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Encl: ☒ (1) Part One - Organizational Data
☒ (2) Part Two - Narrative Summary
☒ (3) Part Three - Significant Events
☒ (4) Part Four - Supporting Documents

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted for the month of December 1966.

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PART I

1. Organizational Data - 1 thru 31 December 1966

a. Commanding Officer and Staff of MAG-36

CO	ARMSTRONG, V. A.	COL
XO	PHILLIPS, A. L.	COL
ADJ	WILSON, W. H.	2NDLT
S-1	TUTTEROW, H. W.	CAPT
S-2	SMITH, L. W.	MAJ
S-3	SLATON, C. H.	LTCOL
S-4	GARFOTTO, A. F.	LTCOL
Flt Surgeon	MOFFITT, B. L.	LT(USN)
MTO	BURGESS, J. J.	CAPT
EMB	SELLARS, J. A.	2NDLT
ORD	SELLARS, J. A.	2NDLT
AMO	BOUDREAUX, S. J. JR.	MAJ
COMM	TAYLOR, C. W.	MAJ
Civil Affairs	DAY, D. C.	1STLT
Avn Safety	BONNEY, R. A.	MAJ
NATOPS	GREGORY, R. M.	MAJ
Legal	TUTTEROW, H. W.	CAPT
Security	SMITH, L. W.	MAJ

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b. Commanders and Staff of attached units:

H&MS-36

CO	CARLSON, W. C.	LTCOL
XO	NONE	
MAINTO	BOUDREAUX, S. J. JR.	MAJ

MABS-36

CO	NELSON, J. A.	LTCOL
XO	FISH, T. E.	MAJ
OPS	VAN VOORHIS, T. M.	CAPT

HMM-165

CO	ELDRIDGE, W. W. JR.	LTCOL
XO	BRADLEY, W. C.	MAJ
OPS	READ, W. T.	MAJ

HMM-262

CO	SHADRICK, V. W.	LTCOL
XO	CORLISS, G. A.	MAJ
OPS	ALBER, J. W.	MAJ

HMM-361

CO	TWEED, M. D.	LTCOL
XO	TRAUT, E. W.	LTCOL
OPS	VANEK, K. D.	MAJ

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HMM-363

CO	HUNTINGTON, K. E.	LTCOL
XO	DAY, M. E.	MAJ
OPS	ECKMAN, R. P.	MAJ

VMO-6

CO	MALONEY, W. R.	LTCOL
XO	WALKER, J. H.	MAJ (1-17)
	SAMPLE, E. J.	MAJ (18-31)
OPS	DODDS, W. E.	MAJ (1-17)
	WALKER, J. H.	MAJ (18-31)

2. Task Organization and Unit Location:

UNIT DESIGNATION	LOCATION	DATE
H&MS-36	KY HA	1-31 December 1966
MABS-36	KY HA	1-31 December 1966
HMM-165	KY HA	1-31 December 1966
HMM-262	KY HA	4-31 December 1966
HMM-361	KY HA	1-15 December 1966
HMM-363	KY HA	1-31 December 1966
VMO-6	KY HA	1-31 December 1966

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3. Average monthly strength - December 1966

UNIT	MAR OFF	MAR ENL	NAV OFF	NAV ENL
H&MS-36	42	356	0	0
MABS-36	16	567	4	27
HMM-165	50	201	1	0
HMM-262	58	193	1	0
HMM-361	49	125	1	0
HMM-363	51	167	1	0
VMO-6	41	130	1	0

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PART II

1. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

a. During the month of December, MAG-36 provided continuous helicopter support for the III Marine Amphibious Force, the Second Republic of Korea Marine Corps Brigade, and I Corps Army of Republic of Vietnam Forces. Although flight operations were restricted many days because of monsoon rains, group aircraft nevertheless flew a monthly total of 5,509.7 flight hours, and carried 22,006 troops/passengers and 1,378.1 tons of cargo. In addition, MAG-36 aircraft, providing round the clock service, performed 554 medical evacuation missions carrying 1001 wounded or sick patients. The MAG-36 C-117 aircraft throughout the month flew personnel, cargo, and night flare drop missions for a total of 103.1 hours. MAG-36 helicopters also augmented MAG-16 by providing UH-1E and CH-46A aircraft for support of MAG-16 operations in the Danang, Phu Bai, and Dong Ha TAOR'S.

