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- Encl: ✓(1) Part I - Organizational Data
- ✓(2) Part II - Narrative Summary
- ✓(3) Part III - Significant Events
- ✓(4) Part IV - Supporting Documents

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted for the month of March 1967.

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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. Commanders and Staffs, MAG-36 Headquarters and Attached Squadrons.

MAG-36

CO	(1-29 Mar) (30-31 Mar)	ARMSTRONG, VICTOR A. TOSDAL, ORLANDO S.	COL COL
XO	(1-31 Mar)	PHILLIPS, ALLEN L.	COL
ADJ	(1-31 Mar)	WILSON, WILLIAM H.	2NDLT
S-1	(1-31 Mar)	TUTTEROW, HENRY W.	CAPT
S-2	(1-31 Mar)	SMITH, LLOYD W.	MAJ
S-3	(1-31 Mar)	SLATON, CLYDE H. JR.	LTCOL
S-4	(1-31 Mar)	REAMES, JOHN A.	LTCOL
FLT SURGEON	(1-31 Mar)	MOFFITT, BAYARD L.	LT(USN)
MTO	(1-31 Mar)	BURGESS, ROBERT E.	CAPT
EMB	(1-31 Mar)	SELLARS, JAMES A.	2NDLT
ORD	(1-31 Mar)	SELLARS, JAMES A.	2NDLT
AMO	(1-31 Mar)	HENRY, ERNEST C.	MAJ
COMM	(1-31 Mar)	TAYLOR, CHARLES W.	MAJ
CIVIL AFFAIRS	(1-31 Mar)	DAY, DALLAS C.	CAPT
AVN SAFETY	(1-31 Mar)	YOHE, FRANCIS L.	MAJ
NATOPS	(1-31 Mar)	GREGORY, RAWLEY M.	MAJ
LEGAL	(1-31 Mar)	TUTTEROW, HENRY W.	CAPT
SECURITY	(1-31 Mar)	SMITH, LLOYD W.	MAJ
SERGEANT MAJOR	(1-31 Mar)	JOHNSON, DAVE L.	SGTMAJ
		H&MS-36	
CO	(1-31 Mar)	CARLSON, WILLIAM C.	LTCOL
XO	(1-31 Mar)	LEWIS, HAROLD E.	MAJ

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MAINT. O	(1-31 Mar)	HENRY, ERNEST C.	MAJ
		MABS-36	
CO	(1-26 Mar) (27-31 Mar)	NELSON, JOSEPH A. FISH, THOMAS E.	LTCOL MAJ
XO	(1-26 Mar) (27-31 Mar)	FISH, THOMAS E. ROBINSON, JAMES C.	MAJ MAJ
OPS	(1-31 Mar)	ROBINSON, JAMES C.	MAJ
		HMM-165	
CO	(1-31 Mar)	ELDRIDGE, WILLIAM W. JR.	LTCOL
XO	(1-31 Mar)	HEIM, DONALD C.	MAJ
OPS	(1-31 Mar)	READ, WILLIAM T.	MAJ
		HMM-262	
CO	(1-31 Mar)	SHADRICK, URAL W.	LTCOL
XO	(1-31 Mar)	CORLISS, GREGORY A.	MAJ
OPS	(1-31 Mar)	ALBER, JOHN W.	MAJ
		HMM-362	
CO	(1-15 Mar) (16-31 Mar)	ARMSTRONG, MARSHALL B. KAPETAN, NICK J.	LTCOL LTCOL
XO	(1-31 Mar)	WRIGHT, HERBERT L.	MAJ
OPS	(1-31 Mar)	FLANAGAN, LARRY J.	MAJ
		VMO-6	
CO	(1-27 Mar) (28-31 Mar)	MALONEY, WILLIAM R. NELSON, JOSEPH A.	LTCOL LTCOL
XO	(1-31 Mar)	SAMPLE, EDWARD J.	MAJ
OPS	(1-31 Mar)	WALKER, JAMES H.	MAJ

B. TASK ORGANIZATION AND UNIT LOCATION

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
H&MS-36	KY HA	1-31 Mar 67

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MABS-36	KY HA	1-31 Mar 67
HMM-165	KY HA	1-31 Mar 67
HMM-262	KY HA	1-31 Mar 67
HMM-362	KY HA	1-31 Mar 67
VMO-6	KY HA	1-31 Mar 67

C. Average Monthly Strength of Squadrons

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAR OFF</u>	<u>MAR ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>
H&MS-36	41	484	0	0
MABS-36	17	590	4	28
HMM-165	47	203	1	0
HMM-262	50	213	1	0
HMM-362	47	176	1	0
VMO-6	<u>50</u> 252	<u>174</u> 1849	<u>1</u> 8	<u>0</u> 28

D. IMPORTANT VISITORS

1. On 4 March, General LAI, MING TANG, CINC, Combined Services Forces, Republic of China and party visited the Chu Lai area. The General received a short brief on the organization, capability, and combat operations of MAG-36 from Colonel ARMSTRONG.

2. On 9 March, Lieutenant General KRULAK and party visited the Chu Lai area on an inspection visit. General KRULAK toured the Task Force X-Ray, MAG-12, and MAG-13 areas.

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PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. During the month of March 1967, MAG-36 provided continuous helicopter support for the III Marine Amphibious Force, the Second Republic of Korea Marine Corps Brigade, and I Corps Republic of Vietnam Forces. Although monsoon rains and low ceilings significantly reduced flight operations during the first part of the month, Group aircraft nonetheless flew a monthly total of 6221.3 hours, carried 19,790 troops/passengers and 3178.3 tons of cargo. In addition, MAG-36 aircraft provided "round the clock" medical service, evacuating 1063 wounded or sick patients.

B. During the month of March 1967, MAG-36 aircraft participated in the following operations.

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>IN SUPPORT OF</u>
DESOTO	26 Jan - Continuing	U. S. Marines
DESOTO/DECKHOUSE VI	26 Feb - 4 Mar	U. S. Marines, ARVN

In addition, MAG-36 supplemented MAG-16 in their operational commitments in the northern TAOR.

C. MAG-36 aircraft reported 209 fire incidents during the month and 45 aircraft were hit by enemy fire. Eight (8) aircrewmembers were wounded in the action during the month.

D. There were 17 incidents involving downed MAG-36 helicopters.

1. Late on the afternoon of 1 March, a UH-34D helicopter from HMM-362 received multiple hits from enemy fire while attempting to accomplish an emergency medical evacuation mission in an area six (6) nautical miles southeast of Chu Lai. Due to the intense and accurate enemy fire, the pilot waved-off to prevent being shot down. The pilot then "nursed" his crippled aircraft to a secure U. S. Marine position 4,000 meters away. After an air strike by fixed wing aircraft and numerous strafing and rocket runs by the armed UH-1E's, another UH-34D from HMM-362 picked up the wounded U. S. Marines. The next day the damaged UH-34D was repaired by a squadron maintenance team and flown to Ky Ha.

2. On 3 March, one (1) CH-46A aircraft from HMM-165 received intense enemy fire and was substantially damaged during landing while on a classified mission. Four (4) other aircraft of the total nine (9) CH-46's and four (4) UH-1E's participating in the operation were also hit by enemy fire. Due to poor weather conditions and the location of the downed aircraft, recovery could not be attempted and after the guns and radios were removed, the aircraft was destroyed.

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3. On 6 March, a UH-34D from HMM-362 received intense enemy automatic weapons fire while accomplishing an emergency medical evacuation mission in the NUI DANG area. After the aircraft departed the pick-up zone and was flying at 300 feet beneath the overcast, in the rain, enroute to the LSA at NUI DANG, it was hit by enemy fire. One round penetrated the pilot's front windshield and struck the pilot in his armor chest protector. Fortunately, the armor stopped the round and the pilot received only minor injuries. Other rounds hit the aircraft in the fuel cells causing the aircraft to rapidly lose fuel. The aircraft just reached the secure zone at the LSA before running out of fuel. The next day a squadron maintenance team was flown to the scene to repair the aircraft. After the temporary repairs, the aircraft was flown back to Ky Ha.

4. On 10 March, a UH-34D from HMM-362 had an engine failure while on an administration/liaison mission five (5) nautical miles southeast of Chu Lai. The pilot made a successful autorotation into a field 300 meters from a U. S. Marine base camp perimeter. The pilot made an excellent landing and there was no damage to the aircraft or injury to the crew. An LVT was used to tow the aircraft into the secure perimeter of the U. S. Marine position and the aircraft remained there overnight. The next day the aircraft was prepared for an external pick-up and was carried intact to Ky Ha by a CH-53 helicopter.

5. On 11 March, a UH-34D from HMM-362 received enemy automatic weapons fire while on a medical evacuation mission into a pick-up zone 500 meters from the U. S. Marine outpost on NUI DANG. As the aircraft approached the zone, it received enemy fire and two hits in the engine compartment. The aircraft continued to fly and the pilot quickly headed for the secure LSA zone at NUI DANG where he made a forced landing. A squadron maintenance team was flown to the scene and after completing repairs the next day, the aircraft was flown back to Ky Ha.

6. On 13 March, a CH-46A helicopter from HMM-262 had hydraulic control problems while carrying external loads from an LST that was operating off the coast of NUI DANG. The pilot made a precautionary landing on the mid-deck loading position on the LST. The LST then cruised North to KY HA carrying the "crippled" CH-46A. Upon arrival in the KY HA area, a squadron maintenance team went by boat to the LST to check-out and repair the aircraft. Late that night, the aircraft was repaired and flown from the ship to KY HA.

7. On 13 March, a CH-46A aircraft from HMM-262 experienced aft transmission difficulties while re-supplying the NUI DANG area. During the flight, the aft transmission chip detector light illuminated and the pilot made a precautionary landing in the secure LSA zone at NUI DANG. A squadron maintenance team was flown to the scene and a maintenance check revealed that the aircraft would require an aft transmission change.

