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Encl: (1) MAG-36 Command Chronology March 1969
 (2) HAMS-36 Command Chronology March 1969
 (3) MABS-36 Command Chronology March 1969
 (4) HMM-265 Command Chronology March 1969
 (5) HML-367 Command Chronology March 1969
 (6) HMM-462 Command Chronology March 1969
 (7) HMM-362 Command Chronology March 1969

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1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted for the month of March 1969.

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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commander and Staff of MAG-36 and attached Squadrons.

MAG-36

CO	1 - 31 March	COL	BRUCE J. MATHESON
XO	1 - 31 March	LTCOL	HERBERT J. BLAMA
ADJ	1 - 31 March	CAPT	THOMAS R. PRESTON
S-1	1 - 31 March	MAJ	FRED E. LACEY
S-2	1 - 31 March	1STLT	GUY R. HANSEN
S-3	1 - 31 March	LTCOL	MERLIN V. STATZER
S-4	1 - 31 March	MAJ	KENNETH P. PALMER
GSO	1 - 31 March	LTCOL	OLIVER R. BARRITT
sp1 ServO	1 - 31 March	CAPT	RAYMOND C. PARKER
FiscalO	1 - 21 March	CAPT	WILLIAM F. PERCIVAL
FiscalO	22 - 31 March	CAPT	THOMAS W. LONGSWORTH
Chaplain	1 - 31 March	LCDR	BASIL H. STRUTHERS
DisbO	1 - 31 March	CAPT	JACK S. WESTBROOK
FltSur	1 - 5 March	LT(USN)	BARNEY L. VANZANT
FltSur	6 - 31 March	LCDR	DAVID D. PARKER
MTO	1 - 31 March	1STLT	BILLY B. LANE
EmbO	1 - 31 March	CWO-2	JOSEPH J. KOCINSKI
OrdO	1 - 31 March	CWO-2	RAYMOND F. COLON
AMO	1 - 31 March	MAJ	CHARLES A. CAREY
Commo	1 - 31 March	CAPT	LUIS A. JUAREZ
CivActO	1 - 31 March	1STLT	THEODORE C. ROBINSON III
ASO	1 - 31 March	MAJ	JAMES D. STRICKLAND
NATOPS	1 - 31 March	CAPT	DAVID E. COX
LegalO	1 - 31 March	CAPT	THOMAS R. PRESTON
SgtMaj	1 - 31 March	SGTMAJ	JAMES R. SKINNER

HMIS-36

CO	1 - 31 March	LTCOL	JAMES B. BELL
XO	1 - 31 March	MAJ	CHESTER L. WHIPPLE
OpsO	1 - 31 March	MAJ	EDWIN W. LOCKARD

MADS-36

CO	1 - 31 March	LTCOL	RONDELL K. WOOD
XO	1 - 31 March	MAJ	WILLIAM J. SHRINER

MATCU-68

OIC	1 - 31 March	CAPT	WILLIAM E. McCOLLUM
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CO 1 - 8 March
 XO 1 - 8 March
 Ops0 1 - 8 March

HMM-164*

LTCOL RICHARD T. TRUNDY
 MAJ ALBERT F. RIBBECK
 MAJ EDWARD A. BIRZER

HMM-265

CO 1 - 31 March
 XO 1 - 31 March
 Ops0 1 - 31 March

LTCOL RALPH THUESEN
 MAJ GEORGE L. SHIFFLER
 MAJ GEORGE G. EVANS JR.

HMM-362**

CO 29 - 31 March
 XO 29 - 31 March
 Ops0 29 - 31 March

LTCOL JACK E. SCHLARP
 MAJ BILLY G. WILKINSON
 MAJ GEORGE E. PRATT

HML-367

CO 1 - 31 March
 XO 1 - 31 March
 Ops0 1 - 31 March

LTCOL BOBBY R. WILKINSON
 MAJ HOWARD D. GRESS
 MAJ CLARENCE L. DAVIS

HMH-462

CO 1 - 31 March
 XO 1 - 31 March
 Ops0 1 - 31 March

LTCOL RONALD E. NELSON
 LTCOL ROBERT L. GRAY JR.
 Maj JACK MARSHALL

* HMM-164 (SLF Bravo) Backloaded to Valley Forge on 8 March 1969.
 ** HMM-362 (SLF Alpha) Reported OPCON MAG-36 on 29 March 1969. ADCON remained with 9th MAB.

