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✓(2) HAMS-36 Command Chronology September 1969
✓(3) MABS-36 Command Chronology September 1969
✓(4) HMH-361 Command Chronology 1 - 26 September 1969
✓(5) HML-367 Command Chronology September 1969
✓(6) HMH-462 Command Chronology September 1969

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosures (1) through (6) are herewith submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

MAG-36

CO	1 - 30 September	COL	NOAH C. NEW
XO	1 - 30 September	LTCOL	WILLIAM R. RICE
ADJ	1 - 30 September	LSTLT	ROBERTO P. MAURICIO
S-1	1 - 30 September	MAJ	HOWARD D. GRESS
S-2	1 - 30 September	LSTLT	JOHN W. BOWMAN
S-3	1 - 24 September	LTCOL	JACK E. SCHLARP
S-3	25 - 30 September	MAJ	LAMAR V. PHILLIPS
S-4	1 - 8 September	MAJ	BOBBY G. ANTHIS
S-4	9 - 30 September	MAJ	DAVID W. KINARD
GSO	1 - 30 September	LTCOL	OLIVER R. BARRITT
SplServO	1 - 23 September	LSTLT	KENNETH J. DAVIS
SplServO	24 - 30 September	LSTLT	RONALD E. SORENSSEN
MiscalO	1 - 30 September	CAPT	ROBERT B. GAUNTNER
Chaplain	1 - 3 September	LTCDR	BASIL H. STRUTHERS
Chaplain	30 September	LTCDR	DONALD L. KRABBE
DisbO	1 - 30 September	LSTLT	LARRY F. WAHLERS
FltSurgeon	1 - 30 September	LTCDR	WILLIAM A. HOLMAN
MFO	1 - 30 September	LSTLT	RICHARD A. DITTMAN
EmbO	1 - 30 September	CWO-2	JOSEPH J. KOSINSKI
OrdO	1 - 30 September	LSTLT	KENNETH R. HOLMES
AMO	1 - 30 September	MAJ	CHARLES A. CAREY
CommO	1 - 30 September	CAPT	LUIS A. JUAREZ
CivActO	1 - 30 September	LSTLT	STEPHEN ATTELL
ASO	1 - 30 September	CAPT	LARRY J. KUESTER
LegalO	1 - 30 September	LSTLT	JOHN G. JONES
SgtMaj	1 - 30 September	SGTMAJ	BERNARDINO R. STABILE

HMS-36

CO	1 - 12 September	LTCOL	JAMES B. BELL
CO	13 - 23 September	MAJ	CHESTER L. WHIPPLE
CO	24 - 30 September	MAJ	CHARLES A. CAREY
XO	1 - 11 September	MAJ	CHESTER L. WHIPPLE
OpsO	1 - 30 September	LSTLT	WALTER S. COVER

MAB-36

CO	1 - 5 September	LTCOL	RONALD E. NELSON
CO	6 - 30 September	MAJ	EDWIN W. LOCKARD
XO	1 - 30 September	MAJ	JOHN A. HELLREITGEL
Airfield OpsO	1 - 5 September	MAJ	EDWIN W. LOCKARD
Airfield OpsO	6 - 30 September	LSTLT	RICHARD E. MILLER

HML-367

CO	1 - 30 September	LTCOL	BOBBY R. WILKINSON
XO	1 - 30 September	MAJ	CHARLES M. LIVELY
OpsO	1 - 30 September	MAJ	JOHN M. COYKENDALL

HML-462

CO	1 - 30 September	LTCOL	RONDELL K. WOOD
XO	1 - 30 September	MAJ	JACK MAXWELL
OpsO	1 - 4 September	MAJ	LAMAR V. PHILLIPS
OpsO	5 - 30 September	MAJ	THOMAS W. AMIS

* HMH-361

CO	1 - 26 September	LTCOL	KERMIT W. ANDRUS
XO	1 - 22 September	MAJ	PETER F. IOTTSFELDT
OpsO	1 - 26 September	MAJ	ZANE V. LAMASCUS

* HMH-361 detached 26 September 1969 to MAG-16

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MAG-36	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 30 September
HMS-36	"	"
MAB-36	"	"
HMH-361	"	1 - 26 September
HML-367	"	1 - 30 September
HMH-462	"	1 - 30 September

