

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON 18
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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	1-31 March 1969
ExecO	Capt George P. TURNER Jr	1-31 March 1969
TACO	Maj George N. ALLERTON	1-31 March 1969
MatO	1stLt James R. TERRELL	1-31 March 1969
CommO	Maj Robert W. CHAMBERS	1-31 March 1969
MTO	1stLt Peter L. WAAS	1-31 March 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 190 enlisted.

PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of March 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 March, the TADC coordinated a total of 6900 Fixed Wing Tactical sorties. Of this total, 6292 were attack sorties, further broken down into 5006 in-country and 1286 ou-of-country sorties. There were also 45 other Tactical sorties; 349 ECM/ELINT sorties; 156 Photo sorties; and 58 IR/SLAR sorties. The following units received the number of sorties and percentage of total air support: 1stMarDiv 1464, 23.4% - 3dMarDiv 1381, 21.9% - US Army 1912, 30.4% - ROKMC 156, 2.5% - ARVN 93, 1.4% - 7th AF (includes 12 B-52 Escort) 1104, 17.6% - 7th Fleet (Barcap) 182, 2.8%.

3. A break-down of out-of-country sorties is as follows: Steel Tiger (7th AF) 973, Commando Hunt (7th AF) 88, Rolling Thunder (Recce Escort, 7th AF) 31, Barcap (7th Flt) 182, Escort (7th AF) 12. First Marine Aircraft Wing Helicopters flew a total of 15,598 tasks, moving a total of 8,064.5 tons of cargo, 61,644 passengers in a total of 43,551 sorties and 13,985.2 flight hours. During March the First Marine Aircraft Wing supported the following operations: TAYLOR COMMON, DEWEY CANYON, VICTORY DRAGON IX, IRON MOUNTAIN, KENTUCKY JUMPER, FREDERICK HILL, RUSSELL BEACH, EAGER PURSUIT, MASSACHUSETTS STRICKER, MAINE CRAG, OKLAHOMA HILLS, PURPLE MARTIN.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Total mileage driven and tonnage hauled in support of Squadron operations were 9,586 and 423 3/4, respectively.
2. The following personnel were promoted to their present rank during March 1969:

Sgt Fred R. BACA JR
Sgt Robert S. CIANCIO
Sgt David EDWARDS
Sgt Frank L. HOLYCROSS
Sgt Michael R. JUDD
Sgt Thomas D. MATHEWS

Sgt James W. MICKETT
Sgt Gary D. REEVEY
Sgt Gordon A. SKYEAGLE
Cpl Francis S. CHMIELEWSKI JR
Cpl Kenneth D. REICH
PFC Edward M. WHITE

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