2. Task organization and unit location.

UNIT	LOCATION	DATE
MAG-36	PHU BAI	1 - 31 March
H&MS-36	PHU BAI	1 - 31 March
MABS-36	PHU BAI	1 - 31 March
MATCU-68	PHU BAI	1 - 31 March
HMM-164	PHU BAI	1 - 8 March
HMM-265	PHU BAI	1 - 31 March
HMM-362	PHU BAI	29 - 31 March
HML-367	PHU BAI	1 - 31 March
HMH-462	PHU BAI	1 - 31 March

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAROFF</u>	<u>MARENL</u>	<u>NAVOFF</u>	<u>NAVENL</u>
HMS-36	61	434	0	0
MAB-36	18	507	3	18
MATOU-68	9	63	0	0
HMM-265	47	181	1	0
HML-367	43	151	1	0
HMH-162	40	164	1	0
TOTALS	<u>218</u>	<u>1500</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>

4. Important Visitors to MAG-36

a. 17 March: LtGen H. NICKERSON Jr. Prospective CG, III MAF, and DGen HOMER S. HILL, Asst 1st MAF Commander. They were briefed by CO, MAG-36 and staff. A tour of squadron areas followed the briefing. LtGen NICKERSON presented three Distinguished Flying Crosses and five Purple Heart Medals.

b. 11 March: MajGen C. B. DRAKE, USMC, Deputy Commander, XXIV Corps; DGen H. S. HILL, USMC, Asst 1st MAF Commander; DGen A. R. BOLLING, USA, Chief of Staff, XXIV Corps; Rear Admiral H. J. ROTRICE, CHC, USN, Chaplain, CINCPACFLT; Capt A. W. WALTON, CHC, USN, Commodore 32nd Base Construction Regiment; Capt R. W. RODCLIFF, CHC, USN, Force Chaplain, III MAF; Capt R. H. TROWER, CHC, USN, Chaplain, 1st MAF, and Archbishop Philip NGUYEN KIM-DIEN, Archbishop of Archdiocese of HUE. They were distinguished guests at the dedication service for the new MAG-36 Chapel.

c. 14 March: MajGen C. B. DRAKE, USMC, Deputy Commander, XXIV Corps. He toured the MAG-36 ground defense area of responsibility and received a ground defense briefing from LtCol STATZER and Capt MASSIE.

d. 8 March: DGen J. W. WILLIAMS, CG, 9th MAB. He was briefed by the Commanding Officer of HMM-164.

e. 20 March: LtCol JACK L. REED, USMC (Colonel Selectee). He was briefed by the MAG-36 staff and toured Phu Bai Combat Base.

f. 3 March: Maj ARDEN L. FINK, USMC, 1st MAF Ground Defense Officer. He reviewed the MAG-36 ground defense posture. He was briefed by LtCol STATZER and Capt MASSIE.

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. 1 March 1969, MAG-36 became the responsible command for the operation of Hue/Phu Bai Airfield. This function was previously under the control of the Air Bases Section, 1st MAF.

2. During this reporting period, MAG-36 provided support to:

- a. III MAF
- b. U. S. Army
- c. Republic of Vietnam Forces
- d. Republic of Korea Marine Corps

3. Missions flown by MAG-36 included medical evacuations, reconnaissance insertions/extractions, aircraft escort, tactical aircraft recovery, administrative, courier, flare delivery, Marlog, and VIP flights. Both rotary wing and fixed wing were utilized.

4. MAG-36 supported the following operations:

Prairie Fire
Purple Martin
Dewey Canyon
Maine Crag
Kentucky Jumper
Taylor Common

5. Operational Highlights

a. During the month of March, MAG-36 provided a daily average of 8 aircraft, four CH-53A, two UH-34D and two UH-1E aircraft to augment PMAG-39, in support of the 3rd Marine Division. In addition, two UH-1E aircraft were provided in support of "Prairie Fire". Also on four different occasions, from two to five CH-53A aircraft were provided to augment MAG-16. On three occasions, sections of UH-1E aircraft augmented MAG-16 in support of ROK Marines. MAG-36 aircraft participated in the retrograde of LZ's Tomahawk and Maxwell, concluding Operation "Taylor Common". Also, MAG-36 aircraft participated in the resupply of Operation "Dewey Canyon", using IFR approaches and departures while carrying external loads. At the completion of the operation MAG-36 supported the retrograde movement.

b. On 1 March a CH-46A aircraft from HMM-164 crashed in the water about one mile east of Hue/Phu Bai (YD 985-105). The aircraft received strike damage resulting in one fatality, one crewman with major injuries and one with minor injuries. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

c. On 29 March a UH-1E (slick) of the HMM-367 detachment located at PMAG-39, Quang Tri, crashed at Signal Hill (XD 978-487). The aircraft received strike damage.

PART III SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Air Operations

a. MAG-36 accomplished the following during the month of March:

(1) Flight Hours	3,724.3
(2) Sorties	10,875
(3) Passengers Carried	11,942
(4) Tons of Cargo Carried	3,366.6
(5) Medical Evacuees Carried	2,885

2. Intelligence

a. Enemy Action

(1) 19 March, 0040. The MAG-36 perimeter received 2 M-79 rounds and small arms fire from the tree line in the vicinity of Bunker #8. At 0230 Bunker #8 received 1 M-79 round from the same area. At 2245 Bunker #11 received one M-79 round. The launch area is unknown. No damage or casualties.

(2) 21 March, 1900. Bunker #8 received approximately 20 rounds of sniper fire. No casualties.

(3) 22 March, 0630. XXIV Corps side of Phu Bai Combat Base received twelve 122mm rockets. No casualties and minimal damage to buildings.

(4) 27 March, 0130. Bunker #8 and 9 received approximately 100 rounds of small arms fire. No casualties.

(5) 28 March, 0020. XXIV Corps side of Phu Bai Combat Base received eight 122mm rockets resulting in substantial damage to the General's Mess, one SEA hut destroyed, one MARS antenna destroyed, one jeep damaged and one MIA, minor.

b. In the latter part of March the overall enemy activity in the Phu Bai area increased considerably over the early part of the month and over the past three months. This was due to the reported employment of units from the enemy's 5th Regt to the south of Phu Bai for the express purpose of shelling the Phu Bai plains area. There is a strong possibility of future attacks by fire and sapper attacks. However there is still no evidence of the enemy's capability to launch a full scale ground attack on the Phu Bai area.

c. Intensity of fire received by grid zones.

AT - 3 FI/1 HIT	YC - 0 FI/0 HIT
BT - 0 FI/0 HIT	YD - 52 FI/9 HIT
ZC - 0 FI/0 HIT	XD - 29 FI/7 HIT

Enclosure (1)

d. Incident statistics:

Fire incidents - 84 (total)

Aircraft hit - 17

Fire incidents to hours flown - 1x 44.3 hrs

Hit incidents to fire incidents - 1x 4.94 (20.0%)

e. Aircraft statistics:

Forced to land - 8

Recovered - 8 (1 of which was STRIKE damage)

Destroyed - 0

f. Enemy killed by air (KBA)

KBA (Confirmed) - 0

KBA (Probable) - 0

3. Logistics

a. The Tactical Air Field Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS) performed smoothly again this month. The peak day for fuel dispensed was 19 March with 3,334 gallons of 115/145 AvGas and 26,669 gallons of JP-4. Total fuel dispensed for the month was 65,545 gallons of 115 / 145 AvGas and 570,272 gallons of JP-4. On 23 March a three man crew returned from LZ Lightning after installing and operating a Helicopter Expedient Refueling System in support of Operation Dewey Canyon.

b. Principal H&MS-36 Maintenance Section activities during the month were:

(1) Processed or repaired

(a) 63 engines

(b) 6 transmissions

(c) 13 rotor heads

(d) 18 tail rotors

(e) 123 miscellaneous dynamic components

- (2) Aircraft transferred-----1
- (3) Aircraft processed enroute to PAR-----3
- (4) Aircraft received for battle damage repair-----7
- (5) Aircraft received for IMA rework-----7
- (6) Aircraft completed, repair and rework-----14

(7) T-64 engine test stand was in operation 26 March 69 for the first time since receipt. The hand delivery of an engine test harness by General Electric representatives made this possible.

c. Base Development

(1) Three SEA Huts were moved from the line area on 14 March to the Rifle Company's 2nd Plt compound to provide billeting. Also positioned were a SEA hut for H&MS-36 Material Section, a building for Special Services, and a collapsible building for Group Ordnance.

