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1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted for the month of June 1968.

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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

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CO 1-30 June
 XO 1-30 June
 ADJ 1-30 June
 S-1 1-30 June
 S-2 1-30 June
 S-3 1-30 June
 S-4 1-30 June
 GSO 1-30 June
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 DISB O 1-30 June
 FLT SUR 1-30 June
 MTO 1-30 June
 EMB O 1-30 June
 ORD O 1-30 June
 AMO 1-30 June
 COMM O 1-30 June
 CIV ACT O 1-30 June
 ASO 1-30 June
 NATOPS 1-30 June
 LEGAL O 1-30 June
 SGT MAJ 1-30 June

COL Bruce J. MATHESON
 LtCol Richard W. CLINE
 Capt Richard K. SANDERS
 Major Joseph R. SALES
 Capt Charles R. LOYD
 LtCol Glenn R. HUNTER
 Major James R. PARSONS
 Major "D" "C" MICKEY
 Capt James E. MORGAN
 LCDR James W. ROBINSON
 1stLt James R. RACHAL
 Lt(USN) Richard F. ROMPH
 1stLt Billy B. LANE
 1stLt Fred DAVIDSON
 1stLt Benjamin J. STRICKLEY
 Major Donald A. IVES
 Capt Phillip R. MORRIS
 Capt Gordon W. SMITH
 Major James W. WARNER
 Capt Robert C. MOORE
 Capt Richard K. SANDERS
 1stSgt John T. ATKINS

H&MS-36

1. Commanders and Staff of H&MS-36 and attached squadrons.

CO 1-30 June
 XO 1-30 June

LtCol George L. PATRICK
 Capt Robert W. WIEGAND

MABS-36

CO 1-30 June
 XO 1-30 June
 CO 1-30 June
 XO 1-30 June
 FEO 1-30 June
 OTC, MATCU-68 1-30 June

LtCol William D. WATSON
 Major Timothy J. CRONIN Jr.
 Major James L. LANGFORD
 Capt William C. JOINER
 Major James L. LANGFORD

HMM-165

CO 1-30 June
 XO 1-30 June
 Ops O 1-30 June

LtCol Elvyn E. HAGEDORN
 Major James E. PRATHER
 Major David SAYES
 1stLt Billy E. LANE
 1stLt Fred DAVIDSON

CO 1-30 June
 XO 1-30 June
 Ops O 1-30 June
 CO 1-30 June
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HMM-363

CO	1-30 June	Major	DuWayne W. HOFFERT
XO	1-30 June	Major	James L. HARRISON
Ops O	1-30 June	Major	Tom J. FALESKI

HMM-364

CO	1-30 June	LtCol	Joseph R. DOBBRATZ Jr.
XO	1-30 June	Major	Harlod B. ROTH Jr.
Ops O	1-12 June	Major	Horace S. LOWREY Jr.
Ops O	13-30 June	Capt	Wesley H. BIRT

HML-367

CO	1-30 June	LtCol	Robert KING Jr.
XO	1-30 June	Major	Arthur A. DITMEIER
Ops O	1-30 June	Major	Fred L. GATZ

2. Task Organization and Unit Location.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MAG-36	Phu Bai	1-30 June
H&MS-36	Phu Bai	1-30 June
MABS-36	Phu Bai	1-30 June
MATCU-68	Phu Bai	1-30 June
HMM-165	Phu Bai	1-30 June
HMM-362	Phu Bai	1-2 June
HMM-363	Phu Bai	1-30 June
HMM-364	Phu Bai	1-30 June
HML-367	Phu Bai	1-30 June

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	49	517	0	0
MABS-36	15	532	2	25
MATCU-68	10	64	0	0
HMM-165	49	169	1	0
HMM-363	49	185	1	0
HMM-364	48	167	1	1
HML-367	38	156	1	0
MAG-36				
TOTALS	253	1790	6	26

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4. Important Visitors to MAG-36

a. On 5 June 1968, Brigadier General H. S. HILL, Assistant Wing Commander visited MAG-36.

b. Brigadier General G. K. WEBSTER, Commanding General, Task Force X-Ray and Brigadier General J. E. WILLIAMS, Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division, visited MAG-36 on 10 June 1968. The purpose of the visit was to hear an informal brief by MAG-36 Commanding Officer.

c. Major General C. J. QUILTER, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, visited MAG-36 on 27 June 1968 following a meeting with the Commanding Officer, MAG-36. Formal briefings were presented by the S-1, S-2, S-3 and S-4 of MAG-36. All squadron commanders of MAG-36 were present for the briefings, and 33 members of the Group were decorated subsequent to the briefing.

