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1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosures (1) through (10) are submitted for the month of March 1968.

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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 March 1968 through 31 March 1968

Enclosure (1)

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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

MAG-36			
CO	1-31 Mar	COL	Frank E. WILSON
XO	1-5 Mar	LTCOL	William D. WATSON
XO	1-31 Mar	LTCOL	Richard W. CLINE
ADJ	1-31 Mar	CAPT	Richard K. SANDERS
S-1	1-31 Mar	MAJ	William T. HEWES
S-2	1-31 Mar	CAPT	Charles R. LOYD
S-3	1-31 Mar	LTCOL	Robert KING Jr.
S-4	1-5 Mar	LTCOL	Richard W. CLINE
S-4	1-31 Mar	MAJ	Robert S. CHARLES
GSO	1-31 Mar	MAJ	"D" "C" MICKEY
FISCAL	1-31 Mar	MAJ	Herbert E. CRAIG
FISCAL	1-31 Mar	CAPT	C. H. BILTIMIER
CHAPLAIN	1-31 Mar	LCDR	James W. ROBINSON
DISB O	1-31 Mar	1STLT	Arney M. JOHNSON Jr.
FLT SUR	1-31 Mar	LT (USN)	Richard P. WAGNER
MTO	1-31 Mar	1STLT	Paul G. MAUTH
EMB	1-31 Mar	2NDLT	Fred DAVIDSON
ORD	1-31 Mar	1STLT	Benjamin J. STRICKLEY
AMO	1-31 Mar	MAJ	D. A. IVES
COMM O	1-31 Mar	CAPT	Gerald P. BRODEUR
CIV AFF	1-31 Mar	MAJ	James A. MILLER

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AVN SAFETY	1-31 Mar	MAJ	Harrison A. MAKEEVER
NATOPS	1-31 Mar	MAJ	Eugene L. OSMONDSON
LEGAL	1-31 Mar	CAPT	Richard K. SANDERS
SGT MAJ	1-31 Mar	SGTMAJ	Charles A. KINGAN

MAG-36 DETACHMENT ALPHA

DEPUTY COM MATERIALES	1-31 Mar	COL	John E. HANSEN
OIC KHE	1-31 Mar	MAJ	John HAVLIK
OIC DONG HA	1-31 Mar	MAJ	David G. VEST
S-3	1-3 Mar	MAJ	Donald E. SCHNEIDER
S-3	4-31 Mar	MAJ	Arthur C. CRAIN
S-4	1-31 Mar	MAJ	Guy L. LARKIN

H&MS-36

CO	1-31 Mar	LTCOL	Richard G. COURTNEY
XO	1-8 Mar	MAJ	Fredrick A. RUECKEL
XO	9-31 Mar	MAJ	Weldon R. MUNTER

MABS-36

CO	1-5 Mar	MAJ	James C. ROBINSON
CO	6-31 Mar	LTCOL	William D. WATSON
XO MATERIALES	1-31 Mar	MAJ	Timothy J. CRONIN Jr.
BASE OPS OFF	1-31 Mar	MAJ	Harrison A. MAKEEVER
OIC, MATCU-62	1-31 Mar	CAPT	Robert J. PUSKAR
OIC, MATCU-68	1-31 Mar	CAPT	William C. JOINER

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VMO-6

CO	1-24 Mar	LTCOL	William J. WHITE
CO	25-31 Mar	MAJ	Bertram A. MAAS
XO	1-24 Mar	MAJ	Bertram A. MAAS
XO	25-31 Mar	MAJ	C. E. CANNON
OPS	1-24 Mar	MAJ	W. A. MCGAW
OPS	25-31 Mar	MAJ	F. J. ROWLAND

HMM-163

CO	1-31 Mar	LTCOL	Louis W. SCHWINDT
XO	1-17 Mar	MAJ	William T. LUNSFORD
XO	18-31 Mar	MAJ	Clarence L. SMITH
OPS	1-17 Mar	MAJ	Clarence L. SMITH
OPS	18-31 Mar	MAJ	Henry L. EISENSEN

HMM-165

CO	1-31 Mar	LTCOL	R. E. ROMINE
XO	1-31 Mar	MAJ	J. E. PRATHER
OPS	1-31 Mar	MAJ	D. SAYES

HMM-262

CO	1-31 Mar	LTCOL	Melvin J. STEINBERG
XO	1-31 Mar	MAJ	David L. ALTHOFF
OPS	1-31 Mar	MAJ	Anton E. THERRIAULT

HMM-362

CO	1-31 Mar	MAJ	Walter H. SHAUER
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XO	1-31 Mar	MAJ	Edgar A. HOUSE
OPS	1-10 Mar	MAJ	Charles R. UPSHAW
OPS	11-31 Mar	CAPT	C. S. CHAMPION
		HMM-364	
CO	1-31 Mar	LTCOL	Louis A. GULLING
XO	1-31 Mar	MAJ	James W. WARNER
OPS	1-31 Mar	MAJ	James R. PARSONS
		HML-367	
CO	1-31 Mar	LTCOL	Glenn R. HUNTER
XO	1-9 Mar	MAJ	Weldon R. MUNTER
XO	10-31 Mar	MAJ	H. S. LOWREY, Jr.
OPS	1-9 Mar	MAJ	William J. GASH
OPS	10-31 Mar	MAJ	C. R. ENSLEY

2. Task Organization and Unit Location.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MAG-36	PHU BAI	1-31 Mar
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MABS-36	PHU BAI	1-31 Mar
MABS-36 SUB UNIT-1	QUANG TRI	1-31 Mar
MATCU-62	DONG HA	1-31 Mar
MATCU-68	PHU BAI	1-31 Mar
HML-367	PHU BAI	1-31 Mar
VMO-6	QUANG TRI	1-31 Mar

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
HMM-163	QUANG TRI	1-31 Mar
HMM-165	PHU BAI	1-31 Mar
HMM-262	QUANG TRI	1-31 Mar
HMM-36	PHU BAI	1-31 Mar
HMM-364	PHU BAI	1-31 Mar
MAG-36 ALPHA	QUANG TRI	1-31 Mar

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	46	443	0	0
MABSC	17	551	3	24
HMM	127	153	0	0
VMA	18	265	1	0
HMM-163	43	171	1	0
HMM-165	51	175	1	0
HMM-262	41	162	1	0
HMM-362	48	202	1	0
HMM-364	45	170	0	1
MAG-36				
TOTALS	376	2,193	8	25

4. Important Visitors to MAG-36.

a. On 15 March, Major General ANDERSON, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, paid a brief visit to Phu Bai.

b. On 24 March, Major General ANDERSON, visited Quang Tri Airfield.

c. On 26 March, Brigadier General HISE, Assistant Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, paid a brief visit to Phu Bai.

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

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

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

- a. Operations supported during the month of March by MAG-36 aircraft were:

FMW OP PLAN 3-68
SCOTLAND
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LANCASTER II
SALINE
NAPOLEON
SAMUARI IV
FORD
HUE CITY

provided Radio Relay Support for Project Delta

3. Phu Bai Combat Base received moderate rocket and mortar fire at 0300 on 26 March, resulting in limited damage to MAG-36 Aircraft, however the group suffered 2 KIA and 14 WIA in this attack.

4. The number of live-dead rounds at Khe Sanh decreased significantly during the month.

Orange Tri received light mortar and rockett attacks twice during the month which had no adverse effects on operations and damage was reported as light.

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PART III SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

a. Flight Hours -	8,456.6
b. Sorties -	21,877
c. Passengers -	21,604
d. Tons of Cargo	2,279.0
e. Casualties Evacuated	3,987
f. OP PLAN 3-68	
(1) Hours	1,611.8
(2) Sorties	4,078
(3) Passengers	4,837
Tons of Cargo	1,167.6
Evacs	137

g. Summary. Air Operations during the month of March were marked by the highest number of sorties and flight hours for any one month since MAG-36 was assigned to the Republic of South Vietnam, and participation in OP PLAN 3-68 (statistics above).

2. Intelligence

a. Incidents -	180
b. Aircraft Hit -	75
c. Total Hits Received -	169
d. Fire Incidents to Hours Flown--	46.9
e. Hours Flown per Hit Incident -	112.8
f. Hit Incidents to Total Hits -	2.3
g. Fire Incidents to Hit Incident -	2.4

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Construction at MAG-36 Phu Bai was slow during the month due to material shortages and higher priority projects. Two 3,000 bbl. fuel storage tanks were completed, as was the supply warehouse, consisting of four butler buildings, except for electrical wiring. Progress was slow but steady on the SNCO and NCO clubs.

Construction at MAG-36 Alpha at Quang Tri included completion of four Quonset huts, bringing the total to fourteen. Three showers, and a cement floor for a garbage shack were also completed.

PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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