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The next day, the transmission change was completed and the aircraft was flown back to KY HA.

8. On 14 March, a UH-34D from HMM-362 received intense enemy automatic weapons fire while accomplishing an emergency medical evacuation pick-up in an area 3,000 meters West of NUI DANG LSA. As the aircraft was sitting in the zone waiting to load the MEDEVAC, an enemy position nearby directed automatic weapons fire at the aircraft. Before the MEDEVAC was loaded and the aircraft could get airborne, it had been hit 16 times by enemy fire. Fortunately, the emergency MEDEVAC was picked-up and the aircraft, though substantially damaged, was still flyable and made it back to the secure LSA zone. The gunner received minor shrapnel wounds. A squadron maintenance team was flown to the LSA the next day. After considerable temporary repairs, the aircraft was flown back to KY HA for further repairs.

9. On 15 March, a UH-1E medical evacuation helicopter from VMO-6 was hit by enemy fire while attempting to pick-up wounded U. S. Marines from an insecure zone 6 nautical miles Southeast of Chu Lai. After the UH-1E landed in the zone, it received a critical hit in an engine oil line. Since the friendly troops were pinned down by enemy fire and could not get the "MEDEVAC" to the helicopter, the pilot quickly took off to prevent being shot down. The pilot quickly headed for a secure U. S. Marine base camp area 2,000 meters North and made a forced landing in the secure IZ. A squadron maintenance team was flown to the scene of the downed UH-1E. That afternoon, repairs were completed and the UH-1E was flown back to KY HA. After numerous air strikes on the enemy positions, another MAG-36 "MEDEVAC" helicopter landed and picked up the wounded U. S. Marines.

10. Late in the afternoon of 16 March, one UH-34D helicopter from HMM-362 received intense enemy automatic weapons fire while accomplishing an emergency medical evacuation mission in an area 3,000 meters West of the U. S. Marine outpost of NUI DANG. As the aircraft approached the zone to pick-up the wounded U. S. Marines, it received enemy fire. While sitting in the landing zone, the helicopter was fired upon from enemy positions and on departure from the IZ, enemy fire was again received. All told the helicopter was hit 5 times by the enemy fire and one medical evacuation patient was wounded again from one enemy round that hit the aircraft on take-off. The pilot "nursed" his crippled aircraft back to the secure LSA zone at NUI DANG. A squadron maintenance team was flown to the area and the next day repair work was completed and the aircraft flown to KY HA.

11. On 16 March, one OH-46A helicopter from HMM-262 had a rotor brake failure and associated hydraulic leak while on a NUI DANG re-supply mission. The pilot shut-down in the NUI DANG LSA for repairs. The next morning a squadron maintenance team was flown to the area and after "on-the-spot" repairs, the aircraft was flown back to KY HA.

12. On 19 March, one UH-34D helicopter from HMM-362 had an engine failure while attempting to re-supply a U. S. Marine position 1,500 meters

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North of the LSA at NUI DANG. The pilot guided the aircraft to a crash landing within the perimeter of the U. S. Marine positions. The aircraft hit hard, striking a large dirt mound and rolled over on its side. Fortunately, no crew members were seriously injured, but one U. S. Marine in the landing zone was seriously injured by the shattered rotor blades. The aircraft received "strike" damage. A squadron maintenance team partially disassembled the aircraft and a few days later a CH-53 picked up the hulk and returned it to KY HA.

13. On 20 March, two CH-46A helicopters from HMM-262 received intense enemy fire while attempting to insert a U. S. Marine reconnaissance patrol in an area 8,000 meters West of NUI DANG. After a fixed-wing air preparation of the small one plane zone, the lead aircraft, with 2 UH-1E gunships escorts, made his approach. As the lead aircraft touched down in the zone, the aircraft was hit by enemy fire. The aircraft received 8 hits; the crew-chief was wounded, 1 passenger was killed, and 5 passengers were wounded. The pilot quickly lifted out of the zone to prevent being shot down, and "nursed" his crippled aircraft back to the secure LSA zone at NUI DANG. That afternoon, a squadron maintenance team was flown to the LSA to repair the aircraft. Late that day, sufficient, temporary repairs were completed to enable the aircraft to be flown back to KY HA.

14. On 21 March, one CH-46A aircraft from HMM-262 had engine difficulties at QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD while on a logistics re-supply mission. The pilot could not get the number 2 engine on the aircraft functioning properly so shut down at the airfield and requested a squadron maintenance team to check the engine. A squadron maintenance team was flown to the airfield and a check of the engine revealed that an engine change would be required. The next day a new engine was installed and the aircraft was flown back to KY HA.

15. On 24 March, a UH-34D from HMM-362, while on a convoy escort made an emergency medevac pick up. The aircraft returned to Marble Mountain and was in a down status due to engine and rotor overspeed which occurred in order to lift the medevacs from the zone. The aircraft was inspected by a maintenance crew and returned to KY HA on 25 March.

16. On 26 March, four CH-46A aircraft from HMM-262 launched on the Bald Eagle mission to insert a company size reaction force where a Med-Cap team had been over-run and all Americans killed. 8 Marines and one Navy Doctor, all KIA, were Medevaced to Bravo Med.

17. On 27 March, two UH-1E gunships from VMO-6 discovered numerous VC hiding in a lake while on a Sniper Recon mission. The gunships delivered 6,000 rounds of 7.62 and 19 2.75 rockets which accounted for 25 confirmed VC KIA and 4 VC prisoners captured.

18. On 29 March, a UH-34D from HMM-362 was hit. One round entered the left center fuel cell and exited through the transmission. The other aircraft in the flight had an engine chip detector light and remained at NUI DANG.

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The following day a maintenance crew was dispatched for necessary repairs and the aircraft was returned to KY HA.

19. On 30 March, one CH-46A from HMM-165 and one UH-34D from HMM-362 launched from NUI DANG at 1745 on an emergency medevac. The CH-46A encountered intense automatic weapons fire on the approach to the landing and while in the pick up zone. The aircraft received 7 hits and the gunner and corpsman were both wounded by enemy fire. The rounds penetrated the fuselage in several places and one round shattered the #2 aft control boost actuator. The aircraft was flown back to NUI DANG with the medevacs aboard. The crew was returned to KY HA and the wounded treated at 1st Med Bn. A maintenance crew was flown to NUI DANG the following day, repairs were made and the aircraft returned to KY HA.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. When not heavily engaged in combat operations, MAG-36 helicopters flew medical civic action personnel to CU LAC SE island located 25 nautical miles West of ME RA.

1. On 11 March, MAG-36 civic action personnel visited the island. Medical personnel treated 70 children, 5 men, and 25 women. Two (2) patients were evacuated to "D" Co, 1st Medical Battalion for surgery. In addition, 200 bars of soap and 100 blankets were distributed to Popular Forces personnel and needy villagers on the island. The Protestant Chaplain delivered one ton of lumber to the island for use in the World Alliance Mission Building Project. MAG-36 civic action personnel also paid a goodwill visit to the local officials.

2. On 18 March, MAG-36 civic action personnel again visited the island. More than 100 island inhabitants were treated by MAG-36 medical and dental personnel. Four (4) patients were evacuated to "D" Co, 1st Medical Battalion for surgery. In addition, 4,000 "TU-DO" newspapers were distributed to the island inhabitants.

3. On 26 March, MAG-36 civic action personnel again visited CU LAC RE island. MAG-36 "MEDCAP" personnel treated 7 male patients, 25 female patients and 43 children. In addition, 15 dental patients were treated. The island chief was given 36 care tool kits for distribution to local boatbuilders and carpenters. Six (6) tool kits each were given to the Protestant and Catholic missions on the island. Eleven (11) children were given 3 hours of language instruction and 50 pounds of soap were distributed to island inhabitants.

4. On 27 March, Colonel ARMSTRONG (Neilfile 6) was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star at the Quang Ngai ARVN Headquarters by the Chief of Staff of the 2nd ARVN Division.

5. On 29 March, Colonel ARMSTRONG was relieved as Commanding Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 36 by Colonel O. S. TOSDAL. Colonel ARMSTRONG will report to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing for reassignment as Commanding Officer of Marine Wing Support Group 17.

6. On 29 March, at the change of command ceremony, Brig General KIM, CG of the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade awarded Colonel Armstrong a letter of Appreciation for outstanding service during the period 24 August 1966 to 26 March 1967. The citation noted in particular MAG-36 Support of Operations Lee, Dragon Eye, Trabong, Seine, Estuary, Giant Dragon and other operations which contributed to the efforts of peace in Vietnam and strengthened ties of friendship between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America.

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PART IV - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ A. Command Chronology - H&MS-36
- ✓ B. Command Chronology - MABS-36
- ✓ C. Command Chronology - HMM-165
- ✓ D. Command Chronology - HMM-262
- ✓ E. Command Chronology - HMM-362
- ✓ F. Command Chronology - VMO-6
- ✓ G. Photograph #6 of North and South parking areas of MAG-36 based helicopters. Photo taken 31 March 1967.
- ✓ H. Photograph #8 of MAG-36 Living and office areas. Photo taken 31 March 1967.
- ✓ I. Photograph of New MAG-36 Tower which became operational 17 March 1967. Photo taken 2 April 1967.
- ✓ J. March Publications of the MAG-36 Newspaper - THE MAGPIE.