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. U. S. Army
- d. U. S. Navy River Boat Patrol (Game Warden)

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 June:

MAMALUKE THRUST
ALLEN BROOK
HOUSTON
SCOTLAND III
LANCASTER III

KENTUCKY
TENNESSEE GROVE
SWIFT SABER
NORFOLK VICTORY II
NAPOLEON/SALINE

4. Operational Highlights.

a. The major effort of MAG-36 was operation MAMALUKE THRUST, which was supported by 2 to 8 CH-46 helicopters daily. In addition, daily support was provided to PMAG-39 and the 3rd Marine Division consisting of 7 UH-34 helicopters.

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b. On 16 June the wreckage of an aircraft believed to be a UH-34 was found by the APD aircraft from HML-367. On 19 June a zone was blown using 2,000 lb. bombs to allow a recon team to reach the crash site. On 20 June a recon team (Fudge Cake) was inserted into the crash site at ZC 201946 and the aircraft was identified as CH-53A, BuNo 153270. Two M-60 machine guns, one .38 Cal. pistol, one engine starter, and the dog tags of TESSIER, L. C. 092299 were recovered by the team. The team was extracted at 1700. On 21 June the recon team (Fudge Cake) with two Graves Registration men and an aviator member of this command were inserted into the crash site. A thorough search for the remains was conducted. All remains that could be found were brought out and turned over to Graves Registration for further disposition. A report was submitted to MAG-16 concerning the investigation.

c. On 23 June a HMM-165 aircraft was hit in the rotor blade with a large caliber round, while in the landing pattern for runway 09 at Hue/Phu Bai. Altitude at time of hit was approximately 1,000 feet.

d. During the month MAG-36 maintained an air-borne Mortar Watch over the Phu Bai vital area during hours of darkness. Coincidentally, the Phu Bai Combat Base did not undergo any artillery/mortar/rocket attacks during the month of June.

PART III SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. AIR OPERATIONS

a. MAG-36 accomplished the following during the month of June.

(1) Flight Hours	5,748.8
(2) Sorties	22,941
(3) Passengers	20,053
(4) Tons of Cargo	1,077
(5) Medical Evacuees	2,434

b. Major aircraft losses during the month were:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>
Direct Enemy Action	3	1 UH-1E/2 CH-46
Operational	2	2 UH-34

2. INTELLIGENCE

a. Continued three weekly briefs for Commanding Officer and Staff and Thursday evening brief for enlisted at the Special Services Theater. Daily briefs for squadron S-2s.

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b. Normal enemy activity prevailed for the month of June. Small sightings and contacts continue around the base.

- c. Fire Incidents to Hours Flown - 1 x 44.9 hrs
 Hours flown per hit incident - 1 x 249.9 hrs
 Hit incidents to total hits - 3.1 hits per acft
 Fire incidents to hit incidents - 1 x 5.6 (19%)

d. Grid squares where aircraft received intense enemy fire.

AT 8549 - 5 fire incidents, 1 hit
 AT 9959 - 3 fire incidents
 AT 9861 - 3 fire incidents
 XD 7743 - 4 fire incidents
 XD 8733 - 4 fire incidents, 2 hits
 YC 8599 - 3 fire incidents
 YC 9767 - 3 fire incidents
 YD 2732 - 4 fire incidents

- e. Total Fire Incidents - 128
 Aircraft Hit - 23
 Holes - 72
 Crew KIA - None
 Crew WIA - 11
 Forced to Land - 7
 Recovered - 5
 Destroyed - 2
 ABA (C) - None

3. LOGISTICS

a. During the month of June, electrical power, paved roads and support vehicles remained extremely critical as previously reported. Matting for the western parking apron should be forthcoming and completed by 1 September 1968.

b. All damage from the mortar attack on 26 May 1968 has been repaired including the aircraft that were damaged.

c. There is again a problem of contamination of aviation fuel. The problem arises upon receipt of fuel from the two 72,000 gal. fuel tanks located in the MAG-36 area. A large amount of metal particles have been found in the TAFDS filters. The cause is believed to be pipe deterioration from the Pol Bulk source at Col Co Beach. All responsible persons concerned have been notified. Corrective action as yet, has not been taken.

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d. The following items were received or transferred for repair from MAG-36 aircraft maintenance section:

- 97 engines received for processing/repair
- 8 transmissions received for processing/repair
- 8 rotor heads received for processing/repair
- 53 tail rotor assemblies received for processing/repair
- 3 aircraft transferred
- 2 aircraft received
- 2 aircraft received for battle damage repair
- 6 aircraft repairs completed

e. Base development during the month of June did not show much progress in additional construction. Twenty-five ARMC0 revetments were installed with some still awaiting liner material prior to filling with sand.

f. The large box culvert was started and the last 240 bundles of MBAL matting is being laid in the eastern parking apron.

g. The jet engine shop is proceeding slowly but with an estimated completion date of 30 July 1968.

4. ADMINISTRATION

a. On 8 June HML-367 experienced a loss of eleven (11) aviators due to rotations. The squadron was as a result, down to 56% of manning level. By the end of the month, due to input from rotations from CONUS, on hand aviator strength reached 86% of manning level.

b. Although aviator strengths showed a slight increase, the Group is still 29 short of a manning level of 225.

c. Enlisted and Aviation Ground Officer strength continue very near the manning level with shortages in certain occupational fields.

d. Casualties for June were as follows:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Hostile (USMC)	6	5
Non-Hostile (USMC)	3	17
Non-Hostile (USN)	0	1
MIA	0	0
KIA	0	0
Serious Injuries	0	4
Totals	9	27

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a. During the month of June the assigned Chaplains provided Divine Services for personnel of Protestant and Catholic faiths. Transportation arrangements were made for Jewish personnel to attend service on Friday evenings. The Catholic Chaplain has begun the practice of spending one day a week at PMAG-39 to counsel Catholic personnel there. He spent two days during June at Quang Tri.

b. The Chaplain's Ministry and allied activities are reflected in the following figures.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR MAG-36

	Sunday Att	Weekday Att.	Tot. Ser.	Total Att.
Protestant	10 396	0 0	10	396
Catholic	10 633	25 229	35	862

DIVINE SERVICES FOR MAG-39

Protestant	6 48	6 39	12	87
Catholic	4 280	26 220	30	500
Baptismal Service				
Protestant			1	15
Bible Study				
Protestant			8	61
Lectures				
Indoctrination			4	142

c. The Chaplains of MAG-36, in addition to their primary duties, also contributed of their time to maintain contact with their Vietnamese counterparts and to assist in carrying out Civic Action Programs. This is possible through the financial resources provided by Chapel Funds, donations from churches in the U.S. and private donations both local and stateside.

d. All of the clothing and most of the food listed below were furnished through the generosity of individuals and organizations in the U.S.

Catholic Orphanage at Kim Loung

45 Pounds of clothing

American Sisters at Hue

30 pounds of clothing
20 pounds of toys

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Catholic Church at Phu Loung

410 pounds of food

Protestant Church and School at Phu Bai

87,000 piasters
200 pounds of clothing
345 pounds of food
1 load (3/4 ton) scrap lumber
1 Christian Flag
2 paint brushes
20 gallons of paint

Protestant Orphanage at Hue

50 beds
40 pounds of soap

St. Peters Orphanage

40 pounds of clothing
10 pounds of soap

Total piasters - 87,000 (equivalent approximately \$737.25)

e. The Protestant Chaplain preached at a service in the local Vietnamese church. There were approximately 100 Vietnamese present and he was well received.

f. The Vietnamese Protestant Church, which the MAG-36 Protestant Chapel Congregation has had as a Civic Action project, was dedicated on 28 June 1968. The Chaplain participated in the service of dedication and the Chapel Chorus from MAG-36 sang.