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MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 2
Marine Air Control Group 18
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FPO, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 December through 31 December

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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2. LOCATION

a. Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (-)

b. Detachment 1
   Direct Air Support Center
   Dong Ha Air Support Radar Team
   Vandegrift Air Support Radar Team

c. DaNang Air Support Radar Team "CM"

d. An Hoa Direct Air Support Center

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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ENVELOPE (1)
Important Visitors. The following personnel visited:

a. Dong Ha DiSC on 5 Dec 1968:
   i. MajGen MURLOCK, Army MACV Staff
   ii. BGen CARNEY, ADC 3rd Div

b. An Hoa DiSC on 12 Dec 1968:
   i. BGen D'YER, CG Task Force "Y"
   ii. BGen HILL, Asst 1stMAW CG
   iii. Col NICHOLS, Chief of Staff Task Force "Y"
   iv. LtCol JACKSON, Executive Officer MACG-18
   v. Maj HUGHES, S-3 MACG-18

c. An Hoa DiSC on 13 Dec 1968:
   i. BGen D'YER, CG Task Force "Y"
   ii. Col NICHOLS, Chief of Staff Task Force "Y"

d. An Hoa DiSC on 14 Dec 1968:
   i. BGen HILL, Asst 1stMAW CG
   ii. Col GIANFERNI, USAF

e. An Hoa DiSC on 25 Dec 1968:
   i. BGen HILL, Asst 1stMAW CG
   ii. BGen D'YER, CG Task Force "Y"

f. Dong Ha DiSC on 31 Dec 1968:
   i. Col RECRE, 7AF
   ii. LtCol ZABNIK, Waterboy
   iii. LtCol SLACK, V DiSC

g. An Hoa DiSC on 31 Dec 1968:
   i. BGen HILL, Asst 1stMAW CG
   ii. BGen D'YER, CG Task Force "Y"
PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Operations

a. Direct Air Support Center (DASC) operations for the month of December indicated an increase from the previous month. The DASCs controlled 3107 missions of which 1807 were fixed wing and 1300 were helicopter missions with 325 of the helicopter missions being Medical Evacuations.

b. Air Support Radar Team (ASRT) operations indicated a decrease from the previous month. The ASRTs controlled 730 missions, 931 aircraft, delivered 4,665,130 pounds of bombs on 1072 targets.

c. Operations supported by MASS-2 were as follows: Detachment 1 - Operations Napoleon/Saline II, Kentucky, Scotland II, Dawson River and Marshall Mountain; Dalang ASRT "C" - Operations Taylor Common and Meade River; An Ha MASS - Operation Taylor Common.

d. At 1930 4 December 1968, Camp Carroll "B" ASRT secured operations for move. On 8 December 1968, TPQ-10 system and team equipment was helo lifted to Vandegrift Combat Base in preparation for the move to Signal Hill. On 19-20 December 1968 the TPQ-10 system and remaining team equipment was helo lifted to Signal Hill. On 21 December 1968, the erection of the antenna was completed and the site survey completed. Vandegrift ASRT became operational after a successful calibration hop on 21 December 1968. They were unable to run a cal hop before the 24th due to bad weather.

e. On 8 December 1968, MASS-2 Comm Section moved the radios out to An Ha and at 1300 on 11 December 1968 An Ha DASC was operational.

f. On 12 December 1968, Dalang ASRT "C" dropped the 1st HML-121 in support of Task Force "T".

g. As of 31 December 1968, MASS-2 AN/TPQ-10 system operations hours were as follows:

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PART III

IMPORTANT LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Dec
Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary fire at YD 017366

2 Dec
Camp Carroll ASRT reported one (1) secondary fire at XD 945583

4 Dec
Camp Carroll ASRT "down" for move

10 Dec
Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at XD 918642

11 Dec
An Hoa DASC operational

12 Dec
Da Nang ASRT "C" dropped 1st MK-121

18 Dec
Da Nang ASRT "C" reported one (1) secondary explosion at AT 612591
Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 236357

19 Dec
Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary fire at XD 897625

21 Dec
Vandegrift ASRT operational

27 Dec
Vandegrift ASRT reported two (2) secondary fires at YU 263404

30 Dec
Dong Ha ASRT reported one (1) secondary explosion at YD 217307

31 Dec
Da Nang ASRT "C" reported one (1) secondary explosion at ZC 097376

1-31 Dec
Squadron total IFR sorties ASRT controlled 3.
Squadron total VFR sorties ASRT controlled 724.

Motor Transport. MASS-2 Motor Transport logged in a
total of 12,707 miles. Of these, 917 miles were rough
rider convoys carrying approximately 55 tons of supplies
to detachments.

Supply. During the month of December, MASS-2 Supply
Section handled a total of 363 incoming requisitions.
Utilities. During the month of December, the Utilities Section built one new hooch in the CP area and 3 hooches at Hill 55. Rewiring of the Dakang CP was completed along with other minor camp construction projects.

Civic Action. This month MACO-18 created a Group Civic Action Section. Lt PASKENT, MASS-2's Civic Action was selected to become Group Civic Action Officer and he was transferred to MACO-18. Since his departure MASS-2's Civic Action program has been limited to MEDCAPs.
### Tab A: Statistical Data for December 1968

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*MED EVAC Missions are NOT included in helicopter totals.*

#### 2. Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT)

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Target Coverage = \( \frac{2249.743}{765} = 2.940 \text{ tons/targets} \)

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