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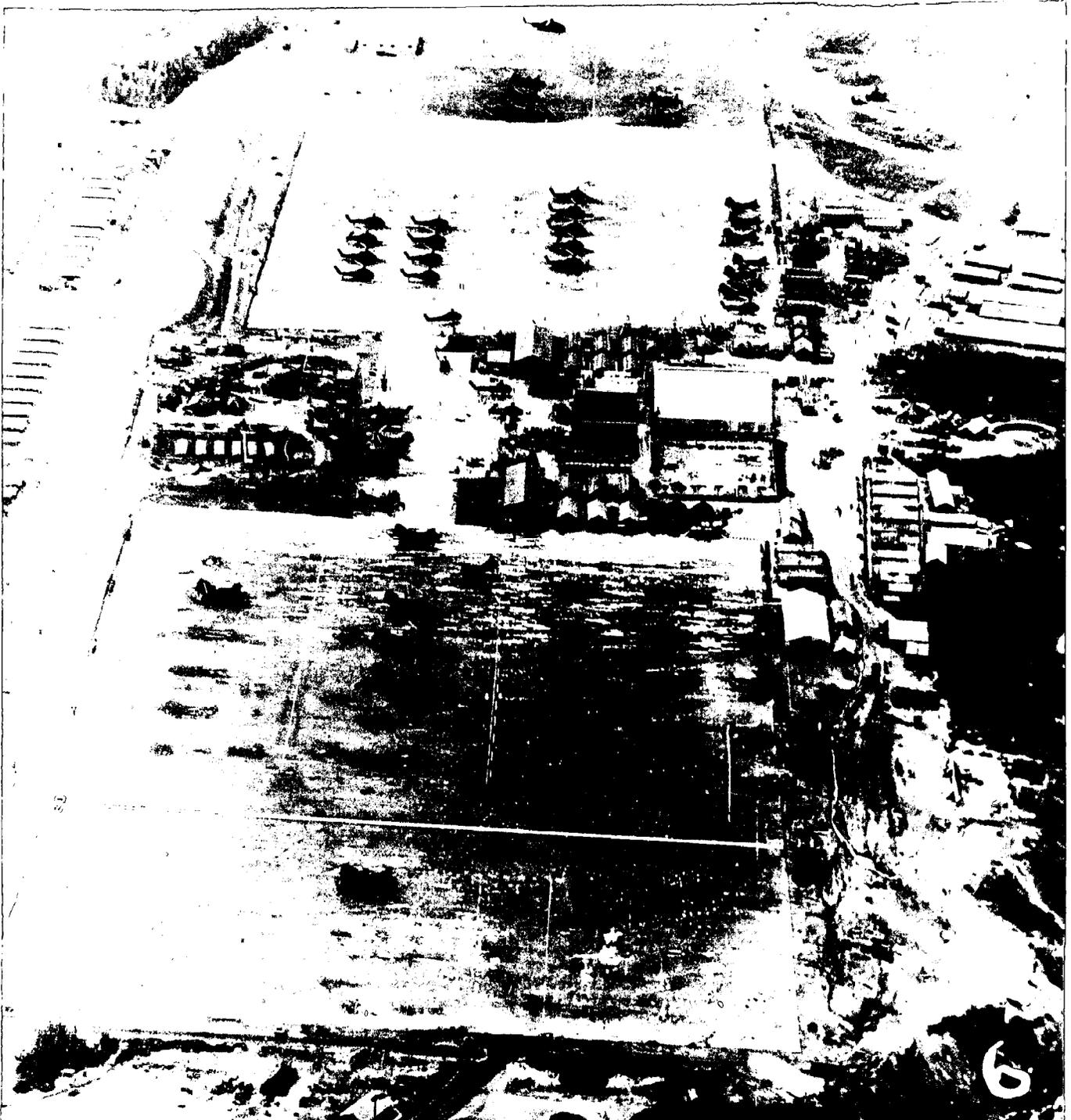
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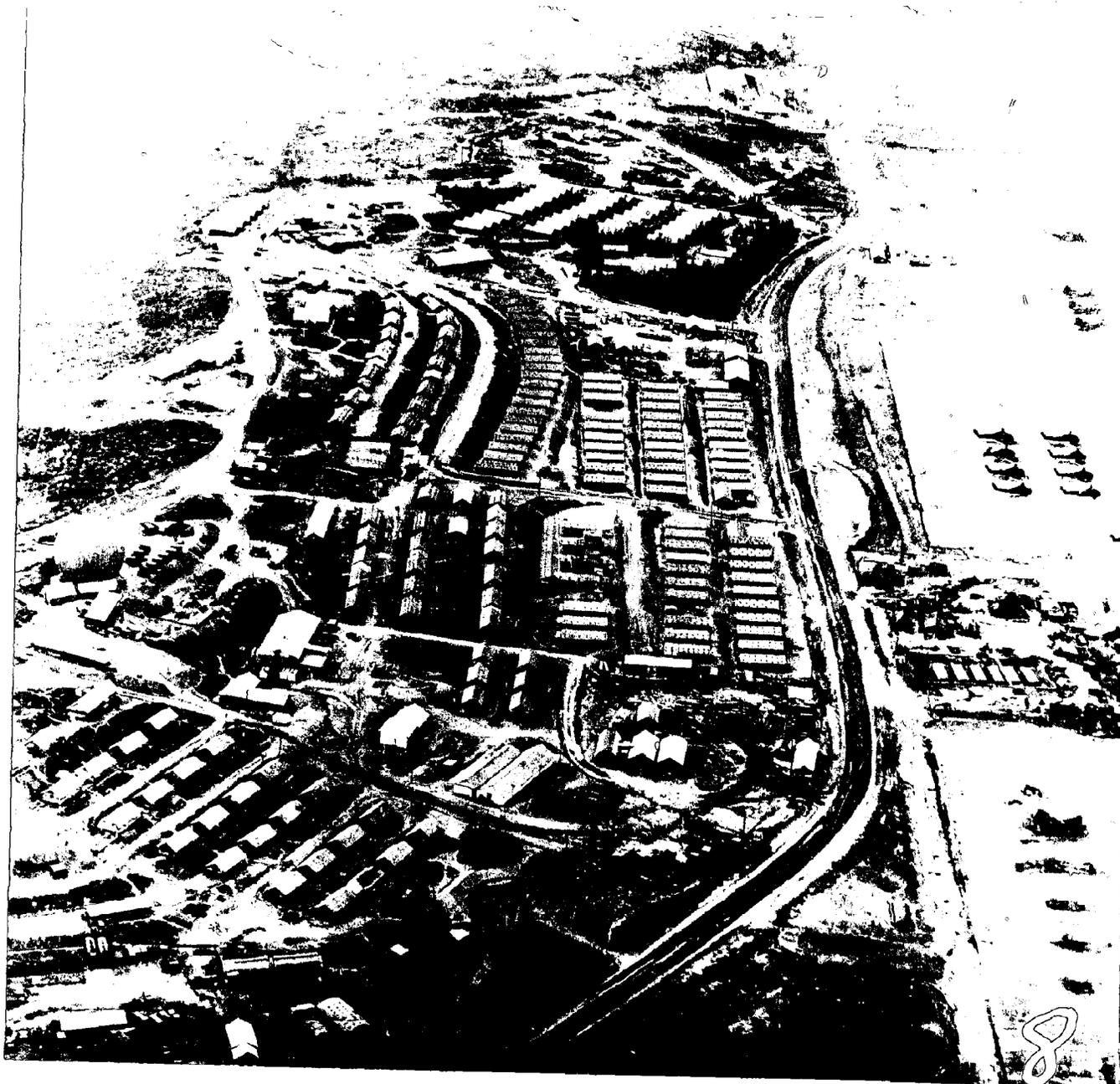
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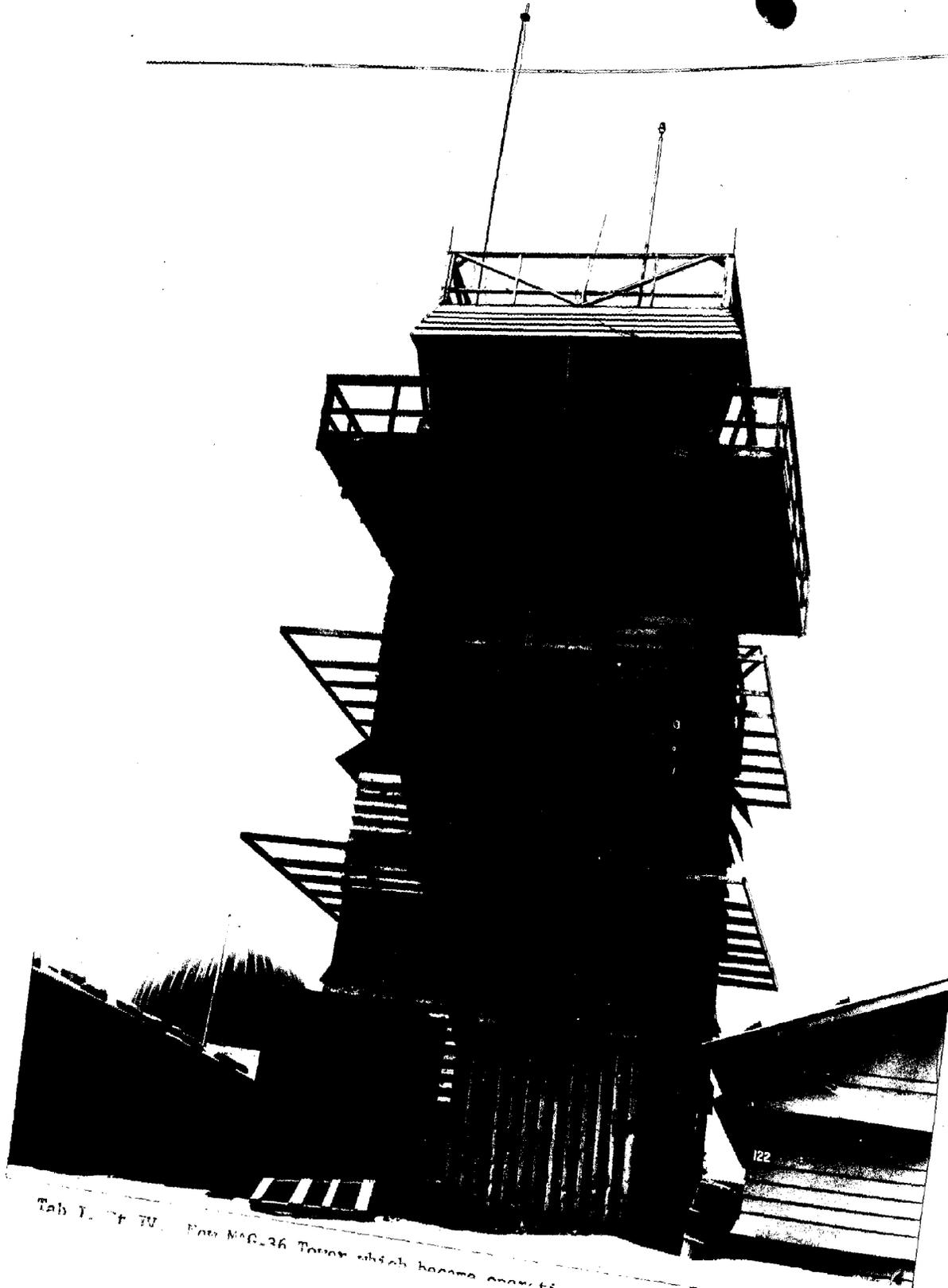
North and South parking areas of MAC-36 based helicopters. 31 Mar 1967