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAR OFF</u>	<u>MAR ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>
HMS-36	54	408	1	0
MAB-36	15	515	1	25
HMH-361	37	165	1	0
HML-367	45	136	1	0
HMH-462	36	165	1	0
	<u>187</u>	<u>1389</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>25</u>

4. Important Visitors

a. 3 September: Visited MAG-36 Commanding Officer

Col R. W. TELLER Chief of Staff 1st MAW
Col P. B. HENLEY CO MAG-12 (Designated)

- b. 4 September: Visited MAG-36 Commanding Officer

MajGen W. G. THRASH CG 1st MAW
BrigGen R. H. SPANJER Asst. Wing Commander

- c. 11 September: Visited MAG-36 Commanding Officer

MajGen W. G. THRASH CG 1st MAW
BrigGen R. H. SPANJER Asst. Wing Commander

- d. 12 September: Guest at Command Ceremony for H&MS-36

BrigGen R. H. SPANJER Asst. Wing Commander

- e. 15 September: Predeployment Meeting with MAG-36 Commanding Officer

MajGen W. G. THRASH CG 1st MAW
Col R. L. LAMAR Asst. Chief of Staff G-3
Col C. S. STEWART Asst. Chief of Staff G-1
Col W. C. MCGRAW Asst. Chief of Staff G-4

- f. 21 September: Visited MAG-36 Commanding Officer

Col N. M. BENNETT Staff Judge Advocate

- g. 24 September: Visited MAG-36 Commanding Officer

BrigGen R. H. SPANJER Asst. Wing Commander

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

MAG-36 logged 2612.9 flight hours during the month of September operating with 1 UH-1E Squadron, 2 CH-53A Squadrons. The Group performed its mission by providing to III MAF, U. S. Army, the Republic of Korea Marines and forces of the Republic of Vietnam. To meet the month's commitments the Group participated in 6 major ground operations in the I Corps Tactical Area.

The aircraft of MAG-36 used to augment FMAG-39 in support of the 3rd MarDiv consisted of a daily average complement of 6 CH-53A. MAG-16 was provided an average of 2 UH-1E daily, and on 1 occasion 1 CH-53, for support to the 1st MarDiv and the Korean Marine Forces. The U. S. Army was provided 2 UH-1E gun ships daily to complete their "Prairie Fire Mission".

On 1 September, a CH-53A aircraft from HMMH-361 crashed while enroute from Quang Tri to Phu Bai. The crew of five was killed in the crash.

Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 68 was relocated to Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang. The move was completed and ADCON/OPCON was passed to MAG-16 on 1 September 1969. Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 which joined MAG-36 on 1 August 1969 relocated to Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang. ADCON/OPCON was passed to MAG-16 on 26 September 1969.

The MAG-36 Civic Action teams continued their aggressive programs during the month. The teams taught English classes; delivered much needed supplies to the refugee camps and school being supported by the squadrons, assisting the Med Cap and Dent Cap teams and providing security for the 101st Air Borne Psyops team along with many other tasks performed during the month.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Air Operations

a. MAG-36 accomplished the following during the month of September 1969:

	<u>HELICOPTER</u>	<u>G-117</u>
(1) Flight Hours	2524.3	88.6
(2) Sorties	6893	108
(3) Passengers Carried	6120	1107
(4) Tons of Cargo Carried	2791.5	20.7
(5) Medical Evacuees Carried	44	0

b. During September, MAG-36 augmented aircraft to PMAG-39 for support to the 3rd MarDiv, U. S. Army in support of Prairie Fire, and MAG-16 for support to the 1st MarDiv and the Korea Marine Forces. Augmentation statistics follow:

PMAG-39

CH-53A
UH-1E

4 daily average
7 daily average

U. S. Army

UH-1E

2 daily average

MAG-16

- CH-53A
UH-1E

1 A/C on 1 occasion
1 to 2 daily average

c. Down Aircraft Statistics:

	<u>Operational</u>	<u>DEA</u>
Forced to land	2	5
Recovered	1	5
Destroyed	1	8

d. Enemy Killed by Air:

