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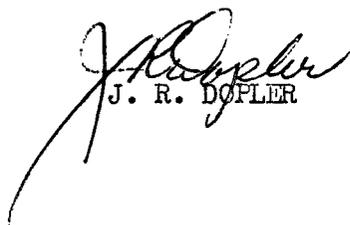
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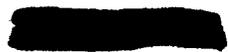
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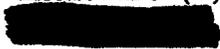
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON 18
Period
1-28 February 1969



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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON 18

1. Officers filling Squadron Billets

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
CO	LtCol John R. DOPLER	1-28 February 1969
ExecO	Capt George P. TURNER Jr.	1-28 February 1969
AdminO	1stLt Lowell W. HINES	1-7 February 1969
	None	8-28 February 1969
TACO	Maj George N. ALLERTON	1-28 February 1969
MatO	1stLt James R. TERRELL	1-28 February 1969
CommO	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS	1-28 February 1969
MTO	1stLt Peter L. WAAS	1-28 February 1969

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

3. The average monthly strength was 35 officers and 194 enlisted.

PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of February 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 (FW) remains in operation.

2. During the month of February, the TADC coordinated a total of 6032 Fixed Wing Tactical sorties. Of this total, 5470 were attack sorties, further broken down into 4334 in-country and 1136 out-of-country sorties. There were also 69 other Tactical sorties; 309 ECM/ELINT sorties, 139 Photo sorties, and 45 IR/SLAR sorties. The following units received the number of sorties and percentage of total air support: 1stMarDiv 1658, 30.3% - 3rdMarDiv 963, 14.7% - US Army 1495, 25.3% - ROKMC 146, 2.7% - ARVN 72, 1.3% - 7thAF (includes 62 Escort) 1087, 18.2% - 7thFleet (Barcap) 49, 7.5%.

3. The out-of-country sorties were further broken down into the following categories: Steel Tiger (7thAF) 721, Commando Hunt (7thAF) 304, Rolling Thunder (Recce Escort, 7thAF) 15, Barcap (7thFleet) 49, Ecsort (7thAF) 47. The First Marine Aircraft Wing Helicopters flew a total of 16,872 tasks moving a total of 9113.4 tons of cargo and 62,211 passengers in a total of 44,416 sorties and 14,523.5 flight hours. During February the First Marine Aircraft Wing supported the following operations: DEWEY CANYON, NEVADA EAGLE, VERNON LAKE II, HARDIN FALLS, MARSHALL MOUNTAIN, KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND II, TAYLOR COMMON, VICTORY DRAGON VIII, LINN RIVER, FAYETTE CANYON.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. The ground defense plan for this Squadron was perfected in anticipation of the expected Tet Offensive. Defensive positions were constructed and the boundaries of the cantonment were enclosed with concertina wire. Additionally, a vehicle control point was established at the main entrance to the Marine Air Control Group 18 cantonment.
2. Total mileage driven and tonnage hauled in support of Squadron operations were 8,864 and 691, respectively.
3. The following personnel were promoted to their present rank during February 1969.

1stLt Peter L. WAAS
Cpl Carl D. RUTHERFORD Jr.
Cpl James J. OBERBROECKLING
LCpl Andrew A. CISNEROS
LCpl Ronald P. FERGUSON

LCpl William J. GANNON
LCpl Michael G. MCCAUSLAND
LCpl Lawrence J. SHIELDS
LCpl Edwardo ZERUTO