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MAG-36 living and office areas. 31 March 1967





Tab I. of IV. For MAG-36 Tower which became operational 17 Mar 1967

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THE MAGPIE is published to disseminate items of information and news to the personnel of Marine Aircraft Group 36. Persons desiring articles published should deliver them to Captain TUTTEROW at the Group S-1, by 1700 on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

HMM 262 CITED FOR OUTSTANDING OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE DURING FEBRUARY

OFF LIMITS

Ky Ha - HMM 262 set the all-time high for a CH-46 squadron in combat operations in February. This impressive record was accomplished without an accident.

In his message of 8 March 1967, Major General Robertshaw, the First Wing Commanding General, commended HMM 262 for the excellent performance of duty and impressive flying hours record attained by the Squadron during the month of February. "Your monthly record of 2198 hours during February is impressive. It is the all-time high for a CH-46 in combat. The achievement is made more impressive by lack of any operational aircraft accident while operating strenuous hours during inclement weather. Record provides sound evidence that operational effectiveness and flying safety are mutually supporting. My congratulations for inspiring squadron performance."

MajGen Robertshaw sends.

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FOR

MAG-36 PERSONNEL

Ky Ha - the Chu Lai Installation Coordinator directive which placed off limits the hamlet of An Tan, the populated areas in the vicinity of An Tan, and the village of Ky Ha, which includes the hamlets of Sam Hai and Xuan Trung, is still in effect. Military personnel will not enter these areas except in the performance of their official duties as authorized by their commanding officers.

All Vietnamese private residences, restaurants, cafes, night clubs and catering places serving or selling alcoholic beverages are off limits.

The city of Quang Ngai (BT 650730) is also off limits to all military personnel of this command except for official military business.

Also on the off limits list is the Korean Officer's Club, near the MAG-12 area. All U. S. Military Personnel are restricted from entering this establishment.

REENLIST NOW!

This is it. This is the time to make your play. Now is the time for all of you Marines in the pay grade of LCpl and Cpl, with less than a year to do on your current enlistment to do the smart thing and reenlist.

The provisions of MCBul 1133 of 9Jun66 are due to expire on 31 March 1967, and there are no indications that they will be renewed or extended for a further period of time.

This bulletin authorizes the immediate promotion to the next higher rank upon immediate reenlistment. A Marine can be promoted up to the grade of Sergeant under these provisions. Reenlistment bonuses are paid for the new rank.

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KEEP UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OUT
OF THE MAG-36 AREA

It has become more and more noticeable during the past month that unauthorized personnel, mainly ARVNs and Koreans, have been wandering through the MAG-36 area, including the living quarters. These individuals are in the area for the purpose of purchasing and/or liberating items of a luxury nature, such as cameras, radios, tape recorders, etc. They have been seen attempting to get Marines to purchase such items from the exchange for them, or offering to buy such items from the individual owner.

The trafficking in unauthorized merchandise constitutes black marketeering, which is an offense punishable under the UCMJ, and also a federal offense.

Use your smarts. Just don't have any financial dealings of any type with unauthorized personnel. If you see them in the living areas, ask them to leave. If they do not leave, report this fact to the Group Provost Marshal at NAILFILE 21, and keep them under surveillance until the PMO arrives.

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FLEET HOME TOWN NEWS PROGRAM

The results of the Fleet Home Town News Program for February are as follows for MAG-36.

Unit	Feb	Cum
H&MS-36	12	12
MABS-36	86	224
HMM 165	6	22
HMM 262	30	30
HMM 362	15	15
VMO-6	50	104
Total	209	407

MAG-36 is presently running in the #3 spot behind MAG-11 and MAG-16. Although we are in the #3 spot for the Wing, we are so far behind the two leaders, that nothing short of an all hands effort to gather and report newsworthy events will enable the MAG to maintain its position and gain on the leaders. DO YOUR PART. REPORT

NEWS

MORTAR ATTACK MISSES
MAG-36

Ky Ha - Our MAG-36 super-secret intelligence sources revealed that at least 11 mortar rounds were aimed towards MAG-36 during the recent attack, but pooped out on the way and didn't make it. A patrol from the Prov Rifle Company located the craters just short of the boundary between MAG-36 and MACS 7. Charlie hasn't forgotten about us, it was just that our generally inaccessible location saved us again.

In the event of a mortar or rocket attack, the only warning you will have is the sound of the explosions as the rounds hit and explode. Grab your pots and make it to the nearest shelter. After the rounds stop dropping, go to your appointed details. Do not run around aimlessly or accidentally shoot someone (me particularly) or yourself. You get no hero licks for self-inflicted wounds and the paperwork generated is appalling. Do not load your weapon until you are told to do so or someone starts shooting at you. For the heavy sleepers, we'll tell you about it over a cup'a coffee the next morning.

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ROCKET ATTACK ON DA NANG

The enemy rocket attack on Da Nang in the early morning hours of February 27, killed 12 and injured 33 American military personnel. 30 live 140mm rockets were found in the area. 2 launchers, simple four foot pipes, mounted on a five foot plank, were also discovered.

The rocket motor is ignited by a simple tail clip with an electrical wire attached. A battery of the rockets could be loaded, wired in series, and fired by application of electrical current from a battery. One or two people could do the job with very little chance of detection. Stay alert for any suspicious activity in and around our TAOR. Report anything suspicious to the S-2 immediately.

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STAY ALERT, STAY ALIVE

'CORPS OFFICER PROMOTIONS

PROMOTION CRITERIA

The Marine Corps has announced its projected officer promotions for FY 1968. It looks like it will be a good year for promotion to Captain and Colonel, but the other grades will not promote as many as they did in FY 1967. The overall picture looks like this:

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	Sel	O/B	Sel	O/B
BGen	21	38	10	38
Col	156	719	190	723
LtCol	417	1498	387	1510
Maj	1268	3556	713	3790
Capt	1828	6041	2700	6041

MAG-36 ENLISTED PROMOTION PICTURE
BRIGHTENS

Ky Ha - With the adoption of the Third Quarter FY 1967 Manning Level, the promotional opportunities to the grades of Lance Corporal should be much better in the coming fourth quarter. Unless there is a sudden influx of corporals and lance corporals, which at the present time is not expected, the quotas will be just about double what they were for this quarter. Are you ready for promotion? What have you done to put yourself at the head of the list? Better do something about it today.

PROMOTION TO SERGEANT

The cutting scores for the second increment of FY 67 promotions to the grade of Sergeant should be out soon, probably by the end of March. The promotional opportunities look promising, even for the slow fields such as Food Service and MT.

IT'S A GOOD CAREER, STICK WITH IT!

You only have a few more days to take advantage of the opportunity to gain a quick promotion and large reenlistment bonus.

SEE YOUR CAREER ADVISORY NCO
TODAY

Promotion boards meet and announce the results just about every month here in the MAG. How are you considered when they convene? What do you have to offer besides time in grade? Do you do a good job or an excellent job? Do you seek added responsibilities or do just enough to get by? What have you done to make your qualifications just a little bit better than your contemporaries? If you cannot give yourself a favorable answer to these questions, then it is about time that you did something about your career deficiencies.

When your record goes before the promotion board, generally only a few members of the board will know of you personally. The recommendation given by your section head and the record contained in your service record book will convey to the board your worth for promotion.

The members of the board average the conduct and proficiency marks, consider the date of rank, time in service, awards, punishments, etc., but usually turn to the education page of the SRB and determine how much of an effort has been made by the individual for self-improvement and the development of the individual store of professional knowledge and the development of non-military skills. This one item of self-improvement is usually the item that decides who will get a contested promotion.

If the results of the squadron promotion boards continue to be published without your name being on the list, you had better examine yourself and determine what you can do to place yourself higher on the list of Marines recommended for advancement.

U. S. STRENGTH IN VIETNAM
TOPS KOREA

The Defense Department revealed that at least 473,000 American troops are either in Vietnam or are in direct support of the operations here. The peak in Korea was 472,000 troops.

There are approximately 74,000 Marines in Vietnam.

CORPS PROMOTION STATUS

As of 1 February 1967, the Marine Corps officer temporary promotion status shows the following:

Grade	Remaining	Junior
MGen	4	J. G. BOUSER
BGen	6	L. E. WILSON JR
Col	71	H. HART
LtCol	142	W. M. NULL
Maj	391	M. J. KELLY
Capt	NONE REMAINING	

RAILROAD TRACK, WHO'S GOT SOME SPARE BARS?????

"Has anyone got a spare set of Captain's bars?" This is the plaintive wail heard around the MAG-36 area these days. The President authorized the promotion of the first 900 of the newly selected temporary captains effective 2 March 1967. With this word out, there was an immediate rush by the lucky lieutenants to secure the coveted railroad tracks.

The scuttle-butt has it that many of our second lieutenants are sending off for a set of captain's bars instead of the single silver ones. With the way the promotions are going, they may just get by with giving their old, gold bars an extra good polish job so they look silver.

WHAT IS PHYSICALLY QUALIFIED??

The only requirement necessary for our recent selectees to captain to get promoted was for them to be physically qualified. It was decided that if the lieutenant was able to walk up the hill to the "O" Club and back to his hut, he met the physical qualifications necessary.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Doc Moffitt announced at the CO's meeting Thursday afternoon that all hands will be required to take a flu shot in the near future.

VEGETABLES

VD lectures set for the week of 13 March announced the Medical Department. All personnel should attend at least one lecture prior to going on R&R. The classes start at 1900 in the Group conference room.

MASS-36	13 March 67
HMS-36	14 March 67
VMO-6	15 March 67
HMM 165	16 March 67
HMM 262	17 March 67
HMM 362	18 March 67

SAVINGS BONDS INFORMATION

1. Accrued interest is not subject to State and local taxes.
2. Federal Income Taxes on accrued interest may be deferred until the year in which the Bonds are cashed.
3. They are not subject to market fluctuation.
4. They cannot be cashed by anyone other than the registered owners.
5. They may be redeemed by the owners at any bank in the United States at an amount never less than the purchase price.
6. They continue to increase in value during the entire period they are held and yield interest at the rate of 4.15% compounded semiannually when held to maturity - 7 years, with the option of a 10 year extension.

BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

FOUND

A very nice High-school ring was found in Vick's Hotsie Bath and turned over to the Group S-1 Officer. If you have lost your ring and can identify it, see Captain TUTTEROW at the Group S-1.

CONSOLIDATED REENLISTMENT REPORT FOR THE FIRST MAW
FEBRUARY 1967

	1st Term	Career	Total
Total Attrition	48	33	81
Not recommended	3	0	3
Recommended	45	33	78
Reenlisted	11	26	37
Percentage	22.4	78.7	47.4

MAG - 36 REENLISTMENT

	1st Term	Career	Total
Total attrition	5	5	10
Recommended	5	5	10
Reenlisted	2	4	6
Reenlistment percen	40%	80%	60%

REASONS FOR NOT REENLISTING

	E-6	E-5	E-4	E-3
To further education		10	4	3
Restricted personal freedom		1	4	2
Lack of pay	1	2	4	2
Family considerations		4	2	1
Civilian pursuits	1			
FMCR		1		

SPECIAL SERVICES NOTES

ROY ACUFF TO APPEAR IN CHU LAI AREA 20 MARCH

Roy Acuff and his troop are scheduled to appear in the Chu Lai Area on Monday, 20 March 1967 for two performances. The locations of the performances are unknown at this time, but they will be announced as soon as they are known. The time for the performances is 1000 and 1400.

HOBBY SHOP SET FOR WING IN DA NANG

The First MAW has a hobby shop located at the Wing Headquarters in Da Nang. The hours of operation are from 1300 until 1700 daily. Hobby crafts are offered for sale at reasonable prices.

The Wing Special Services Officer plans to provide a mobile Hobby Shop sales service for the Wing personnel in the Chu Lai area. This should be in operation sometime in April 1967.

How about us running a movie schedule all during the week and no foul-ups? I bet you didn't know that we could do it, but we did. Look for continued good services.

NOTICE-NOTICE-NOTICE

The Group S-1 will be closed for business on Sunday afternoon, 12 March 1967, along with S&C, S-4, Legal, and Special Services. Conduct any necessary business early in the morning please.

THE WEATHER GUESSER REPORTS ON YEAR-ROUND TEMPERATURES FOR 1967?

TEMPERATURES	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Record Max	94	98	99	105	102	105	105	102	99	96	90	87
Avg Max	75	78	81	86	91	92	96	93	88	83	80	76
Avg Monthly	69	72	77	80	83	83	86	84	82	79	76	75
Avg Min	65	58	70	73	76	77	77	76	75	73	71	68
Record Min	52	58	59	62	71	72	71	70	68	63	56	56
Avg Rel Humidity %	86	86	85	84	81	77	75	77	84	86	86	86
Sur Wind Prevail												
Direction	N	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	N	N	N	N
Prevail Speed (Knots)	9	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	9	9	9	9
Record Spd (Knots)	26	28	30	24	20	33	25	28	28	40	30	36
Precip Highest total (in.)	12.4	10.4	5.7	7.6	16.6	20.9	9.9	13.2	46.3	49.5	38.0	21.3
Avg Monthly (in.)	4.2	1.8	.9	1.3	2.6	2.8	2.8	4.7	15.7	23.3	15.1	8.7
Lowest Total (in.)	.6	*	*	*	*	.1	.1	.2	3.0	2.6	3.8	1.6
24 Hour Max (in.)	10.1	6.8	5.4	6.0	4.8	13.1	3.8	5.9	12.8	11.0	10.7	12.6

* Less than .1 inches.

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Colonel Victor A. ARMSTRONG CO

Colonel A. L. PHILLIPS XO

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS GOES TO CAPTAIN BILLY RAY MASSEY, HMM 165

In a brief, but impressive ceremony held on 16 March 1967, Major General Robertshaw, the Commanding General, First MAW, presented the Distinguished Flying Cross to Captain Billy Ray Massey, HMM 165. The citation read as follows:

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam, Captain Massey piloted his aircraft on a night emergency retraction of a fifteen man Marine reconnaissance team, which was surrounded by the enemy forces. Despite heavy enemy fire, Captain Massey skillfully maneuvered his aircraft into the landing zone, where, unable to land his helicopter, he daringly hovered in the zone with only one wheel touching the ground until the remaining five reconnaissance team members had boarded his helicopter. His heroic efforts were instrumental in the successful retraction of the reconnaissance team and undoubtedly saved numerous Marine lives."

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NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL AWARDED TO SSgt F. D. RILEY, HMM 262

Ky Ha - In the same ceremony, Major General Robertshaw presented the Navy Commendation Medal to Staff Sergeant Franklin Delano Riley, HMM 262. This award was given to SSgt Riley for his meritorious achievement while serving as a Crew Chief with HMM 265, in the Republic of Vietnam during September 1966. While refueling his aircraft, SSgt Riley noticed a fire in one of the helicopter's engines. Completely disregarding the possibility of an explosion, he seized two fire extinguishers, climbed on the helicopter, and emptied the contents of one extinguisher into the flames. As the fire continued to burn, he quickly removed the burning filter from the engine intake and discharged the second extinguisher directly into the engine, successfully putting out the fire. His instantaneous response to an emergency, determined actions and steadfast courage were instrumental in preventing a disastrous situation from developing in which personnel, aircraft, and refueling facilities would have been jeopardized.

COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE TO BE ELIMINATED FOR TROOPS IN RVN

The controversial cost-of-living allowance presently authorized for some 31,000 U. S. Servicemen in RVN will be ended shortly. According to the Air Force Times, approximately 60% of the men drawing this stipend were living in the Tan Son Nhut and Saigon area in air-conditioned hotels acquired as military housing.

"It is difficult for men in the field to understand why those in the air-conditioned hotels should draw more money than those in the dugouts and bunkers." I'm sure that all of us will agree to this.

REPEATED VIETNAM TOURS, THE STRAIGHT WORD

In a recent misinterpretation of the Commandant's assignment policy, the length of time Marine Corps personnel will spend in the United States before returning to Vietnam for a second tour has been a subject of much discussion.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps has explained assignment policies in regard to subsequent tours in Vietnam, and revealed the following policy.

During the initial build-up of Marine Corps forces in Vietnam, it was sometimes necessary to return a Marine to duty in Vietnam as early as six months after his return to the United States. With the build-up complete, the Marine Corps is taking all possible actions to lengthen, not reduce, interval between overseas tours. Assignment policies call for a 24 months tour in the United States prior to a subsequent tour in Vietnam.

The Commandant has directed that no personnel will be given a subsequent tour in Vietnam until all others in his same grade and specialty have had their turn in RVN. Also, no Marine will be returned to WestPac earlier than the normal 24 months period unless he is a volunteer or his transfer has the approval of the Commandant.

Personnel to be assigned tours of duty with WestPac will be assigned in the following order:

1. Marines eligible for a reenlistment incentive, who request overseas assignment.
2. Volunteers.
3. Marines with no prior service overseas. Priority will be given to those Marines longest on station.
4. Marines who have served longest in the United States since their last overseas assignment. Those who have served longest on station will go first.
5. As a general rule, Marines in the grade of sergeant and above will be assigned to unaccompanied overseas tours IAW with their overseas control date and military occupational specialty requirements.
6. No individual who has served an unaccompanied tour in WestPac/RVN since March 1965, will be assigned as a WestPac replacement unless:
 - a. He has completed 24 months in a CONUS or accompanied billet.
 - b. Or is a volunteer for such assignment.
 - c. Or his assignment is specifically approved by CMC.

SOFT WORDS FROM THE WHISPERING PINES DISPENSARY

Due to the shortage of PPD serum, the MAG-36 Medical Department has not scheduled TB testing for the month of March. Personnel who are scheduled for rotation to CONUS during April 1967 may report to the First Hospital Company at 1300 on Fridays for skin tests. After receiving the skin test, personnel should report to the MAG-36 dispensary for their 48 and 72 hour readings. The results must be entered in the individual's shot card and in the health record. You must have a TB test before you can be returned to the United States.

ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS WAIVED

Annual physical examinations are waived for Navy and Marine Corps personnel assigned to Vietnam and adjacent areas. However, Naval Aviators are still required to receive annual physicals.

All personnel are urged to obtain a complete physical immediately upon return to CONUS.

FIRST AID TIPS FOR HOT WEATHER

With the coming of hot weather, stay alert for possible attacks of heat stroke and heat exhaustion. These attacks can be fatal unless promptly treated. For self protection, drink plenty of water daily, use additional salt on your foods, wear loosely fitting clothing, and protect yourself from the direct rays of the hot sun.

The symptoms for heat stroke and heat exhaustion and the treatment for personnel afflicted are as follows:

Heat Stroke

Symptoms

- 1 - Skin, hot, dry, and bright pink in color.
- 2 - Absence of sweating.
- 3 - Headache, dizziness, confusion, convulsions, and loss of consciousness may be present.

Treatment:

- 1 - Lower body temperature as quickly as possible by:
 - a - removing individual from the sun.
 - b - removing clothing.
 - c - Keeping entire body wet by either pouring cold water over the body or immersing in cold water (with ice, if possible).

Heat Exhaustion

Symptoms

- 1 - Heavy sweating.
- 2 - Skin, pale and moist.
- 3 - Dizziness and faintness.

Treatment

- 1 - Remove individual from sun.
- 2 - Loosen clothing
- 3 - Casualty should drink as much cold water as he can tolerate. (with 2 crushed salt tablets or $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt to a canteen of cold water).

LtCol Kenneth E. Huntington, CO, HMM 363, has been evacuated to the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego. Any communications or wishes of well being can be sent to him at that address.

A SHOCKER FROM THE KY HA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

Ky Ha - You are reminded that electric hot plates are against the rules. Coffee messes are by permit only and will adhere to the schedule posted.

Abuse of the privilege of using electricity is growing daily. In many instances, severe overloads of the circuits cause a voltage drop which can burn out refrigerators and fan motors.

Please cooperate. We are doing the best we can to gin the juice. The demand load in the Camp has quadrupled over our maximum capability to generate.

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I wonder why????

Some people cannot put the lid down after using the Ky Ha modern flushless toilets.

Some people seem to think that the urinals also serve as ash trays, garbage disposals and barff bags.

Some people feel that they have a God-given right to throw their trash anywhere, while knowing that someone else will have to pick it up.

Some people insist on using the messhall tables as hat racks, when others would prefer to eat from them.

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The Hash-marked Peon sez: "But Sir, it was like this. Me and this chick were on the beach, and Sir, she had all of the symptoms of Heat Stroke. I had just given her the full treatment, and had her lying on a blanket, just giving her mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration, when this cop came up and arrested us!"

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"If you thought my recipe for baked carp was good, you ought to ask CWO Young for his famous recipe for charcoaled snapper. M-M-M-mm, Magnificant!"

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"Did you know that Alice B. Toklas died in Paris this month at the age of 89?"
How about that?

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"It is difficult to say who is the happiest man at Ky Ha today, Captain Clyde Childress, with orders to VMO-5, Campen, or Captain Bob Burgess, with orders to the I&I Staff in Abilene, Texas. Gee, some people really luck out."

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Orders for the month of June are pouring in to the Group. The ones for April and May are still coming in, but most of the personnel due to rotate CONUS in April are in receipt of orders at this time. There are 79 people due to go home in April. Seats should be coming in towards the last of this month.

**GROUP PROMOTION BOARD ANNOUNCES RESULTS,
MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS FOR FIFTEEN**

Ky Ha - The Group Promotion Board's results have been compiled and approved by the Group CO. The below listed personnel have been promoted to the ranks indicated with a date of rank of 1 March 1967, and an effective date of 15 March 1967. Congratulations to all of you.

CORPORAL

LCpl Richard J. SIELOFF	HMM 262	LCpl Peter A. ENJLE	H&MS 36
LCpl Willis M. HAGAN	HMM 262	LCpl Richard R. RUMBOLZ	HMM 362
LCpl Leandro C. LAIGO	HMM 165	LCpl Fredrick S. DELGADO	MABS 36

LANCE CORPORAL

PFC William E. SMITH	HMM 262	PFC Otis TOLBERT	HMM 262
PFC Juan R. LOPEZ	HMM 165	PFC William P. WALLIS	HMM 362
PFC George K. TOMPKINS	H&MS 36	PFC Richard P. DANIS	H&MS 36
PFC Kenneth M. ELLAK	HMM 165	PFC Thomas J. O'BRIEN	MABS 36
PFC Vergle F. KAISER	HMM 362		

MORE ON THE THIRTEENTH MONTH TOUR

Generally, the concept of the 13th month tour prescribes the arrival of the member in CONUS not later than the end of their thirteenth month. However, one will not rotate to CONUS during the same month he departed. This means, that if one departed CONUS in August, he will not return until September.

The procedure for the Group is as follows:

All personnel due for rotation CONUS are ranked according to their departure date from CONUS. For those personnel who have voluntarily entered into an extension of tour, their original departure date will be their control factor, ie., if a person departed CONUS on the 28th of April, then extended his tour for 3 months, his control date for rotation will be the 28th of July.

Personnel with "by date" orders or EAS will be placed on the rotation roster in a position to ensure their arrival CONUS 3 to 5 days ahead of their due date.

Everyone else is arranged in chronological sequence unless some emergency demands the early return of the individual.

MARINES MUST REPORT TO III MAF TRANSIENT FACILITY

A message received from the Commanding General reminds us that all Marines and Navy Personnel must report to the III MAF Transient Facility to obtain transportation to Okinawa and other places outside of RVN. Direct reporting to the 15th Aerial Port at Da Nang is prohibited.

Emergency leave personnel will have priority and will be furnished the first available transportation to Okinawa.

SPECIAL SERVICES NEWS

Ky Ha - Scuba Divers, present and potential, we are getting ready to start the MAG-36 Scuba Club. The tanks and regulators, plus other gear, have been received by the Special Services Officer. All that is necessary now, is to get a club formed, and charter approved.

All personnel interested in forming a Scuba Club are requested to contact 2dLt Wengeler or the Group Special Services Officer.

A name for the club is necessary, and the CIC, Lt Wengeler is soliciting suggestions for an appropriate name. Submit your proposed names to Group Special Services. (Suggestions: The Sam Hai Sea Slugs, The Ky Ha Reefers)

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The volleyball tourney is proceeding at a fast pace. With the return of warm, sunny weather, the sports activity in Ky Ha has increased. The weight room is enjoying an active participation by the Group's heavy lifters. (If the Utilities Dept could figure out a way to harness all that energy being expended in the weight room, we could really power some generators).

Plans for the future call for a tennis court, some horse-shoe pits, and ping-pong for the Squadron ready rooms. The beach should be marked and swimming authorized by the end of the month. With the present murky water conditions, and heavy cross-currents, extreme caution must be exercised in the water. BE CAREFUL.

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NAME THE BOAT CONTEST

Put on your thinking beanies and see if you can come up with an appropriate name for the Special Services Boat. Submit your names by 1 April at the Group Special Services Office. The winning name will be good for a case of pop.

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The Chu Lai Beach is open from 1100-1800 daily and from 0900-1800 on Saturday and Sunday, surf and weather conditions permitting. All personnel using the beach facilities are required to observe the beach rules. The areas where the indigenous fishing boats are beached are off limits. Beach recreation huts are available for organized parties. Call AUDITOR 037 for reservations.

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NAVY FLIGHT OFFICER INSIGNIA CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The Navy is presently considering the adoption of a new design for Naval Flight Officer Insignia (wings). Designs are solicited. The Wing will consider designs submitted from the Groups, and will submit drawings to CMC.

Groups are authorized to submit a maximum of three recommendations of the Naval Flight Officer insignia. Each recommendation should contain the rank, name, service number, MOS, component, and organization of the person submitting the drawing. All recommendations must reach this Headquarters by 25 March 1967.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR MAG-36

The Wing Clubs Officer announces the following entertainment for the local "Nite-Spots".

22 March 1967	The HILLRIDERS (Phillippines)	E & SNCO Clubs
	1800 & 2000	
30 March 1967	Koichi Sugisaki (Japan)	E & SNCO Clubs
	1800 & 2000	

A maximum crowd turned out last night at the Officer's Club for the Mike Foster and Judy Larson show. The jokes were old, but good, the singing "decent".

CLUB MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Ky Ha - People come and people go, here in Vietnam (we wouldn't have it any other way), and club managers are no exceptions. The management of the clubs is being assigned to Warrant Officer Nalan. WO Nalan has recently completed a MAF Clubs and Messes Management Course at Da Nang, and will replace WO Brown as the Officer-in-Charge of all the MAG-36 clubs and club activities.

For the Enlisted Club, SSgt B. V. KNIGHT of MABS will be the new manager. SSgt Knight is with the Food Service Department of MABS, and has previous experience at managing the Weapons Training Battalion Club at PISC, and assisting with the PISC SNCO Club. He is very interested in bettering the club's activities, and with the completion of the new club building, the EM club should become the showplace of Ky Ha.

SSgt K. D. LESLIE, H&MS-36, has been nominated and accepted to replace GySgt SNEIL as the manager of the "O" Club.

Roy Acuff and his troop are scheduled to appear in the Chu Lai Area on Monday, 20 March 1967 for two performances. The time of the performances is 1000 and 1400. We are still trying to find out the location.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Volunteers are needed for the billets of Wing Career Advisory NCO (SNCO), and Wing Education NCO (Sgt). Persons with experience in these fields, and who are interested in the assignment should contact their squadron S-1 and put in their names. Nominations are required at Group by 24 March 1967.

BUY BONDS- PUT MONEY IN SAVINGS PLAN

SAVE FOR THE FUTURE

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR 20-26 MARCH

Catholic Services

Daily Mass will be held at 1730 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
 Holy Thursday Mass will be held at 2000 on Thursday, 23 March.
 Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at 2000, Friday 24 March
 Holy Saturday, Rosary Service at 2000, Saturday 25 March
 Easter Sunday services at 0900 and 1700, 26 March 1967

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Maundy Communion service at 1900 on Thursday, 23 March
 Good Friday Service at 1900 on Friday, 24 March
 Easter Sunrise Service at 0700 on 26 March 1967
 Easter Sunday Services at 1000 and 1900, 26 March 1967

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Good Friday, 24 March 1967, is a day of fast and abstinence for Roman Catholic personnel. All messes will provide meat substitutes at all meals.