Confirmed	2
Probable	10

2. Ground Operations Supported

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>UNITS TOR</u>	<u>FLT HRS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO (TONS)</u>
SOG	U. S. ARMY	194.0	340	3	0
GEORGIA TAR	3rd MARDIV	383.7	1669	1894	1788.3
IDAHO CANYON	"	1158.5	3291	1901	299.4
IRQUOIS GROVE	"	10.6	43	72	29.3
ARLINGTON CANYON	"	54.2	165	200	121.0
VICTORY DRAGON XIV 1st MARDIV		3.2	20	40	17.6

3. Base Defense

a. No fire incidents along MAG-36 perimeter.

b. Patrol activity:

Night patrol hours - - - - - 106

Day patrol hours - - - - - 14

c. Ordnance expended:

Illumination - - - - - 40 rds

4. Intelligence

a. There were no rocket/mortar attacks against Hue/Phu Bai Combat Base during September.

b. Fire incidents by grid zone involving MAG-36 aircraft.

AT - - - - - 4 FI/O Hits

XD - - - - - 13 FI/1 Hit

YD - - - - - 7 FI/O Hits

ZC - - - - - 10 FI/O Hits

Class Coord 16 FI/5 Hits

c. Fire Incident Statistics:

Aircraft damaged - - - - - 6

Fire incidents to hours flown - - - - - 1 hit to 420.7

Hit incidents to fire incidents - - - - - 1 hit to 8 FI (12.1%)

5. Administration

a. During September personnel strength was reduced by 200.

b. Casualties:

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Hospitalizing injuries non-hostile USMC	0	11
Hospitalizing injuries non-hostile USN	0	0
WIA	0	5
*KIA	1	1
MIA	0	0
Killed non-hostile USMC	2	4
Killed non-hostile USN	0	0

* Previously Reported MIA

c. Civic Action:

- 3 September 1969 - Conducted English Classes at Phu Bai III School. The children are well disciplined and very eager to learn.
- 10 September 1969 - Received 200 rocket boxes from 8BW33ART and delivered them to Hue Prison where school desks will be made out of them.
Took Dent Cap Team to Phu Hung ID154010.
Sixteen patients were treated.
Provided transportation and escorted Vietnamese workers to MAG-36 so that they could present gifts to the Commanding Officer and IRO Officer.
- 11 September 1969 - Carried truck load of paint, clothing, games and wire to Thuy Phu Village for distribution.
Took IRO Officer to Hue to set up tour for VIP's from 1st MAW.
- 12 September 1969 - Taught English at Phu Bai III School. Eighty-six youngsters ages 10 to 12 attended.
- 13 September 1969 - Took Med Cap Team to Thuy Phu Village. Med Cap Team treated 10 Vietnamese Nationals.
- 15 September 1969 - Civic Action Team provided security for 101st ABN Psyops Team in Thuy Phu Village.
- 16 September 1969 - Med Cap Team treated 30 Vietnamese Nationals at Thuy Phu Village.
- 17 September 1969 - Dent Cap Team treated 9 Vietnamese Nationals and had 11 procedures at Thuy Phu Village.
English was taught at Phu Bai III School with the assistance of MSgt Than.
Personal Response School was conducted in the morning and a Personal Response Patrol was held in the afternoon at Thuy Phu Village outlying areas.

20 September 1969 - Delivered 88 bags of cement to Phu Bai III School for the construction of additional classrooms.

27 September 1969 - Delivered an additional 81 bags of cement to Phu Bai III School.

d. Off - Duty Education. The MAG-36 off-duty education program continued during September. Enrollments are as follows:

(1) <u>Course Title</u>	<u>Students Enrolled</u>
C-152 General Math II	8
E-101 Ninth Grade English II	8
B-577 Beginning French	3
D-467 Modern Far East History	2
D-543 Introduction to Business	1
F-544 Personnel Management	2

(2) The following tests were taken:

(a) GED Test - - - - - 8 Students
 (b) College Comprehensive Test - - - - - 1 Student
 (c) End of Course Tests - - - - - 0 Student

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

f. Chaplain Services:

(1) On 2 September 1969, the Protestant Chaplain (B. H. STRUTHERS, LCDR, CHC, USN) was detached from MAG-36 to return CONUS upon the completion of his tour in RVN. The Catholic Chaplain assigned and the Protestant Chaplain provided by XXIV Corps, provided and conducted Divine Services for the personnel of both faiths. Divine Services were available for Latter Day Saints personnel at the MAG-36 Chapel and for Jewish personnel at the XXIV Corps Chapel.

