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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP THIRTY SIX  
First Marine Aircraft Wing  
Phu Bai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP THIRTY SIX (REAR)  
Ky Ha Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP THIRTY SIX (ALPHA)  
Quang Tri Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

1 November 1967 through 30 November 1967

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## PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. Commanders and Staff of MAG-36 and attached squadrons

## MAG-36

CO	1-30 Nov	COL	Frank E. WILSON
XO	1-30 Nov	LTCOL	William D. WATSON
ADJ	1-9 Nov	1stLT	William H. WILSON
ADJ	10-30 Nov	CAPT	Richard K. SANDERS
S-1	1-30 Nov	MAJ	William T. HEWES
S-2	1-30 Nov	CAPT	George W. INN
S-3	1-27 Nov	LTCOL	Charles L. NESBIT ✓
S-3	28-30 Nov	LTCOL	Robert KING Jr.
S-4	1-30 Nov	LTCOL	John A. REAMES
GSO	1-30 Nov	MAJ	"D" "C" MICKEY
FISCAL	1-30 Nov	MAJ	Herbert E. CRAIG
CHAPLAIN	1-30 Nov	LT(USN)	James W. ROBINSON
DISB O	1-30 Nov	1stLT	Arney M. JOHNSON Jr.
FLT SUR	1-30 Nov	LT(USN)	Richard P. WAGNER
MTO	1-30 Nov	1stLT	Frederick P. HELLER
EMB	1-30 Nov	CAPT	Richard N. RYAN
ORD	1-30 Nov	1stLT	Benjamin J. STRICKLEY
AMO	1-30 Nov	MAJ	Ernest C. HENRY
COMM O	1-30 Nov	CAPT	Gerald P. BRODEUR
CIV AFF	1-30 Nov	CAPT	James W. NALL
AVN SAFETY	1-30 Nov	MAJ	Harrison A. MAKEEVER
NATOPS	1-30 Nov	MAJ	Eugene L. OSMONDSON

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LEGAL	1-10 Nov	CAPT	Richard K. SANDERS
LEGAL	11-30 Nov	CAPT	Thomas C. MULLANE
SECURITY	1-30 Nov	CAPT	Clifford E. ROBERSON
SGTMAJ	1-30 Nov	SGTMAJ	Charles A. KINGAN

## MAG-36 DETACHMENT ALPHA

DEPUTY COMDR	1-30 Nov	COL	Owen V. GALLENTINE
S-1	1-30 Nov	1stLT	George J. PAPCIAK
S-3	1-30 Nov	MAJ	Donald E. SCHNEIDER
S-4	1-30 Nov	MAJ	Donald C. HEIM

## MAG-36 REAR

OIC	1-30 Nov	MAJ	James E. PRATHER Jr.
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## H&amp;MS-36

CO	1-30 Nov	LTCOL	Richard G. COURTNEY
XO	28-30 Nov	MAJ	Fredrick A. RUECKEL
OPS	1-9 Nov	MGYSGT	Lewis J. SCHRADER

## MABS-36

CO	1-30 Nov	LTCOL	Melvin J. STEINBERG
XO	1-23 Nov	MAJ	Harry A. HUNT Jr.
XO	24-30 Nov	MAJ	James C. ROBINSON
OPS	1-30 Nov	CAPT	William C. JOINER
OIC, MATCU-62	1-30 Nov	CAPT	Richard W. D'AMBROSIO
OIC, MATCU-68	1-30 Nov	CAPT	William C. JOINER

## VMO-3

CO	1-30 Nov	LTCOL	Glenn R. HUNTER
XO	1-30 Nov	MAJ	Weldon R. MUNTER

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OPS	1-30 Nov	MAJ	John L. PIPA
		VMO-6	
CO	1-30 Nov	LTCOL	William J. WHITE
XO	1-12 Nov	MAJ	James H. WALKER
XO	13-30 Nov	MAJ	Bertram A. MAAS
OPS	1-30 Nov	MAJ	Arthur C. CRANE
		HMM-163	
CO	1-19 Nov	MAJ	Fredrick A. RUECKEL
CO	20-30 Nov	LTCOL	Louis W. SCHWINDT
XO	1-30 Nov	MAJ	William T. LUNSFORD
OPS	1-10 Nov	MAJ	Robert S. CHARLES
OPS	11-24 Nov	MAJ	Robert ILZHOEFER
OPS	25-30 Nov	MAJ	Clarence L. SMITH
		HMM-164	
CO	1-30 Nov	LTCOL	Robert F. RICK
XO	1-30 Nov	MAJ	Arthur B. COLBERT
OPS	1-30 Nov	MAJ	Edward T. LANGLEY
		HMM-165	
CO	1-30 Nov	LTCOL	Richard E. ROMINE
XO	1-30 Nov	MAJ	John J. THARP
OPS	1-30 Nov	MAJ	William H. SEWARD
		HMM-362	
CO	1-30 Nov	LTCOL	Richard W. CLINE
XO	1-9 Nov	MAJ	William T. HEWES
XO	10-30 Nov	MAJ	Walter H. SHAUER