(2) On 17 March construction was started on quarters for the Commanding Officer (MAG-36); completion is expected in mid-April.

(3) The MAG-36 Dispensary and Dental facility should be completed the end of April.

(4) Erosion control work at the EM Club was completed on 28 March.

(5) The rematting and revetting of the SLF area was delayed due to an emergency bridge repair project. Work should be started again in the near future.

(6) Public Works completed refurbishing of 23 SEA Huts in MAG-36 billeting area.

(7) Construction of MAG-36 Ready Ammo Storage area is progressing; at least one month remains prior to completion.

(8) Fluorescent fixtures were installed in the IMA Engine Shop.

(9) MAG-36 XO's quarters were refurbished by Public Works.

(10) A temporary A/C wash facility is being constructed near H&MS Hangar area. This should be in operation in April.

(11) A fenced embarkation staging area has been set up near Group Supply.

(12) Construction of two battery shops with emergency showers has been completed by Public Works for the MAG-36 Avionics Facility.

(13) The old Chapel (SEA Hut) was relocated on 7 March and is now used as a training and educational facility.

(14) A 100' x 100' matted POL Storage area was completed on 12 March at Group Supply.

(15) Two "Self-Help" SEA Huts were constructed for the Group Flight Equipment Section.

d. During the month of March, 50 additional appropriated fund Vietnamese employees were hired. Total strength at the end of March was 72. 1st MAW ltr 1200-59 of 13 Feb 69 established an authorized ceiling of 90.

e. The special inventory team from 9th MAB completed their work at MAG-36 on 15 March 1969. The performance of the personnel of this team was instrumental in the completion of the MAG-36 Supply wall-to-wall inventory.

4. Administration

a. Officer and enlisted strength remained fairly constant throughout most of March.

b. The Civic Action Section completed one cement wash platform and continued work on a second wash platform, a large irrigation well, and an addition to the dispensary in Thuy Phu Village.

c. MAG-36 Civic Action Section brought 48 children from Thuy Phu to MAG-36 for a movie, punch and cookies. In conjunction with the 101st Airborne Division Psyops Section entertainment and propaganda films were shown to the adults of Thuy Phu.

d. HML-367 is planning construction of cement pig sties at the Li Bang Lu Vuong school in Lu Vuong hamlet. HML-462 is continuing support of orphanages in Hue and Phu Luong. MABS-36 completed a school addition in the Thuy Luong refugee village.

f. The Group Personal Response School format was altered to allow a two hour field trip to Thuy Phu Village. The village chief personally guided the tour and hosted a Vietnamese dinner for the participants.

g. MAG-36 medical personnel and a newly hired Vietnamese nurse treated 173 patients at the Thuy Phu dispensary. Civic Action Section members evacuated 8 Vietnamese to area hospitals.

h. Casualties for March included:

		<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Hospitalizing injuries, non - hostile	USMC	1	23
Hospitalizing injuries, non - hostile	USN	0	1
WIA		2	3
KIA		0	0
MIA		0	0
* Killed, non - hostile	USMC	1	0
Killed, non - hostile	USN	0	0

* HMM-164 aircraft crashed on test flight.

i. Weekly visits to hospitalized Marines at the 22nd Surgical Hospital, Phu Bai, and the 85th Evacuation Hospital, Phu Bai, were made by senior officers of the Group.