(2) The Catholic Chaplain conducted Divine Services at MAG-39 and MCB-1 each Sunday and for MCB-1 each Wednesday evening. The Catholic Chaplain also conducted weekly masses for outlying CAG units. Catholic Services provided to MAG-39 were terminated with the last Sunday of September and the Catholic Chaplain has now assumed the Catholic coverage for NSA Colco Beach each Sunday morning. Hospital visits were made to MAG-36 personnel at the 85th Evacuation Hospital.

(3) A total of 54 services were conducted aboard the MAG-36 compound with 1349 personnel attending. A total of 4 choir practices were held aboard MAG-36 compound with attendance of 25 personnel. Off-base services totaled 12 with 412 in attendance. The Latter Day Saints conducted 2 services in the MAG-36 chapel with 14 in attendance.

(4) Two memorial services were conducted at MAG-36 with an attendance of 258. One memorial service was conducted for the CAG with an attendance of 32.

(5) In addition to their primary duties, the MAG-36 Chaplains maintain contact with their Vietnamese counterparts. Visits were made and assistance given to the American Nuns in Hue, the Catholic School and Orphanage in both Hue and Phu Luong. Chaplain Civic Action gifts for the month consisted of 25 lbs. of clothing to a needy family in Phu Luong; \$500.00 donations; reinforcement rods and cement to the new school and orphanage in Phu Luong; 25 lbs. of medical gear to the American Nuns in Hue; 4 Woodworking and Mason CARE kits (2 of each) to Education Center of Catholic Church in Hue; 25 lbs. of soap to Le Banh Orphanage; cookies, religious gifts for 80 children (to assist in observing children's day) at the Le Banh Orphanage in Hue.

(6) The Catholic Chaplain assisted in the Dedication services of PMAG-39 Chapel on 28 September and the MAG-36 Chapel Choir chorused the ceremony with three Hymns, accompanied by MAG-36 Organist and Bugler.

(7) As of 1 October, Chaplain KRABBE, LCDR, USN, reported to MAG-36 from PMAG-39 to assume the duties of Protestant Chaplain. Chaplain KRABBE expects to be with MAG-36 until 23 October, at which time he will detach to return CONUS, having completed his RVN tour.

(8) The external beautification of MAG-36 Chapel includes completion of transplantation of grass and the stone pillars with suspended anchor chain surrounding the chapel area. Interior accomplishments include the installation of wall standards (8) for the staffing of squadron flags for Divine Services.

6. Special Services

a. The following special services events were conducted during the reporting period:

<u>DATES</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
19 September	Stage Show	"Robin & She" performed on the stage of the "E" Club at 1400.
1-30 September	Picnics	A total of 13 unit/sqdn picnics were held during the month.

b. There were 3 Certificates of completion awarded by the 50 mile club.

7. Logistics

a. The Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS) dispensed 586,743 gallons of JP-4 and 141,778 gallons of 115/145 during the month.

b. Base Development:

(1) Work has been completed on the wiring of a 150 KW generator to the dispensary.

(2) Resurfacing of the Helo parking area between "B" and "C" taxiways, and construction of the Helo Landing Pad were completed during the month.

c. Embarkation:

(1) MATCU-68 completed movement to MAG-16 on 1 September 1969.

(2) HHH-361 completed movement to MAG-16 on 26 September 1969.

(3) Units from MAG-39 commenced movement to Phu Bai and should be completed by 20 October 1969.

8. Communications

a. The communication center processed 3,250 incoming and 979 outgoing messages for a total of 4,229 messages during September.

b. The wire unit continued to upgrade cable installations to ensure reliable service during the monsoon season. Assistance was provided to the Army Dial Telephone Exchange in the recent change over to the new and improved dial equipment.

c. The Electronic Maintenance unit completed the Quarterly 2d/3d Preventive Maintenance Program for the 1st Quarter FY70. All on hand items of communication equipment received complete 2d/3d echelon preventive maintenance.

9. Inspections. There were no inspections of MAG-36 Units during the month of September.