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OPS	1-30 Nov	MAJ	David J. MOORE
		HMM-364	
CO	1-30 Nov	LTCOL	Louis A. GULLING
XO	1-30 Nov	MAJ	James W. WARNER
OPS	1-30 Nov	MAJ	Marvin E. PEACOCK

## 2. Task Organization and Unit Location.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MAG-36	PHU BAI	1-30 Nov
H&MS-36	PHU BAI	1-30 Nov
MABS-36	PHU BAI	1-30 Nov
MATCU-62	DONG HA	1-30 Nov
MATCU-62 (Detachment)	KHE SANH	1-30 Nov
MATCU-68	PHU BAI	1-30 Nov
MATCU-70 (Detachment)	QUANG TRI	1-30 Nov
VMO-3	PHU BAI	1-30 Nov
VMO-6	PHU BAI	1-10 Nov
	QUANG TRI	11-30 Nov
HMM-163	QUANG TRI	1-30 Nov
HMM-164	PHU BAI	1-30 Nov
HMM-165	KY HA	1-21 Nov
	PHU BAI	22-30 Nov
HMM-362	PHU BAI	1-30 Nov
HMM-364	PHU BAI	1-30 Nov
HMM-364 (Detachment "A")	MAG-56, 3rd MAW	1-9 Nov
	LPH 8 (Embarked)	10-28 Nov
MAG-36 "Alpha"	QUANG TRI	1-30 Nov
MAG-36 Rear	KY HA	1-30 Nov

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**3. Average monthly strength.**

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAR OFF</u>	<u>MAR ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>
H&MS-36	56	475	0	0
MABS-36	23	786	4	32
VMO-3	39	153	0	0
VMO-6	39	166	1	0
HMM-163	46	200	1	0
HMM-164	37	143	0	0
HMM-165	33	160	0	0
HMM-362	40	163	1	0
HMM-364	70	197	1	1
MAG-36 TOTAL	392	2443	8	33

**4. Important Visitors to MAG-36.**

a. On 1 November Vice President Humphrey made a brief stop at Phu Bai on an inspection tour of the Northern I Corps Area.

b. On 16 November MajGen Anderson awarded VMO-6 the Naval Aviation Safety Award at Quang Tri. He then proceeded to Phu Bai where he presented personal decorations and awards to members of HMM-263.

c. On 20 November MajGen Anderson again visited Phu Bai and presented awards to members of HMM-164.

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## PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During this reporting period MAG-36 provided support to:
  - a. III MAF
  - b. Second Republic of Korea Marine Forces
  - c. I Corps Republic of Vietnam Forces
  - d. US Army Special Forces
  - e. Special Landing Forces (SLF)
2. Missions flown by the group include strikes, medical evacuations, reconnaissance inserts and extracts, troop and logistic movements, search and rescue, quick reaction, sparrow hawk, administrative and courier flights.

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>IN SUPPORT OF</u>
LAMSON 140	1 Nov	ARVN
GRANIT	1-6 Nov	USMC/ARVN
DRAGON FIRE	1-5 Nov	ROKMC
LANCASTER	1-30 Nov	USMC
NEOSHO	1-30 Nov	USMC
KENTUCKY	1-30 Nov	USMC
KNOX	1-30 Nov	USMC
SCOTLAND	1-30 Nov	USMC
OSCEOLA	1-30 Nov	USMC
NAVAHOE	13 Nov	USMC
FOSTER	14-30 Nov	USMC
COVE	18-30 Nov	USMC
LAMSON 152	23 Nov	ARVN
BALLISTIC ARCH	24-30 Nov	USMC

3. Aircraft of this Group received hostile ground fire on 74 sorties during the month. Sixteen aircraft received battle damage from this enemy fire.

(1) 9 November 1967 VMO-3 accident number 4-68A UH-1E. Aircraft experienced power loss and crash landed short of zone. As a result of a hard landing, the main rotor blades severed the tail rotor drive shaft and tail cone. The aircraft was externalized by CH-53 on 10 November to Phu Bai.

(2) 14 November 1967 VMO-3 accident number 5-68A UH-1E. The aircraft disintegrated in flight resulting in alpha injury to six individuals and alpha damage to the aircraft. Cause of the accident



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was undetermined.

