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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36 (Attn: S-3)
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Encl: ✓(1) Part I Organizational Data
✓(2) Part II Narrative Summary
✓(3) Part III Significant Events

1. As directed by reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), and (3) are submitted.
2. Upon removal of the enclosures, this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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PERIOD COVERED 1 FEBRUARY THROUGH 29 FEBRUARY 1968

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1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol G. R. HUNTER	1-29FEB68
b. Executive Officer	Major W. R. MUNTER	1-29FEB68
c. Operations Officer	Major W. J. GASH	1-29FEB68
d. Administrative Officer	Major J. R. SALES	1-29FEB68
e. Intelligence Officer	Captain C. J. NEUBIG	1-29FEB68
f. Aviation Safety Officer	Major G. R. ENSLEY	1-29FEB68
g. Material Officer	Major J. A. MILLER	1-29FEB68
h. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major H. S. LOWREY	1-29FEB68
i. Flight Surgeon	Lt. J. A. BOYLON	1-29FEB68

2. MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON THREE
 Marine Aircraft Group 36
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MAF
 Hue/Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam
 1-29 February 1968

3. Average monthly strength: 33 Officers 154 Enlisted

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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 FEB: Six armed escort missions were flown in support of Operation Hue City for resupply and troop lifts.

2 FEB: Six armed escort missions were flown in support of Operation Hue City for resupply. Med evac escort picked up downed army pilots.

3 FEB: Four armed escort missions were flown in support of Operation Hue City for resupply. Two armed escort missions were flown in support of an emergency extract at YD 878049. Four armed escort missions flown in support of convoy under fire.

5 FEB: Six armed escort missions in support of Recon at YD 781209.

6 FEB: Four armed escort missions were flown in support of Hue City for resupply.

7 FEB: Five armed escort missions were flown in support of Hue City for resupply.

9 FEB: Two armed escort missions were flown in support of Hue City for emergency resupply.

10 FEB: Four armed escort missions were flown in support of Hue City for troop lift and resupply.

11 FEB: Two armed escort missions were flown in support of Hue City for resupply.

12 FEB: Seven armed escort missions were flown in support of Hue City for troop lift and resupply. Armed escort picked up downed ARVN A-1 pilot.

14 FEB: Four armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City. Two armed escort missions flown covering VIP's in Air America plane at Hue City. Two armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City. Controlled five flights

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15 FEB: Four armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for resupply.

16 FEB: Three armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for resupply.

Two armed escort missions flown in support of Rockman 14 in Hue City.

17 FEB: Three armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for troop lift and resupply.

18 FEB: Three armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for troop lift and resupply.

19 FEB: Two armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for resupply.

Two armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for resupply.

20 FEB: One armed escort mission flown in support of Hue City for resupply.

Two armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for G. S. drop.

21 FEB: Five armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for troop lift and resupply.

22 FEB: Three armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for resupply.

23 FEB: Four armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for resupply.

25 FEB: Five armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for resupply and direct support of Trojan "A".

26 FEB: Five armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for resupply and direct support of Trojan "Dodge".

27 FEB: Five armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for resupply and direct support of ground unit.

28 FEB: One armed escort mission flown in support of Operation Hue City for resupply. Six armed escort missions flown in support of Operation Prairie Fire.

29 FEB: Three armed escort missions flown in support of Hue City for resupply. Two armed escort missions flown in support of Operation Prairie Fire. Two armed escort missions flown in support of an emergency extract.

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PART III

1. PERSONNEL

- a. Promotions - None
- b. 1 officer dropped and 2 joined

2. ADMINISTRATION. No outstanding administrative problems.

3. AWARDS. 12 AIRCREWMAN INSIGNIAS.

4. CASUALTIES. 3 officers WIA, 3 enlisted WIA.

8. INTELLIGENCE/COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. During the month of February one Situation Brief was conducted for the Staff NCO's lasting 15 minutes. Three Staff NCO's attended.

b. The total fire incidents for the squadron for the month was 130, of which 43 were hits.

c. The number of spot reports decreased over the last two previous months, with a total of only 32 spot reports this month.

d. During the month of February there was very little time for AFM's and therefore there was very little intelligence information passed at them.

11. AIR OPERATIONS

Total hours flown	781.6
Total gun hours	634.2
Total slick hours	147.4
Total sorties flown	1814
Total med-evacs	22
Total pax carried	75

7.62 rounds expended 302,560

2.75 rockets expended 2,260

14. SPECIAL OPERATIONS. HUE CITY, HOUSTON, FORTRESS ATTACK, JEB STEWART, SALINE. Operations Completed: NEOSHO 2, OSCEOLA 2.

17. TRAINING

a. GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS TRAINING. Classes were given for the seven new personnel which consisted of intelligence briefs, rules of engagement and weapons indoctrination.

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b. TECHNICAL TRAINING. 681 hours of formal classes and 2098 hours of OJT was accomplished.

c. PILOT TRAINING. Three newly joined pilots were given all lectures as prescribed by SOP. Squadron TAC (A) training was slow this month due to bad weather plus the local operation. Two pilots renewed their instrument rating and two pilots were NATOPS qualified this month. Very few APM's were held this month due to the local operation and outside commitments.

d. ENLISTED CREW TRAINING. 12 crew members were NATOPS qualified.

e. EDUCATION. 18 personnel enrolled in 18 courses.

20. SUPPLY. During the month of February, this office has completed furnishing the barracks and hutches with the new metal racks. We have our request in for the new mattresses and wall lockers and hope to furnish each man with-in the squadron with these items in the near future.

The required bunkers are nearing completion and should be completed with in the next two weeks. There are ample sand bags at this office, should the need arise.

The inventory of the material sub-custodied through-out the squadron is just about completed. All other discrepancies, resulting from the Group A&M inspection have been corrected.

The S-4 Officer, Major Miller, is leaving to assume duties of Group Special Services and Captain Green will be assuming duty as S-4 Officer.

23. AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

a. Aircraft availability for the month averaged 69%, Maintenance Control issued 901 job control numbers, for a total of 9664.0 completed manhours.

b. Approximately 130 reports and documents were processed by Maintenance Administration.

c. Maintenance had three men transferred in February, with 10 new personnel joined.

24. AVIONICS.

a. No events of historical value occurred in this section during the month of February.

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