5. Inspections

a. FY 69 A/M inspection were conducted by personnel from the First Marine Aircraft Wing as follows:

(1) Aircraft Maintenance	MAG-36	6 March 69
(2) Ground Safety	MAG-36	19 March 69
(3) Aviation Safety	MAG-36	28 March 69

b. FY 69 complete A/M inspections were conducted by MAG-36 personnel as follows:

(1) HML-367	29 March 69
(2) HEMS-36	29 March 69
(3) MABS-36/MATCU-68	30 March 69

6. On 24 March the Off Duty Education Program started. Classes are taught in English and Math in a GED testing preparatory course. An Electronics class is also being held. On 31 March courses in Economics and Elementary Russian were started. These latter courses are conducted under the auspices of the University of Maryland (Far East) and are held in the XXIV Corps Area.

Enclosure (1)

7. Chaplain's Services

a. During the month of March, the assigned Chaplains conducted Divine Services for personnel of the Protestant and Catholic faiths. Divine Services were available for Latter Day Saint personnel at the FLSG-A Chapel and for Jewish personnel at the XXIV Corps Chapel.

b. The Catholic Chaplain conducted Divine Services for FMAG-39 each Sunday of the month and for MCB-40 each Wednesday evening. The Protestant Chaplain was guest speaker at the Protestant Tin Lanh Church in Hue one Sunday (Attendance - 60). Hospital visits were made to MAG-36 personnel at the 85th Evacuation Hospital.

c. A total of 51 services were conducted aboard MAG-36 compound with 1227 personnel attending. Off-base services totaled 21 with 749 in attendance.

d. Two memorial services were conducted for men of 3rd CAG units near Phu Loc. A total of 78 men attended.

e. In addition to their primary duties, the MAG-36 Chaplains maintained contact with their Vietnamese counterparts. Visits were made and assistance given to the American Nuns, Christian Brothers and Catholic Orphanage in Hue and the Tin Lanh Church and orphanage in Phu Luong. Chaplain Civic gifts for the month consisted of 9 cases of food, three boxes of school supplies, two boxes of clothing and 10,000 Piasters (\$84.75).

f. Of significant interest was the dedication of the chapel facility. Rear Admiral H. J. ROTRIGE, CMC, USN, CINCPACFLT Fleet Chaplain, was present to offer the dedicatory message. In addition to distinguished guests previously mentioned, the Catholic Girls' Choir of Hue, and the 1st MAW Band participated in the dedication. About 175 personnel attended... See TAB (1) a copy of the church bulletin for this service.

g. Another item of significant interest was a gift of \$400.00 from a Youth Group in the U. S. for the education of Vietnamese children. It was decided that this money would be used to establish a MAG-36 Education Fund. This fund will be used to assist needy Vietnamese youth.

8. Special Services

a. The following special events were held during March 1969:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
9-13 March 1969	1st MAW Basketball Tournament	MAG-36 All Stars participated. Won two games, lost two games.

18 March 1969

USO Show

Wally's Wonders on stage at "B" Club.

20 March 1969

Danang Fishing Trip. First MAG-36 participation in this recreation.

Attended by 15 personnel from MAG-36.

22 March 1969

Interservice Boxing Snicker in Danang.

Four MAG-36 Boxing Team members participated. Each won a match and received a trophy.

b. Special self-help projects and status of each is reflected below:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Library	Temporarily opened 29 March 1969. Some construction required to complete project.
Amphitheater	Stage complete and painted. Critical shortages of material has curtailed progress.
Hobbyshop	Building moved in place, ready to remodel.
MAG-36 Bands	Three bands now formed and ready to play on call.
Film Editing Room	Nowly built and complete. Located in grass hut.
Storage Room	Newly built and complete. Located in grass hut.
Skeet Range	Open and operating four days weekly.
Softball	Field prepared and teams formed for league play in April.
Newletters	Two published during month.

Handball Court

Contract negotiated for a 2 April 1969 beginning construction date. Vietnamese labor to be utilized.

Tennis Courts

Work request submitted to Public Works for lighted double courts.

Picnics

A total of 24 unit picnics were held.

Wiring

The entire Special Services building complex was completely rewired in order to rid the building of hazardous makeshift wiring.

