

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON 18
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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS S&J ALONG 18

1. Officers filling Squadron Billets

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
CO	LtCol John H. LOPLER	1-31 January 1969
XO	Maj Donald S. CREAL Jr.	1-21 January 1969
	Capt George P. TURNER	22-31 January 1969
AdminO	Capt Lowell W. HINES	1-31 January 1969
TACO	Maj George W. ALLERTON	1-31 January 1969
MatO	1stLt John P. CLANCEY	1-15 January 1969
	1stLt James R. TENNELL	16-31 January 1969
CommO	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS	1-31 January 1969
MTO	2ndLt Peter L. WAAS	1-31 January 1969

2. The Squadron is under the organizational structure of T/O E-8615 and is located at Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

3. The average monthly strength was 39 officers and 193 enlisted.

PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of January the Fixed Wing and Helicopter resources of the First Marine Aircraft Wing were coordinated and controlled by the Tactical Air Direction Center. The Seventh Air Force maintains control of "Fragging" First Marine Aircraft Wing "Preplanned" tactical Fixed Wing missions and authorized "on-call" Fixed Wing tactical missions. The Airborne Hot Pad (50) remains in operation.

2. During the month of January, the TADC coordinated a total of 6742 Fixed Wing Tactical sorties. Of this total, 6131 were attack sorties, further broken down into 4887 in-country and 1244 out-of-country sorties. There were also 81 other Tactical sorties; 319 ECM/ELINT sorties; 167 photo sorties; and 44 JH/SLAR sorties. The following units received the number of sorties and percentage of total Air Support listed: 1stMarDiv 1816, 29.6% - 3rdMarDiv 995, 16.2% - US Army 1793, 29.2% - HOKMC 173, 2.6% - 1stMAW 110, 1.9% - 7thAF (includes 115 Escort and 2 Rescap) 1120, 18.2% - 7thFleet (Barcap) 124, 2.1%

3. The out-of-country missions were further broken into the following categories: Steel Tiger(7thAF) 528, Commando Hunt(7thAF) 475, Barcap 124, Escort 115, and Rescap 2. The First Marine Aircraft Wing Helicopters flew a total of 18,933 tasks, moving a total of 11,550 tons of cargo, 83,630 passengers in a total of 47,346 sorties and 14,343 flight hours. During January the First Marine Aircraft Wing supported the following operations: VICTORY DRAGON VII, PLATTE CANYON, LOU HANIMER, DEWEY CANYON, HUSSELL BEACH and LYNN RIVER.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. At 0600 on 22 January 1969 an enemy rocket exploded near the III MAF Transient Facility wounding Lance Corporal Harold E. LAKIN 2415754/3531, the duty driver, and slightly damaging the vehicle he was driving, an M-151A1 jeep. The three passengers in the vehicle were also injured.
2. Construction of a bunker 25 x 30 x 8 was completed on 18 January 1969 thereby currently fulfilling all bunker requirements for this Squadron.
3. The following personnel were promoted to their present rank during January 1969:

Capt Lowell W. HINES
PFC Gary R. HARRISON
LCpl Bennett L. ENNIS
LCpl Edward S. FREIFER
LCpl Patrick A. TANKERSLEY
LCpl Steven A. WOODS
Cpl Archie P. VAUGHN