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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 (ALPHA)
Quang Tri Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

1 January 1968 through 31 January 1968

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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

MAG-36

CO	1-31 Jan	COL	Frank E. WILSON
XO	1-31 Jan	LTCOL	William D. WATSON
ADJ	1-31 Jan	CAPT	Richard K. SANDERS
S-1	1-31 Jan	MAJ	William T. HEWES
S-2	1-31 Jan	CAPT	Charles R. LOYD
S-3	1-31 Jan	LTCOL	Robert KING Jr.
S-4	1-6 Jan	LTCOL	John A. REAMES
S-4	7-31 Jan	LTCOL	Richard W. CLINE
GSO	1-31 Jan	MAJ	"D" "C" MICKEY
FISCAL	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Herbert E. CRAIG
CHAPLAIN	1-31 Jan	LT(USN)	James W. ROBINSON
DISB O	1-31 Jan	1stLT	Arney M. JOHNSON Jr.
FLT SUR	1-31 Jan	LT(USN)	Richard P. WAGNER
MTO	1-31 Jan	1stLT	Paul G. NAUTH
EMB	1-28 Jan	CAPT	Richard N. RYAN
EMB	29-31 Jan	1stLT	W. A. ROGERS
ORD	1-31 Jan	1stLT	Benjamin J. STRICKLEY
AMO	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Ernest C. HENRY
COMM O	1-31 Jan	CAPT	Gerald P. BRODEUR
CIV AFF	1-3 Jan	MAJ	Robert S. CHARLES
CIV AFF	4-31 Jan	MAJ	David J. MOORE

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AVN SAFETY	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Harrison A. MAKEEVER
NATOPS	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Eugene L. OSMONDSON
LEGAL	1-31 Jan	CAPT	Thomas C. MULLANE
SGTMAJ	1-31 Jan	SGTMAJ	Charles A. KINGAN
		MAG-36 DETACHMENT ALPHA	
DEPUTY COMDR	1-31 Jan	COL	Owen V. GALLENTINE
OIC KHE SANH	27-31 Jan	MAJ	John HAVLIK
OIC DONG HA	27-31 Jan	MAJ	David G. VEST
S-1	1-31 Jan	1stLT	George J. PAPCIAK
S-3	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Donald E. SCHNEIDER
S-4	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Donald C. HEIM
		H&MS-36	
CO	1-31 Jan	LTCOL	Richard G. COURTNEY
XO	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Fredrick A. RUECKEL
		MABS-36	
COMP. MONTANA	1-31 Jan	MAJ	James G. ROBINSON
OPS	1-31 Jan	CAPT	William C. JOINER
OIC, MATCU-62	1-31 Jan	CAPT	Robert J. PUSKAR
OIC, MATCU-68	1-31 Jan	CAPT	William C. JOINER
		VMO-3	
CO	1-31 Jan	LTCOL	Glenn R. HUNTER
XO	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Weldon R. MUNTER
OPS	1-31 Jan	MAJ	William J. GASH
		VMO-6	
CO	1-31 Jan	LTCOL	William J. WHITE
XO	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Bertram A. MAAS
OPS	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Authur C. CRANE

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HMM-163

CO	1-31 Jan	LTCOL	Louis W. SCHWINDT
XO	1-31 Jan	MAJ	William T. LUNSFORD
OPS	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Clarence L. SMITH

HMM-164

CO	1-31 Jan	LTCOL	Robert F. RICK
XO	1-4 Jan	MAJ	Arthur B. COLBERT
XO	5-31 Jan	MAJ	Robert H. NELSON
OPS	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Edward T. LANGLEY

HMM-165

(DETACHED 9 JAN 1968 to SLF)

CO	1-9 Jan	LTCOL	Richard E. ROMINE
XO	1-9 Jan	MAJ	James E. PRATHER JR.
OPS	1-9 Jan	MAJ	Davis SAYES

HMM-262

(JOINED 10 JAN from SLF)

CO	10-31 Jan	LTCOL	Melvin J. STEINBERG
XO	10-31 Jan	MAJ	David L. ALTHOFF
OPS	10-31 Jan	MAJ	Guy L. LARKIN

HMM-362

CO	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Walter H. SHAUER
XO	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Edgar A. HOUSE
OPS	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Charles R. UPSHAW

HMM-364

CO	1-31 Jan	LTCOL	Louis A. GULLING
XO	1-31 Jan	MAJ	James W. WARNER
OPS	1-31 Jan	MAJ	Marvin E. PEACOCK

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2. Task Organization and Unit Location.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MAG-36	PHU BAI	1-31 Jan
H&MS-36	PHU BAI	1-31 Jan
MABS-36	PHU BAI	1-31 Jan
MATCU-62	DONG HA	1-31 Jan
MATCU-68	PHU BAI	1-31 Jan
VMO-3	PHU BAI	1-31 Jan
VMO-6	QUANG TRI	1-31 Jan
HMM-163	QUANG TRI	1-31 Jan
HMM-164	PHU BAI	1-31 Jan
HMM-165	PHU BAI	1-9 Jan
HMM-262	QUANG TRI	10-31 Jan
HMM-362	PHU BAI	1-31 Jan
HMM-364	PHU BAI	1-31 Jan
MAG-36 "Alpha"	QUANG TRI	1-31 Jan

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	55	427		
MABS-36	18	725	4	36
VMO-3	35	162		
VMO-6	37	165	1	
HMM-163	43	173	1	
HMM-164	37	165		
HMM-165	46	188	1	
HMM-262	42	163		

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAR OFF</u>	<u>MAR ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>
HMM-362	36	170	1	
HMM-364	50	174	1	1
MAG-36 TOTAL	397	2,552	9	37

4. Important Visitors to MAG-36.

a. On 8 January, Major General K. B. McCUTCHEON, Deputy Chief of Staff (Air) and Major General N. J. ANDERSON, Commanding General First Marine Aircraft Wing, paid a brief visit to Phu Bai and Quang Tri.

b. On 19 January, Brigadier General KELLER, Ass't Wing Commander, visited MAG-36.

c. On 20 January, Major General N. J. ANDERSON, Wing Commander First Marine Aircraft Wing, again paid a brief visit to MAG-36.

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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the reporting period MAC-36 provided support to:

- a. III MAF
- b. I Corps Republic of Vietnam Forces
- c. US Army Special Forces
- d. Special Landing Forces (SLF)
- e. Republic of Korea Marine Corps

2. Missions flown by the group include strikes, medical evacuations, reconnaissance inserts and extracts, troop and logistic movements, search and rescue, aerial reconnaissance, escort, suppressive fire, administrative and courier flights.

a. Operations supported during the month of January by MAC-36 aircraft are as follows:

SCOTLAND
KENTUCKY
OSCEOLA
LANCASTER

NAPOLEON
FLYING DRAGON
LAMSON 179

3. Between the 21st and 31st of January, Kha Sanh Airbase came under artillery, mortar and rocket attack which caused damage to aircraft, airbase facilities including the runway, TACAN station and tower, and also resulted in numerous casualties to the ground units located at and around the airbase.

On 24 January Quang Tri was hit by approximately 115 rounds of mortar and recoilless rifle fire. On 27 January the base was hit by 70 rounds of 122mm rockets. On 29 January the base was again hit by approximately 50 rounds of mortar fire. On the 31st another 81 rounds of mortar fire hit the base. The above attacks caused varying amounts of damage to the airfield and resulted in damage to some of the aircraft.

On 31 January Phu Bai Airbase was hit with approximately 5 rounds of 122mm rockets and an unknown number of mortars. Most of the damage was concentrated in the ARVN training camp and Army Special Forces Camp.

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PART III SIGNAIFICANT EVENTS

1. Air Operations. MAG-36 accomplished the following during January:

a. Flight Hours -	6,941.9
b. Sorties -	17,980
c. Passengers -	22,626
d. Tons of Cargo -	1,807.3
e. Casualties Evacuated -	2,277

2. Intelligence.

a. Incidents -	189
b. Aircraft Hit -	60
c. Total Hits Received -	584
d. Fire Incidents to Hours Flown -	36.7
e. Hours Flown Per Hit Incident.	99
f. Hit Incidents to Total Hits -	9.7
g. Fire Incidents to Hit Incidents -	3.15

3. Base Development.

Construction at MAG-36 Phu Bai continued with good progress during the month of January. Most of the 90,000 SY parking apron was covered with matting and put into immediate use. Also completed near the new parking apron was a squadron operations building complex which was occupied by HMM-364 in their move from the south side of the field.

Construction of the 2,500 man mess hall was completed and at the end of the month wiring and plumbing installations were being completed.

Six two story barracks, five shower facilities and the EM club were constructed and the IMA hanger, supply building complex and 10,000 SY open storage area were completed.

Construction at MAG-36 Quang Tri reached a high in January with numerous projects completed and started.

Seventeen SEA huts, the parking ramp with revetments and an Air Freight Building were completed. Under construction are eighteen quonset huts, one SATS hanger, a PASCO hanger and numerous SEA huts.

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PART IV - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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