Fifty Mile Club

Twenty-nine persons are currently enrolled. Three persons have now completed the 50-mile

9. Communications

a. The Communication Center processed 5,359 incoming messages and 1,207 outgoing for a total of 6,566. The total is approximately the same as the preceding month.

b. The Radio Section installed one VHF/FM Radio set RT-524 in the COC bunker for use by the Operations Duty Officer.

c. The Wire Section replaced 7600 feet of telephone cable in order to enhance telephone service within MAG-36. Three test point terminals were completed and installed. In addition the wire section coordinated with Army personnel on the reinstallation of 10 dial telephones that had been out of order for over 3 months. Necessary wire lines were obtained by rerouting the Army dial system lines over the presently installed MAG-36 cables.

d. The Radio Repair Section installed two VRC-77 radios in Crash Crew vehicles.

Enclosure (1)

10. Base Defense

a. Provisional Rifle Company permanent personnel strength is 38 enlisted and 2 officers.

b. On 9 March augmentation and newly joined personnel conducted familiarization firing of organic company weapons (M-16, M-79, M-60) at Dong Da National Training Center Range.

c. The installation of a new flash observation tower in the second platoon area was commenced on 13 March.

d. On 19 March at 0040, Bunker #8, received two rounds of M-79, and light small arms fire from a tree line 100 meters to the left front. MAC-36 sector reaction force was alerted and positioned on a secondary line. The fire was returned from Bunkers #8, 9, and 10. At 0230, Bunker #8 received one round of M-79 from the same area. The area was illuminated and engaged with M-79 fire. A first light patrol revealed three impact craters which were checked by EOD personnel. At 2245, Bunker #11 received one round of M-79 impact to its right. The launch area was unknown so fire was not returned.

e. At 1900 on 21 March, Bunker #8 received 15- 20 rounds of sniper fire from the tree line 200 meters to the right front. Fire was returned with M-14 from the tower. Sniper was silenced.

f. At 0130 on 27 March, Bunkers #8 and 9 received approximately 100 rounds of automatic weapons and small arms fire from the tree line 100 meters to the left front and from the tree line 200 meters to the right front. Area illuminated, revealing 4 individuals escaping to the north. Enemy engaged with M-79 and machinegun fire, with unknown results.

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3 Apr 1969

From: Officer in Charge
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36
Subj: Command Chronology Report; submission of
Ref: (a) GruO 5750.10

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the month of March 1969.

a. Aerology Section. Recorded total/average rainfall at Phu Bai for the month is as follows:

(1) Average - 1.8 inches

(2) Total - 1.0 inches

b. Crash Crew.

(1) Administration. Total enlisted strength is 33.

(2) Training. Forceable Entry, 1 hour; Protective clothing, 1 hour; MB-5 operation, 1 hour; Color Codes, 1 hour.

(3) Responses.

<u>STANDBY</u>	<u>DEFUELS</u>	<u>WASH-DOWNS</u>	<u>MED-EVAC</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>CRASHES</u>
37	7	2	26	14	1

d. Recovery Unit.

(1) The Recovery Unit was 100% effective.

(2) There were no arrested landings during March.

e. Tower Section. The total operations at Phu Bai Tower for the month of March was 30,350.

ENCLOSURE 37

f. Passenger and Cargo operations.

(1) 15th Aerial Port.

	Inbound	Outbound
Cargo	3187 tons	536 tons
Mail	185 tons	479 tons
Passengers	10,637	11,818
Med-Evac	45	407

(2) VMGR-152. 37,340 lbs outbound cargo.

(3) 101st Abn (CH-47 Airbus). 750 passengers.

g. TAFDS.

(1) 115/145; 65,975 gals.

(2) JP-4; 570,267 gals.

h. Operations Section.

(1) The Airbase Operations Section has a total of eight (8) 7041's assigned to the Airbase Office.

(2) Due to the critical shortage of ramp qualified personnel, the Airbase Operations Section has augmented four men for ramp duty.

i. Air Control. During the month of March, Hue/Phu Bai Tower conducted a total of 30,350 operations of which 6,658 were Special VFR and 1,991 were IFR. Hue GCA conducted 1,449 approaches of which 794 were IFR.