(3) 25 November 1967 VMO-6 accident number 3-68A UH-1E. After picking up into a hover, the aircraft started to disintegrate and crash landed. Cause of the accident was undetermined, no injury to the Crew.

#### Incidents

(1) 1 November 1967 HMM-163 incident 33-68I UH-34D. While attempting to get into position to hoist a medevac out of a high, confined zone, The aircraft settled into the trees due to insufficient power. The aircraft sustained damage when it contacted trees and as a result was rendered unflyable. The crew was evacuated and the aircraft extracted the following day by CH-53.

(2) 5 November 1967 VMO-3 incident number 41-68I UH-1E. While on a mission in support of the 3rd MAR DIV, .50 Cal. ground fire resulted in a forced landing when one round went through the engine compressor section. The crew was evacuated uninjured, but due to the tactical situation the aircraft was destroyed.

(3) 11 November 1967 HMM-163 incident number 4-68I UH-34D. While in the zone picking up a medevac, the aircraft was hit by a heavy caliber weapon and rendered unflyable. The crew was extracted the next day, but recovery attempts were prevented by enemy fire and the aircraft was destroyed.

(4) 24 November 1967 HMM-362 incident number 50-68I UH-34D. While climbing out of a medevac zone, the aircraft was hit by enemy fire and forced to land when the main fuel line was ruptured. The crew and medevacs were extracted by escort aircraft, and the damaged aircraft was externalized by CH-53 the same day.

4. The Group Intelligence Officer conducted daily briefing's with each tactical squadron and briefed the Staff and Commanding Officer three times a week. Liaison was conducted with the Third Marine Division G-2 and the MACV Special Intelligence Officer at HUE. The majority of the intelligence available to the Group is supplied by the 1st C. I. team attached to the Third Marine Division.

5. Forty-six individuals of this command attended formal schools during the month. NBC teams were formed in each squadron. The Group conducted an aerial gunners school for personnel assigned to this Command.

6. Construction at MAG-36 Phu Bai was slow during the first part of November due to the beginning of the monsoons, and a recent rotation

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of Seabee battalions. During the second half of the month there was a definite increase in verticle and horizontal contruction. The Group Administration Building neared completion and was manned by the Staff. Seven (7) of the scheduled fifteen (15) two story enlisted barracks were completed enough to let the troops move in. Construction of our messhall was started and is making good progress with an estimated completion date of 14 January. General grading of our 90,000 SY apron was started with the first 45,000 SY's due for completion on 15 January. Heavy rains slowed down concrete work on our second large hangar, but we were assured that it would be ready also by 15 January. Siting for future construction began, and minor new construction projects were changed from the Ky Ha area to the Phu Bai area as well as assuming MAG-16 projects. At MAG-36 Quang Tri, the month of November provided limited maintenance, administration, and living facilities. The erection of two SATS hangars neared completion and the TAFDS, tower, MATCU facilities became operational. Southeast Asia huts were under construction for administration and maintenance facilities, and by the end of the month there was sufficient living space for flight crews.

Plans for a complete siting of the Quang Tri base were started, and a minimum construction list was being prepared for 1stMAW and III MAF approval.

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## PART III SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Air Operations. Late in the month the capabilities of the group increased significantly with the arrival of 32 CH-46D helicopters for HMM-364 and the return of some of the CH-46A's from the modification program. The CH-46A's were returned to HMM-164 and HMM-165. During the month of November MAG-36 accomplished the following:

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- a. Flight hours - 5,546.4
- b. Sorties - 14,750
- c. Passengers carried - 12,921
- d. Tons of cargo - 784.9
- e. MedEvac missions - 666
- f. Casualties evacuated - 970

2. Re-location of Units

- a. HMM-165 completed its move from Ky Ha to Phu Bai.
- b. VMO-6 completed its move from Phu Bai to Quang Tri.

3. Intelligence. The most intense hostile fire was received from grid coordinates YD 5126, YD 5022 and ZC 0896. Fire incidents were as follows:

- a. Incidents 74
- b. Aircraft hit 16
- c. Total hits received 26
- d. Fire incidents to hours flown 72
- e. Hours flown per hit incident 332.9
- f. Hit incidents to total hits 1.6
- g. Fire incidents to hit incidents 2.2

4. Base Development

- a. The Group Staff moved into the new headquarters building.

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- b. Seven two story barracks were completed.
  - c. Construction of a new mess hall commenced.
  - d. Enlargement of the parking apron commenced.
  - e. Hot water was made available in the showers.
5. Maintenance. Due to two accidents, all UH-1E tail rotor hubs were removed and inspected and the main rotor masts x-rayed.

## PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE