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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP THIRTY SIX
First Marine Aircraft Wing
Phu Bai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam
1 April 1968 through 30 April 1968

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP THIRTY SIX (ALPHA)
Quang Tri Air Base, Republic of Vietnam
1 April 1968 through 15 April 1968

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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

MAG-36

CO	1-30 Apr	COL	Frank E. WILSON
XO	1-30 Apr	LTCOL	Richard W. CLINE
ADJ	1-30 Apr	CAPT	Richard K. SANDERS
S-1	1-20 Apr	MAJ	William T. HEWES
S-1	21-30 Apr	MAJ	Joseph R. SALES
S-2	1-30 Apr	CAPT	Charles R. LOYD
S-3	1-7 Apr	LTCOL	Robert KING Jr.
S-3	8-30 Apr	LTCOL	Glenn R. HUNTER
S-4	1-23 Apr	MAJ	Robert S. CHARLES
S-4	24-30 Apr	MAJ	James R. PARSONS
GSO	1-30 Apr	MAJ	"D" "C" MICKEY
FISCAL	1-30 Apr	CAPT	C. H. BILTIMIER
CHAPLAIN	1-30 Apr	LCDR	James W. ROBINSON
DISB O	1-30 Apr	1STLT	Arney M. JOHNSON Jr.
FLT SUR	1-30 Apr	LT (USN)	Richard P. WAGNER
MTO	1-30 Apr	1STLT	Paul G. MAUTH
EMB O	1-30 Apr	1STLT	Fred DAVIDSON
ORD O	1-30 Apr	1STLT	Benjamin J. STRICKLEY
AMO	1-30 Apr	MAJ	D. A. IVES
COMM O	1-30 Apr	CAPT	P. R. MORRIS
CIV AFF O	1-30 Apr	MAJ	James A. MILLER
ASO	1-20 Apr	MAJ	Harrison A. MAKEEVER
ASO	21-30 Apr	MAJ	James W. WARNER

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NATOPS	1-23 Apr	MAJ	Eugene L. OSMONDSON
NATOPS	24-30 Apr	CAPT	Robert C. MOORE
LEGAL	1-30 Apr	MAJ	Richard K. SANDERS
SGT MAJ	1-30 Apr	SGT MAJ	Charles A. KINGAN

MAG-36 DETACHMENT ALPHA

DEPUTY CMD	1-15 Apr	COL	John E. HANSEN
S-3	1-15 Apr	MAJ	Arthur C. CRANE
S-4	1-15 Apr	MAJ	Guy L. LARKIN
		HEMS-36	
CO	1-13 Apr	LTCOL	Richard G. COURNEY
CO	14-30 Apr	LTCOL	George L. PATRICK
XO	1-30 Apr	MAJ	Weldon R. MUMTER
		MABS-36	
CO	1-30 Apr	LTCOL	William D. WATSON
XO	1-30 Apr	MAJ	Timothy J. CROWIN Jr.
OIC, MATCU-62	1-15 Apr	CAPT	Robert J. PUSKAR
OIC, MATCU-68	1-30 Apr	CAPT	William C. JOINER
		VMO-6	
CO	1-15 Apr	MAJ	Bertram A. MAAS
XO	1-15 Apr	MAJ	C. E. CANNON
OPS O	1-15 Apr	MAJ	Fred J. ROWLAND
		HMM-163	
CO	1-15 Apr	LTCOL	Louis W. SCHWINDT
XO	1-15 Apr	MAJ	Clarence L. SMITH
OPS O	1-15 Apr	MAJ	Henry L. EISENSON

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HMM-165

CO	1-30 Apr	LTCOL	Elvyn E. HAGEDORN
XO	1-30 Apr	MAJ	James E. PRATHER
OPS O	1-30 Apr	MAJ	David SAYES

HMM-262

CO	1-15 Apr	LTCOL	Melvin J. STEINBERG
XO	1-15 Apr	MAJ	David A. ALTHOFF
OPS O	1-15 Apr	MAJ	Herman R. BOLEN

HMM-362

CO	1-15 Apr	MAJ	Walter H. SHAUER Jr.
XO	1-15 Apr	MAJ	Edward A. HOUSE
OPS O	1-15 Apr	CAPT	Calvin S. CHAMPION

HMM-363

CO	15-30 Apr	MAJ	Duwayne W. HOFFERT
XO	15-30 Apr	MAJ	James L. HARRISON
OPS O	15-30 Apr	MAJ	Tom J. FALESKI

HMM-364

CO	1-16 Apr	LTCOL	Louis A. GULLING
CO	17-30 Apr	LTCOL	Joseph R. DOBRATZ
XO	1-21 Apr	MAJ	James W. WARNER
XO	22-30 Apr	MAJ	Harold B. ROTH Jr.
OPS O	1-24 Apr	MAJ	James R. PARSONS
OPS O	25-30 Apr	MAJ	Horace S. LOWERY Jr.

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HML-367

CO	1-7 Apr	LTCOL	Glen G. HUNTER
CO	8-30 Apr	LTCOL	Robert KING Jr.
XO	1-24 Apr	MAJ	Horace S. LOWERY Jr.
XO	25-30 Apr	MAJ	Charles R. ENSLEY
OPS O	1-24 Apr	MAJ	Charles R. ENSLEY
OPS O	25-30 Apr	MAJ	Arthur A. DITTMER

2. Task Organization and Unit Location.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MAG-36	PHU BAI	1-30 Apr
H&MS-36	PHU BAI	1-30 Apr
MABS-36	PHU BAI	1-30 Apr
MABS-36 SUB UNIT-1	QUANG TRI	1-15 Apr
MATCU-62	DONG HA	1-15 Apr
MATCU-68	PHU BAI	1-30 Apr
HML-367	PHU BAI	1-30 Apr
VMO-6	QUANG TRI	1-15 Apr
HMM-163	QUANG TRI	1-15 Apr
HMM-165	PHU BAI	1-30 Apr
HMM-262	QUANG TRI	1-15 Apr
HMM-362	PHU BAI	1-15 Apr
HMM-363	PHU BAI	15-30 Apr
HMM-364	PHU BAI	1-30 Apr
MAG-36 ALPHA	QUANG TRI	1-15 Apr

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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	44	506	0	0
MABS-36	17	545	3	24
HML-367	43	156	1	0
VMO-6	34	159	1	0
HMM-163	46	149	1	0
HMM-165	46	175	1	0
HMM-262	41	171	1	0
HMM-362	48	202	1	0
HMM-363	43	163	1	0
HMM-364	44	176	1	1
MAG-36				
TOTALS	406	2,399	11	25

4. Important Visitors to MAG-36.

a. On 5 Apr 1968, Major General ANDERSON visited MAG-36 at Phu Bai and Quang Tri. Major General ANDERSON presented awards to personnel of HMM-262.

b. On 21 April 1968, Brigadier General HILL visited MAG-36 at Phu Bai and was briefed by the MAG-36 staff officers.

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

- a. III MAF
- b. I Corps Republic of Vietnam Forces
- c. US Army
- d. Special Landing Force (SLF)
- e. US Navy River Boat Patrol (Game Warden)

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2. Missions flown by MAG-36 included strikes, medical evacuations, reconnaissance insertions and extractions, troop and logistic movements, search and rescue, aerial reconnaissance, aircraft and boat escort, administrative, courier and VIP flights.

3. MAG-36 supported the following operations during the month of April:

FMVW OP PLAN 3-68
SCOTLAND
SCOTLAND II
KENTUCKY
LANCASTER II
SALINE
SAMURAI IV
NAPOLEON

HOUSTON
BAXTER GARDEN
CARENTAN II
DELAWARE/LANSON 216
BALLARD VALLEY
PEGASUS
CHARLETON
NIAGARA
ROUNDTABLE

4. Operational Highlights

a. During the month of April, units of MAG-36 provided an increased amount of support to the USA 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and the 101st Airborne Division (-).

b. Units of MAG-36 based at Quang Tri were chopped to PROV MAG-39 on 16 April 1968.

c. Enemy offensive actions against the Phu Bai Combat Base during the month of April were negligible.

d. HMM-362 was detached to the SLF on 15 April 1968. HMM-363 joined MAG-36 on the same day and was briefed on MAG-36 operational policies and tactical areas of operations.

e. MAG-36 experimented with the Starlight Scope for use as a perimeter defense weapon.

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PART III SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

a. Flight Hours -	6,314.4
b. Sorties -	19,445
c. Passengers -	28,730
d. Tons of Cargo -	2,652.5
e. Medical Evacuees -	2,747
f. OP PLAN 3-68 -	
(1) Hours -	287.3
(2) Sorties -	906
(3) Passengers -	1,790
(4) Tons of Cargo -	439.4
(5) Medevacs -	113

2. Intelligence

a. Fire Incidents -	124
b. Aircraft Hit -	28
c. Total Hits Received -	70
d. Hours Flown/Fire Incident -	50.1
e. Hours Flown/Hit Incident -	296.9
f. Total Hits/Hit Incident -	2.5
g. Fire Incidents/Hit Incident -	4.4

3. Base Development Report

a. Tactical air crew quarters are 90% complete which will provide housing for 160 Officers and will release South East Asia huts for Staff NCO's.

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b. Ground support shop is very near completion, and the well is complete and is in an operating status.

c. The Staff NCO Club is nearing completion and should be ready by the middle of May.

4. Logistics

a. During the month of April as before, electrical power, water and support vehicles remained critical. MABS-36 is over 70% moved to the north side of the field and is functioning at 70% of capacity.

b. Aviation fuel (115/145) caused some unforeseen problems when 100,000 gallons became unusable because of contamination in route to the MAG-36 TAFDS. This problem is being worked out with FLSG "A" and should cause no further problems.

PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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