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NATOPS Officer, MAG-36

Public Works Officer

Chapel History

Since MAG-36's arrival at Phu Bai in September 1967, a South-east Asia hut has served as a chapel. With a seating capacity of about twenty-five it was inadequate from the beginning and Sunday services were held in the Special Services area. In early 1968 preliminary plans were drawn up for a new chapel by 1st Lt A. L. Dominy III, the MABS-36 Utilities Officer. MCB-8 assumed the responsibility of construction, finalized the blue prints and commenced construction in July 1968. Upon MCB-8's return to the States in September, MCB-121 took over the project and it is this group of dedicated workmen who are basically responsible for our present structure. Under the capable leadership of BU2 Jack E. Lee, the twelve men listed below have built a chapel of which all of us can be proud.

In the months ahead, units, squadrons and individuals will come and go. As they do may God's blessing and guidance ever rest upon those who seek to find communion with Him within these walls. To this end we dedicate this building and in memory of those comrades of ours who have sacrificed their lives that we and the free people of this land may enjoy our mutual God-given freedoms.

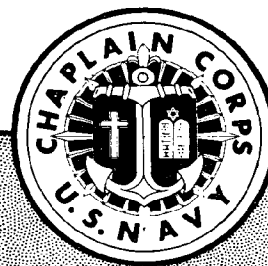
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Construction Foreman

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ARNOLD, J. N. BU2
LINK, K. D. BU2
DOFF, J. W. BU2
WOOD, G. L. BU2
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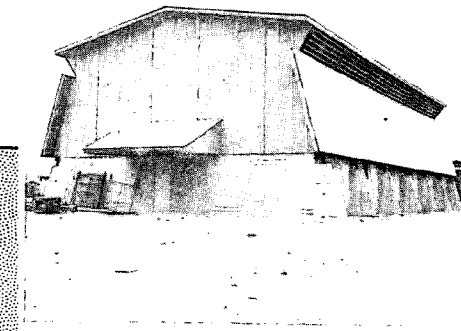
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Acceptance and Dedication Ceremony

Marine Aircraft Group 36 Chapel
Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam



1530, 11 March 1969



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Program

SELECTIONS First Marine Aircraft Band

CHORAL SELECTION Hue Catholic Choir

PARADING OF COLORS
United States National Anthem
Republic of Vietnam National Anthem

INVOCATION Captain R. W. Radcliffe, CHC, USN
Force Chaplain III MAF

OPENING REMARKS Lieutenant Commander B. H. Struthers, CHC, USN
Protestant Chaplain

PRESENTATION Captain A. W. Walton, CEC, USN
Commodore, 32nd Naval Construction Regiment

ACCEPTANCE Colonel Bruce J. Matheson, USMC
Commanding Officer, MAG-36

WING COMMANDER'S REMARKS Major General C. J. Quilter, USMC
Commanding General, 1st MAW

CHORAL SELECTION MAG-36 Chapel Choir

LITANY OF DEDICATION Captain R. H. Trower, CHC, USN
Wing Chaplain, 1st MAW

CHAPLAIN: To the glory of God, and as a symbol of His Divine Presence;

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this Chapel!

CHAPLAIN: For the worship of God in prayer and Praise; or the teaching of His Divine Word; or the celebration of sacraments;

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CHAPLAIN: For comfort to those who are sorrowful; for strength to those who ask for it; for illumination to those who seek Your way;

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CHAPLAIN: For the trust we place in You to bless all the work and sacrifices of all those who serve our nation; or peace and justice among men;

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this Chapel!

CHAPLAIN: For the wives, husbands, parents, families, children and friends of all those serving here in Vietnam;

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this Chapel!

CHAPLAIN: In remembrance of all our fellow men who have made the supreme sacrifice;

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this Chapel!

CHAPLAIN: That we may serve You in this life with pure minds and clean hearts and one day to fulfill our hopes of sharing in the eternal joys of Your kingdom;

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this Chapel, O Lord, in Your Holy Name, Amen.

DEDICATORY ADDRESS Rear Admiral H. J. Rotrige, CHC, USN
Fleet Chaplain, COMSERVPAC

HYMN: "Eternal Father" Congregation

Eternal Father, strong to save
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!

Lord guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky,
Be with them always in the air,
In darkening storms or sunlight fair.
O hear us when we lift our prayer
For those in peril in the air.

Eternal Father, grant we pray,
To all Marines, both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength and skill
Their land to serve, Thy law fulfill
Be thou the Shield forevermore
From every peril to the Corps. Amen.

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