b. On 15 December HMM-361 departed RVN for temporary deployment to Okinawa. Meanwhile, on 4 December, HMM-262 personnel arrived at KY HA to replace HMM-361. On 20 December, HMM-262's aircraft and cargo arrived via the U.S.N.S. CORE which anchored just off the coast of KY HA. The following three days, HMM-262 off-loaded their aircraft and cargo and commenced gradual flight operations. On 25 December, HMM-262 was completely operational and commenced full-time combat flight operations.

c. During the month of December 1966, MAG-36 aircraft participated in the following operations:

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>IN SUPPORT OF</u>
MISSISSIPPI	29 Nov - 7 Dec	U. S. Marines
CORTEZ	7 Dec - 12 Dec	U. S. Marines
TRA BONG	12 Dec - 16 Dec	ROKMC
SIERRA	12 Dec - Continuing	U. S. Marines, ARVN

d. MAG-36 aircraft reported 213 fire incidents during the month and 48 aircraft were hit by enemy fire. Seven (7) aircrewmembers were wounded in action.

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e. These were three incidents involving downed aircraft.

(1) On 5 December, a CH-46A aircraft from HMM-165 participating in U.S. Marine strike 21 nautical miles Northwest of Chu Lai was substantially damaged during a forced landing near the landing zone. The U.S. Marine passengers were not hurt during the landing, but one Marine was wounded by enemy sniper fire after he debarked from the aircraft. The aircraft could not be repaired in the field and was prepared for an external pick-up by an H-54 helicopter. U.S. Marines in the area continued a sweep and clear operation called "CORTEZ" while guarding the downed helicopter. On 12 December an Army H-54 "Flying Crane" arrived in the area and successfully picked up the downed helicopter in spite of enemy small arms fire and carried it to Ky Ha.

(2) On 6 December 1966, a UH-34D helicopter from HMM-363 crashed while trying to extract a U.S. Marine from a mountainous zone during poor weather conditions. Fortunately the aircrew and passengers aboard the helicopter were not seriously injured as the helicopter rolled down the mountain side. Due to deteriorating weather conditions, the personnel could not be rescued until the next day. The aircraft could not be recovered due to the inaccessibility of the wreckage.

(3) On 29 December, a CH-46A helicopter from HMM-262 participating in an emergency ammunition resupply to the ARVN outpost of NUI DANG was substantially damaged by intense fire after it landed in the hilltop zone. Incoming enemy fire killed one ARVN soldier and wounded another that were helping unload the aircraft. The aircraft received nine individual hits, one of which hit the Number 1 engine airframe fuel filter and incapacitated that engine. After several attempts, the aircraft could not be flown out of the zone single engine and had to be repaired in the zone. Squadron maintenance personnel were quickly flown to the scene and made the necessary repairs. With both engines functioning properly, the aircraft was safely returned to home base at Ky Ha.

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PART III

1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. On 9 December, Lieutenant General CHAPMAN and his party were transported by MAG-36 helicopters on a tour of the Ky Ha and Chu Lai areas.

b. On 12 December, Brigadier General OWENS dedicated the new MAG-36 Dispensary.

c. On 25 December, Major General ROBERTSHAW made a Christmas Day visit to MAG-36 units.

d. When not heavily engaged in combat commitments, MAG-36 helicopters flew Medical Civic Action personnel to Co Lao Re island located 25 nautical miles East of Ky Ha.

(1) On 5 December an Army Psychological Warfare Team accompanied by MAG-36 personnel was taken to the island by MAG-36 helicopters and conducted an educational sanitation and health campaign. Three thousand (3000) pieces of educational materials were delivered to the village chiefs and four hours of educational movies were shown to about 500 to 600 villagers.

(2) On 10 December, MAG-36 Medical Civic Action personnel visited the island. Contracts were made for the purchase of land for the islands missionaries to construct a church, school, social center, and personage. During the visit 80 medical and 7 dental patients were treated. In addition, a local agriculture cooperative is being organized to provide fertilizer for the islands inhabitants and to encourage them to raise fresh fruit and vegetables for market.

(3) On 17 December, MAG-36 Medical Civic action personnel again visited the island and conducted "sick call". One-hundred thirty (130) medical patients were treated, four-hundred (400) bars of soap and three-thousand (3000) newspapers were distributed. In addition, three (3) seriously ill island inhabitants were evacuated to the USS REPOSE for medical treatment. Eight (8) island personnel are undergoing practical training in medical treatment.

The following information was obtained from a report dated 10 January 1967, by the MAG-36 Medical Civic Action personnel, and is being furnished for your information.

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Enclosure (3)

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PART IV

1. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Filed*
- ✓ a. Command Chronology H&MS-36
 - ✓ b. Command Chronology MABS-36
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- ✓ c. Command Chronology HMM-165
 - ✓ d. Command Chronology HMM-262
 - ✓ e. Command Chronology HMM-361
 - ✓ f. Command Chronology HMM-363
 - ✓ g. Command Chronology VMO-6
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- h. Photograph of KY HA Complex - Looking North
 - i. Photograph of MAG-36 Ky Ha Main Camp Area and Helicopter Mat Areas Looking East.
 - j. Photograph of Ky Ha Complex - Looking South, Sand Ramp Area in the foreground.
 - k. Photograph of MAG-36 Ky Ha Main Camp Area and Helicopter Mat Areas Looking North.

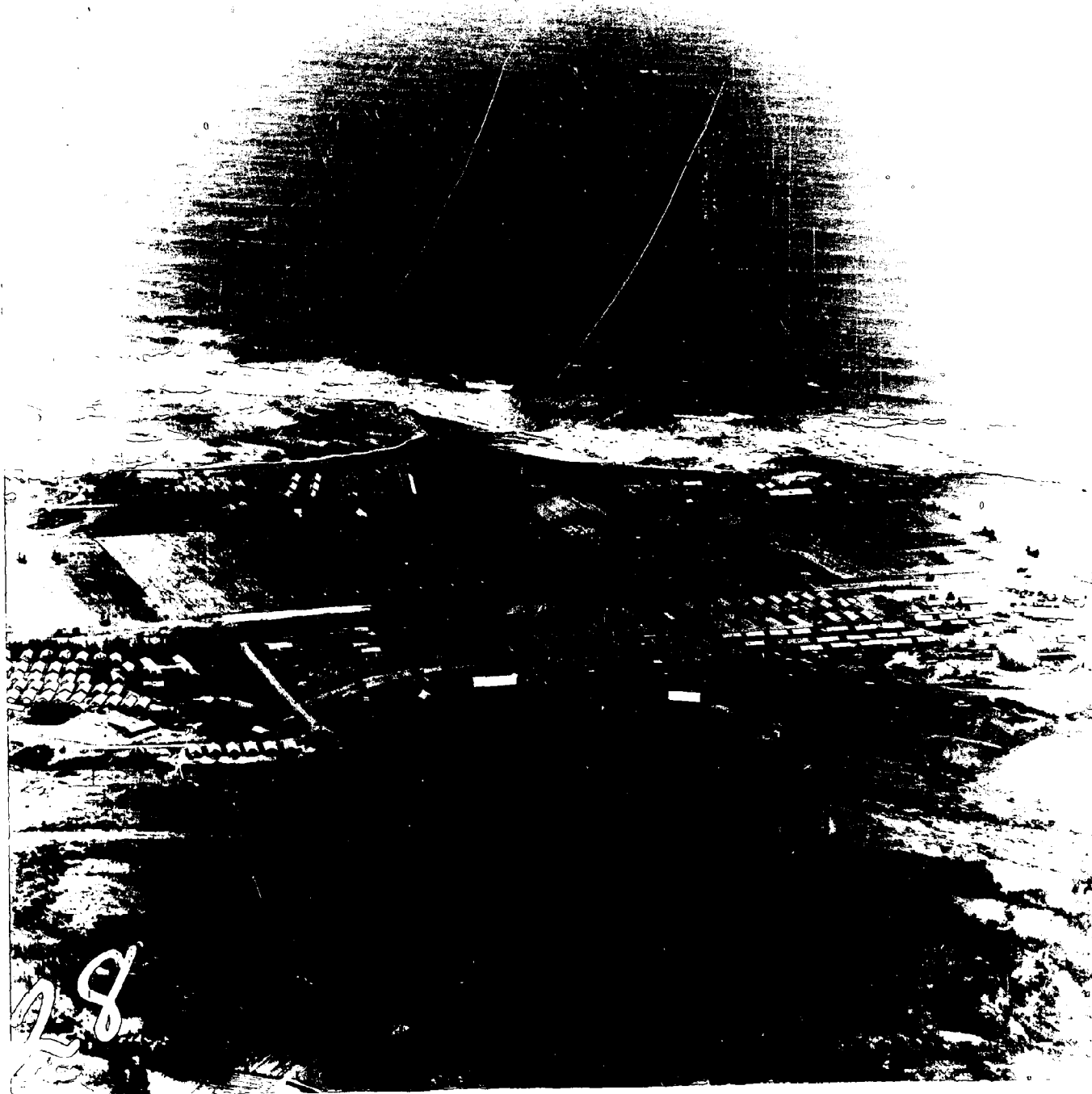
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PHOTOGRAPH OF KY HA COMPLEX - LOOKING NORTH