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TIMELY SUBMISSION OF AWARDS

The importance of prompt and accurate submission of a recommendation for an award can not be over emphasized. Recommendations for awards for heroism, aerial flight and meritorious service will be submitted promptly after the date of the occurrence for processing.

Whenever a recommendation for an award is delayed, full justification, setting forth the reasons for late submission will be included in the basic recommendation and/or endorsements prior to forwarding to this Headquarters.

/s/ E. J. DOYLE

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DEPENDENTS ID CARD FOR WIVES IN HAWAII

Complaints have been received concerning the number of wives visiting R&R personnel in Hawaii, who arrive without a Uniform Services Privilege and ID Card, DD 1173, in their possession. They must have their Dependents ID card to utilize the service facilities in the area. If your wife or other dependents are planning to meet you in Hawaii, caution them to be sure and bring their Dependents ID card. This will facilitate your pleasant R&R stay.

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HAVE YOU TAKEN YOUR MALARIA PILL???

MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR 19-25 March

- #1 From Nags to Witches (C) Comedy: As an American exchange pro-
 ARABESQUE (C) (CS) (M) fessor at Oxford, Gregory Peck is selec-
 (112 min) ted by a gang of Arabian spies to solve
 Gregory Peck - Sophia Loren a cryptogram.

- #2 Zoot Cat Drama: Tale of terror and tempta-
 NIGHTMARE IN THE SUN (C) (MFP) tion of restless, fickle young wife
 (89 min) in search of happiness.
 Ursula Andress, John Derek

- #3 Deep Sea Hunt (C) A good bet for the 4th movie at an all
 THE PLAGUE OF THE XOMBIES (C) night Drive-in.
 (99 min)
 Andre Morell - Diane Clare

- #4 Trick or Cheat (C) Melodrama: Patrol to help Gen McA
 AMBUSH BAY (C) (MFP) retake the Philippines. More blood
 (116 min) and guts. A good training film for
 Hugh O'Brian, Mickey Rooney Vietnam

- #5 Outstanding Football Games Western: Wild Bill Kickeck and the
 THE PLAINSMAN (C) (F) Indians. Buffalo Bill Cody and all
 (102 min) the rest. Should be interesting.
 Don Murray, Guy Stockwell

#6 TV SERIES

location	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
H&MS	1	2	3	4	5	6	N
HMM 165	2	3	4	5	6	1	O
VMO-6	3	4	5	6	1	2	
O Club	4	5	6	1	2	3	M
S Club	5	6	1	2	3	4	O
HMM 362	6	1	2	3	4	5	V I E

MORE ON ROY ACUFF

ROY ACUFF WILL APPEAR AT THE TASK FORCE X_RAY AMPHITHEATER AT 1500 ON SUNDAY 19 MARCH 1967. THAT'S TODAY FOLKS.

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CO: Colonel V. A. ARMSTRONG

XO: Colonel A. L. PHILLIPS

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES SET FOR MAG-36 UNITS

Ky Ha - This last week of March 1967 brings many changes to the Command status of MAG-36. During this week, the command of two squadrons and the Group will switch hands. To all of the commanders, old and new, we offer to you our appreciation of the many benefits you have given us and the fine job that you have done. To the new commanders, we wish you success in your new jobs.

MAG-36 COMMAND CHANGES HANDS

Ky Ha - Colonel Victor A. Armstrong will be relieved by Colonel Orlando S. Tosdal as commanding officer, MAG-36 at 0930 on 29 March 1967. The change of command ceremonies will take place on the north mat, adjacent to the Group Supply Warehouse. All visitors are welcomed to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

CHANGE OF COMMAND AT MABS-36

Ky Ha - LtCol J. A. Nelson will be relieved by Major T. E. Fish as Commanding Officer, MABS-36 at ceremonies to be held on the North Mat, MCAF, KY HA at 1400 on Sunday, 26 March 1967. All personnel are invited to attend.

KLONDIKERS CHANGE CO'S

Ky Ha - LtCol W. R. Maloney will be relieved by LtCol J. A. Nelson at a ceremony to be held on the South Mat, MCAF, Ky Ha, at 1000 on 27 March 1967. All interested personnel are cordially invited to attend.

FAREWELL TO OUR LEADER

Ky Ha - We wish to express to Colonel Armstrong our sincere appreciation for the strong leadership he has displayed during his tour as Group CO. During this period of time, the accomplishments of the Group have been noteworthy. "We can do more with less" has been the motto and theme of the Group.

We sincerely wish you a successful tour in your new job. Thank you for all you have done for us.

CUTTING SCORES FOR SERGEANT

MCBUL 1430 of MAR67 announces the cutting scores for the Spring 67 promotions to the grade of sergeant. All Corporals, with a date of rank of 30 Sep 66 or earlier and whose composite score was reported are eligible for promotion, subject to the cutting scores listed below. The Date of rank will be 1 March 1967, and the date of promotion will be 20 March 1967.

The cutting scores by OF are as follows:

01 - 126; 02 - 120; 03 - 128; 04 - 120; 08 - 115; 11 - 137;
 13 - 109; 14 - 140; 15 - 160; 18 - 126; 21 - 104; 23 - 116;
 25 - 137; 28 - 115; 30 - 134; 31 - 133; 32 - 130; 33 - 152;
 34 - 114; 35 - 138; 40 - 121; 41 - 133; 43 - 113; 46 - 121;
 55 - 145; 57 - 106; 59 - 116; 63 - 137; 65 - 134; 66 - 133;
 67 - 110; 68 - 117; 70 - 137; 71 - 111.

Accelerated promotions to the grade of sergeant are authorized for corporals with date of rank of 1 Oct 66 through 1 Nov 66 whose composite score was reported and is equal or above the below listed cutting scores. There are no accelerated promotions authorized for OF's not listed.

02 - 124; 04 - 121; 08 - 116; 13 - 130; 21 - 114; 23 - 117;
 28 - 116; 34 - 120; 40 - 125; 43 - 114; 46 - 123; 57 - 119;
 59 - 118; 67 - 126; 68 - 120;

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NOMINATIONS FOR U. S. NAVAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Marine Corps Bulletin 1530 of 27 Feb 1967 announces the annual competition for appointments to the Naval Preparatory School as candidates for appointment to the Naval Academy by the Secretary of the Navy.

The Secretary of the Navy may appoint annually 85 members of the regular Navy and Marine Corps to the U. S. Naval Academy. These appointments are only awarded to enlisted graduates of the Naval Preparatory School who are recommended and qualified for such appointment.

An applicant must be not less than 17 years of age nor have passed his 20th birthday on 1 July 1967. He must be a high school graduate, or have completed enough high school courses so that credits earned at the Preparatory School will enable his secondary school record to show the necessary 15 units required for admission to the Naval Academy.

An applicant must have a minimum CCT score of 120 or a minimum Attitude-Area Test score of 120 (determined by the sum of the Verbal, Arithmetic Reasoning and Pattern Analysis Test Scores divided by 3)

SEE YOUR CAREER ADVISORY NCO TODAY?

SPECIAL SERVICES SCOOP

Ky Ha - The MAG-36 Special Services Officer announces that the SS Boat will be available from 1500 through 1700 on Saturdays and Sundays for water skiing. Water skiing enthusiasts will be able to go to the Sand Ramp, adjacent to where the LST's are unloading, and enjoy a thrilling skim over the water, with the extra added thrills of possible VC bullets, floating mines, and sharks. All of these little goodies add zest and zing to the sport. For good, clean sports, try water skiing.

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INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE
(Slow Pitch)

Ky Ha - War Bulletin 1710 of 15 Mar 67 announces the scheduling of the Wing Intramural Softball (Slow Pitch) League. Lt. "Stiers" Stiers is presently signing players for his team. He can be reached in the MAG-36 SS office (MAIL FILE 37).

Game number 1 will be MAG-36 against MAG-11 at 1300 on 8 April 1967. The games will be played at the North Field, Tango Sector, at the 1st MAW Headquarters, Da Nang.

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NAME THE BOAT CONTEST

Put on your thinking beanies and see if you can come up with an appropriate name for the Special Services Boat. Submit your proposed names to the Group Special Services Officer by 1 April. The winning name will be good for a case of pop.

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DA NANG MAIN EXCHANGE HOURS

Effectively immediately, the new hours of operation for the main store exchange in Da Nang are as follows:

Monday through Saturday - 0900-1700
Sunday - Closed

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HUE FLIGHTS ERRATIC

Due to operational commitments of aircraft, the Recreational tours of Hue have been somewhat erratic. It is not known at the present time whether the one's scheduled for the 31st will go or not, but the Group SSO will try to keep the individuals concerned posted. The schedule for April is out, but the story is still the same--We don't know if they'r going to go or not. If you desire to go, submit your name to your squadron SSO. Better hurry, the seats are spoken for very quickly these days.

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THE MAG-36 SOCIAL SEASON

Ky Ha - Saturday, 25 March 1967 will go down in my books as being the high point of the MAG-36 Social Season. As I am sharing my activities with Alka-Seltzer, I can fully testify to the excellent hospitality displayed. My only regret was that I could not attend all of the places I was invited to go.

LUNCHEON FOR GENERAL KIM

General Kim, the Commanding General of the 2d Korean Marine Corps Brigade, was the honored guest at a luncheon held at the MAG-36 Officer's Club at 1130 on 25 March 1967. Colonel Armstrong presented General Kim with a plaque to commemorate the strong comradeship and close cooperation that has grown between the ground forces of the 2d MEB Brigade and MAG-36.

General Kim replied in a brief speech, that "This MACE is one of the most difficult areas in Vietnam. The helicopter is the most important weapon in this war, and it has been very well supported, particularly by MAG-36, Colonel Armstrong's unit."

He further added that "Even though we sometimes have difficulty between our two commands, we are very proud to work with MAG 36."

