO ESCORTED HMM-265 ON THE INSERT OF COW POKE AT AU832076 AND THE EXTRACT OF SENATOR AT AU842028.

ON MSN #66, VMO-2 GUNSHIPS PICKED UP ONE PRIORITY MED EVAC AT BT056650 FOR ANDREW F-2.

BELOW ARE STATISTICS FROM DET. AT CHU LAI FOR THE PERIOD 29-30 DEC 67:  
 39 SORTIES 12.6 HOURS FLT TIME  
 9 TASKS 28 PASSENGERS  
 3,000 7.62 ROUNDS  
 44 2.75 ROCKETS

TWO GUNSHIPS (MSN#14) IN SUPPORT OF THE ROKMC ON 29 DEC 67, PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE FOR HAM SALAD 14C POSITION.

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Special Operation CITRUS

Operational Data:

- 1) Sorties
  - a. Armed Helo 104
  - b. Total Troops Carried 9
- 2) Ordnance Expended
  - a. 2.75 339
  - b. 7.62mm 32,600
- 3) Damage Assessment
  - a. KBA 3 Confirmed, 30 Possible
  - b. Structures 9 Destroyed, 6 Damaged

Enclosure (1)

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Special Operation AUBURN

Operational Data:

- 1) Sorties
  - a. Armed Helo 92
  - b. Total Troops Carried 1
- 2) Ordnance Expended
  - a. 2.75 783
  - b. 7.62mm 61,000
- 3) Damage Assessment
  - a. KBA 15 Confirmed, 90 Possible
  - b. Structures 25 Destroyed, 25 Damaged

Enclosure (1)

  
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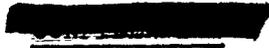
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Special Operation PITT

Operational Data:

- 1) Sorties
  - a. Armed Helo 22
  - b. Total Troops Carried 26
- 2) Ordnance Expended
  - a. 2.75 2
  - b. 7.62mm None
- 3) Damage Assessment
  - a. KBA None
  - b. Structures None

Enclosure (1)

  
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