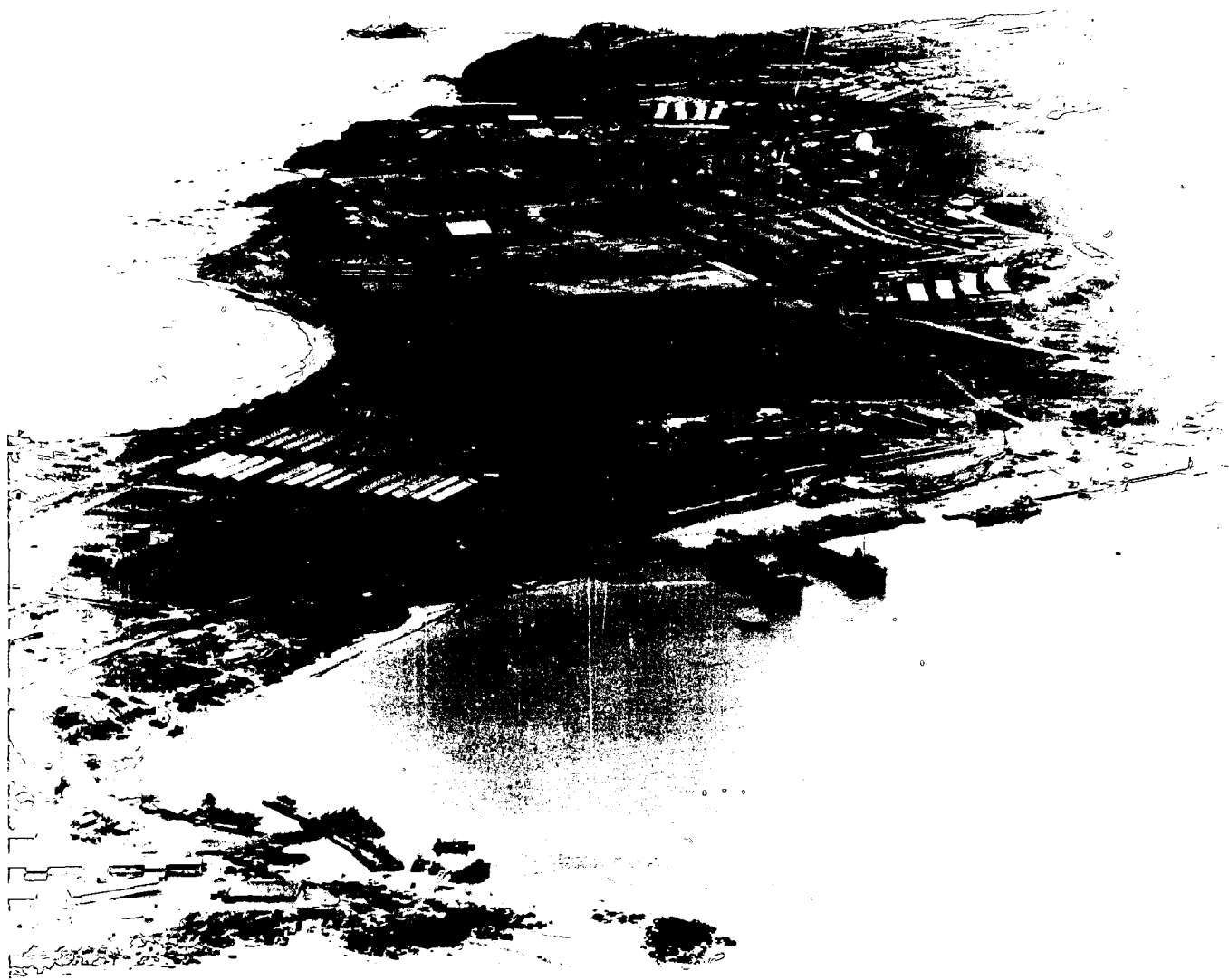


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PHOTOGRAPH OF MAG-36 KY HA MAIN CAMP AREA AND HELICOPTER MAT AREA -
LOOKING EAST



PHOTOGRAPH OF KY HA COMPLEX - LOOKING SOUTH, SAND RAMP AREA IN THE FOREGROUND



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PHOTOGRAPH OF MAG-36 KY HA MAIN CAMP AREA AND HELICOPTER MAT AREAS -
LOOKING NORTH



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