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FAREWELL PARTY FOR LTJG BLOKE & SSGT RICKS

Less formal than the luncheon for General Kim, was the farewell party given in the H&M Motorpool for LtJG Blake, the H&M Motorpool Chief, and SSGT Ricks, the H&M Motor Transport Chief. We all missed Sgt Ricks, who had to depart on 24 March for emergency leave, but LtJG Blake attempted to carry on for both of them, and succeeded quite well. The hearty feelings of close cooperation and friendliness exhibited at this party made one appreciate the comradeship that is one of the great assets of a career in the Marine Corps. "A good time was had by all hands!"

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KLONDIKERS HONOR COLONEL MALONEY AT DINNER

Ky Ha - The Klondikers of VMO-6 honored LtCol W. R. Maloney, their departing Squadron Commander, at a dinner held at the Ky Ha Officer's club at 1800 on 25 March 1967. Major Sample, the Squadron XO welcomed all Klondikers past, present, and future. Colonel Maloney was presented with a flag celebrating 664 KBA's by Klondike, and a Squadron Flag. Colonel Armstrong, the Group CO, presented "Playboy" patches to members of the squadron for their outstanding service, and then presented to LtCol Maloney a plaque designating him the outstanding "Playboy" of Chu Lai from July 1966 to March 1967. After this, the party moved to the bar.

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HMM 262 HOLDS SQUADRON OFFICERS PARTY

Ky Ha - HMM 262 held a party for the Squadron Officers at the Ky Ha Officer's Club on 25 March 1967. I regret to say that I was not able to attend this one, but all hands appeared to be having a grand time. 262 has set a fine combat record since joining this Group in December 1966. We wish them continued success.

PROVISIONAL INFANTRY COMPANY STAGES FIELD MEET FOR VILLAGERS

Sam Hai - 25 March 1967 - The MAG-36 Provisional Rifle Company presented a field meet for the villagers of Sam Hai at 1200 this date. Approximately 100 Marines of the Rifle Company participated in the events. A crowd of Vietnamese civilians, estimated to be in excess of 500, watched the play and wildly cheered the winners.

The events held at the Field Meet were as follows:

Blind assembly and disassembly of M-14 rifle.

Winner: 3d Platoon, LCpl River.

Chinese Fire Drill.

Winner: 4th Platoon

Ammunition Resupply Relay race, 200 yards carrying 2 ammo boxes.

Winner: 3d Platoon

Mountain Drill

Winner: 4th Platoon

Casualty Carry:

Winner: 1st Platoon, LCpl Hester

Fire Drill relay, with water

Winner: 1st Platoon

Three Leg race

Winner: 1st Platoon, Corporals Jackson and Freeman

Sack Race (by platoon leaders)

Winner: 3Sgt Allen, 1st Platoon

Tug of War

The 1st platoon beat the 2d platoon in a good 15 minute battle

The 4th platoon beat the 3d platoon in another good battle.

The total points won by the individual platoons were as follows:

1st: 25 points

4th: 23 points

3d: 21 points

2d: 20 points.

The Group XO, Colonel Phillips commended all hands on a well organized and well handled event. Captain Harrison of the rifle company had the events well organized and well controlled. His fine job and extensive efforts contributed highly to cementing the good relationship between MAG-36 and the local villagers.

After the events of the field meet were completed, a soccer game was conducted between the Popular Forces and the Marines. The Popular Forces won easily, and received an award.

ALP SCHEDULE MO DA NANG

DAILY SE CR17

ARRIVE	PLACE	DEPART
0830	Da Nang	0930
0900	Phi Bai	0900
0930	Da Nang	1030
1100	Chu Lai	1230
1400	Da Nang	1500
1630	Phi Bai	1630
1700	Da Nang	TERM
0830	Da Nang	0900
0930	Chu Lai	0930
1030	Da Nang	1100
1130	Phi Bai	1400
1430	Da Nang	1530
1600	Chu Lai	1700
1730	Da Nang	TERM

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MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SATURDAYS

0845	Da Nang	0945
0840	Tan Ky	0840
0900	Da Nang	1000
1030	Chu Lai	1030
1115	Da Nang	1215
	OPEN	
1815	Da Nang	TERM

RER QUOTAS ARE IN

The April RER Quotas are in and have been published in a Group Bulletin. The overall totals show that there is a difference of 51 from those of March---51 additional, for a total of 331 seats. The seats to Hawaii have been upped, with each squadron receiving 6 or 7 seats, with 7 and 8 seats to H&MS and MABS. Plenty of RER for all.

APRIL SEATING NOT IN

The Rotation Seats for the month of April have not been received at this time. The Wing Draft Section indicates that it will be Monday before the seats are received at Wing HQ from the JIC WAF. This indicates that it will be the 28th or 29th before the seats are broken down for the Wing and the dates allocated to the Group. Never fear, I will get you home sometime during the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE MAG

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

PROTESTANT
1000 and 1900

CATHOLIC
0900 and 1700

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LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The Group S-1 is the collection agency for lost and found items. At the present time, my bottom desk drawer looks like the Ky Ba annex to Slick's Jewelry Store. If you have lost any of the below items, come by the S-1 shop, identify and claim the below listed items:

- 1 ring, U. S. Navy, found in the showers
- 1 ring, High School, very nice, found in the showers
- 1 ring, USMC, found in the showers
- 1 religious medal, found in the showers.

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Officers uniforms can be tailored at Okinawa. The material is available at 3d FSR, Camp Foster, Okinawa for all types of officer uniforms. The estimated cost for civilian tailoring ranges from \$20.00 to \$25.00, depending on the type of the uniform.

The prices for the material is reasonable, and this is about the least expensive place that you will be able to procure your uniforms. This is especially true for the temporary officers among the group.

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BE CAREFUL OF BOoby TRAPS

An unidentified Marine bought several candles at a native market near Dong Ha. Before he lighted one, the Marine noticed it had been hollowed out. Inside was an explosive charge set to go off from the flame of the candle. THIS COULD HAPPEN TO YOU.

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LESSONS LEARNED

A report from the CG 1st MarDiv reveals that a Marine tripped an AP mine and was med evac. The medical report discloses that in addition to the fragments from the mine, the Marine sustained hundreds of fragmentation wounds from the metal spring used to bouse his trousers. The use of cord or rubber blousers would have reduced significantly the wounds of this Marine.

WATCH OUT FOR WAR TROPHIES

Individuals are warned that firearms which have been subjected to heat, stress or explosion may be dangerous to the shooter if fired. This is particularly true of any weapons recovered from the area of the VC ship that was blown up down the coast from Chu Lai. Be careful.

RECENT NAVY PROMOTIONS

Congratulations are in order for the following Hospital Corpsmen who were promoted to their present rates effective 16 March 1967.

HML D. A. GAGNON	HMC J. R. SIMMONS
HML A. R. NEUMANN	HMC J. V. HOLLOWAY
HML T. A. PARKER	HMC W. J. BUSH
HML E. WILLIAMS	HMC T. A. GRILL

There will be a Group Party held at the Officer's Club from 1800 until 2200 on Monday, 27 March 1967. The evening meal for the officers will be served at the Officers Club. Open bar will be held from 1800-2000.

THANKYOU NOTE RECEIVED

"Gentlemen-

Thank you so very much for your beautiful and generous gift of flowers. There was a large spray of red (carnations) white (gladiolous), and blue (iris)- as well as some daisies for the center.

Daisies have always been our favorite flower. We had them at our wedding, and I had them at a memorial service in the Brown University Chapel on March 6th. Your daisies at the Requiem Mass in Connecticut on the 10th were most beautiful.

The promise of spring which your flowers bear, and the knowledge of your friendship for Mike are a great comfort. Mike was so proud of the Marine Corps and the men with whom he was serving. I shall continue to feel this pride and pass it on to our son.

My sincere gratitude to you all"

/s/ Constance W. Carley

CLUBS ENTERTAINMENT

27 March 1967	- Koichi Suganaki	Sergeants Club	2000
30 March 1967	Koichi Suganaki	Enlisted Club	1800
30 March 1967	Koichi Suganaki	SECO Club	2000

CONGRESSMAN DULSKI CITES POSTAL CLERKS

Congressman T. J. DULSKI forwarded an American Flag as a token of the appreciation of the American public for the fine performance of duty displayed by all of the Wing Mail Handlers. The flag will be flown over the Headquarters, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR MAG-36

- #1 No Short
ALVAREZ KULLY (C) (CS) (M)
(115 min)
William Holden, Venice Rube
Drama: A drama of violent action and romantic intrigue, based on a true incident of the Civil War when Confederate Calvary fought a series of bloody battles in an effort to confiscate a huge herd of cattle from the Union Army.
- #2 As Available (Watch out for this one, it will be a real screamer)
- #3 Virginia City Centennial
THE GOURMET CONSTABLE (C) (F)
(101 min.)
Robert Dhery - Diana Dors
Comedy: The day before his wedding, the hero goes to England to see a rugby game. Two of his front are broken by a fan, and while in the dentist's chair, he learns that movie star Dianna Dors has been attacked. He goes to her rescue dressed in a policeman's uniform (not his own).
- #4 The Defiant Giant (C)
SECONDS (M)
(115 min)
Rock Hudson - Salome Jens
Drama: A suspense story about a bored executive who falls into the clutches of an evil and powerful organization which physically and psychologically is able to convert him into a new and completely different character.
- #5 Outstanding Football Games of 66
THE DAYDREAMER (C) (F)
(106 min)
Ray Bolger, Victor Borge,
Terry Thomas.
Fantasy Adventure: Based on stories and characters created by Hans Christian Andersen.

#6 TV SERIES

Location	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
H&MS	1	2	3	4	5	6	N
HMM 165	2	3	4	5	6	1	Ø
VMD-6	3	4	5	6	1	2	
SECO CLUB	4	5	6	1	2	3	M
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The management reserves the right to screw up the schedule. We don't do it intentionally, but sometimes it will happen. If you are unhappy, come see us and get your "Tough Buddy" chit punched.