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MCAF, HUE PHU BAI, Republic of Viet-Nam

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A. PART ONE - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff

- a. Walter C. KELLY, LtCol., Commanding Officer, 1-31 July 1967
- b. Frederick A. RUECKEL, Major, Executive Officer, 1-31 July 1967
- c. Robert L. THIEN, Major, Operations Officer, 1-31 July 1967
- d. Lonnie S. UNDERHILL, Captain, Logistics Officer, 1-31 July 1967
- e. Daniel V. MCDONALD, Major, Maintenance Officer, 1-19 July 1967
- f. James L. RIGGS, Captain, Maintenance Officer, 20-31 July 1967
- g. John E. CARROLL, Major, Aviation Safety Officer, 1-31 July 1967
- h. Charles M. HAVICAN, Captain, NATOPS Officer, 1-31 July 1967
- i. Joseph R. GRAY, Captain, Administration Officer, 1-31 July 1967
- j. John W. COCHRAN, Lieutenant, USN(MC), Medical Officer, 1-31 July 1967
- k. Floyd W. HURLBUT, Captain, Intelligence Officer, 1-31 July 1967
- l. William K. WESTLING, Captain, Custodian, S&C, 1-31 July 1967

2. Task Organization

- a. Location - MCAF, Hue Phu Bai, Republic of Viet-Nam, 1-31 July 1967

3. Average Monthly Strength

Marine		Navy	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
46	180	1	3

4. Important Visitors

- a. None, during this period

B. PART TWO - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew two (2) medevac missions today.

2 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew five (5) medevac missions today, one (1) of them being a night medevac. Capt SNIDER, while on an emergency night medevac received automatic weapons fire. No hits or injuries occurred. Maj MCDONALD led a flight of four (4) aircraft on an emergency night troop lift to Dong Ha.

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3 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area today. The squadron flew ten (10) medevac missions.

4 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew six (6) medevac missions today, one (1) of them being a night medevac.

5 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew five (5) medevac missions today, two (2) of them being night medevacs.

6 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew seven (7) medevac missions today. Major CARROLL, while flying day medevac, received automatic weapons fire. There were no hits or injuries.

7 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew five (5) medevac missions today.

8 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew six (6) medevac missions today.

9 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew five (5) medevac missions today.

10 July 1967 - Normal operations in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew five (5) medevac missions today. Major CARROLL received small arms fire while on an admin run from Scat LZ. No hits or injuries occurred. Capt O'CONNELL, while taxiing in close quarters in the home field parking area, contacted the tail rotor of a parked A/C with his main rotor blades. No injuries occurred.

11 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew four (4) medevac missions today. Major McDONALD, while climbing out from a medevac, received one (1) round through the transmission deck area. There was no further damage and no injuries.

12 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew twelve (12) medevac missions today, four (4) of them being night medevacs. Capt SNIDER, while on an emergency night medevac, received one (1) round through the transmission compartment. There was no further damage to the aircraft and no injuries.

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13 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew two (2) medevacs today, Major THIEN received light small arms fire twice today while flying admin and logistics missions.

14 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew twelve (12) medevac missions today, six (6) of them being night medevacs.

15 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew ten (10) medevac missions today, three (3) of them being night medevacs.

16 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew four (4) medevac missions today. Capt HUGHES received two (2) rounds through the tail cone section of his aircraft while on an admin run.

17 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew seven (7) medevac missions today, three (3) of them being night medevacs.

18 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew eleven (11) medevac missions today, one (1) of them being a night medevac.

19 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew seven (7) medevac missions today, four (4) of them being night medevacs.

20 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew five (5) medevac missions today. LtCol KELLY led a flight on an ARVN strike, lifting a total of two hundred and sixty-seven (267) troops. Capt KRILLA, while on the strike, received one (1) hit in a rotor blade. There was no further damage and no injuries occurred.

21 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of fourteen (14) medevac missions today. Two (2) of them being night medevacs. Capt SIFUENTES, while on a troop lift at Khe Sanh, received automatic weapons fire. There were no injuries.

22 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of nine (9) medevac missions today.

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23 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of seven (7) medevac missions today.

24 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of twelve (12) medevacs, two (2) of them being night medevac missions.

25 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of four (4) medevac missions today two (2) of them being night medevacs. Major THIEN, while on a logistics hop, received small arms fire with no hits taken.

26 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of five (5) medevacs today, two (2) of them being night medevacs.

27 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of three (3) medevac missions today. Capt MYKING, while shut-down at the Dong Ha VIP Pad received 130mm artillery fire. There were no hits.

28 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of nine (9) medevac missions today, three (3) of them being night medevacs.

29 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of six (6) medevac missions today, two (2) of them being night medevacs.

30 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of ten (10) medevac missions today, one (1) of them being a night medevac.

31 July 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. Capt ILZHOFER, while on an admin mission at Scat LZ, experienced a chip detector light (due to internal breakdown of the engine) which caused a forced landing in Socialite LZ with no further damage to the aircraft.

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C. PART THREE - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

a. The squadron experienced an increase in personnel over the month, with twenty-seven (27) people being joined and fourteen (14) being detached. The total number on hand as of 31 July 1967 was fifty (50) officers and one hundred eighty-three (183) enlisted men.

2. Administration

a. During the month, the squadron had two (2) promotions to the rank of First Lieutenant, one (1) to the rank of Staff Sergeant, one (1) to the rank of Sergeant, and one (1) to the rank of Corporal.

3. Awards

a. The following awards were presented during the month of July 1967:

(1) Silver Star

(a) HUGHES, R. C., CAPT., 091695, USMCR

(b) O'CONNELL, G. J., CAPT., 090982, USMCR

(2) Distinguished Flying Cross

(a) GUNNISS, G. H., CAPT., 086268

(3) Navy Commendation Medal

(a) MURRAY, N. M., 1/LT., 092808, USMCR

(b) KLINKER, R. D., CPL., 2108448, USMC

(c) FRY, J. W., GYSGT., 1592282, USMC

(d) DELANEY, W. T., CPL., 2163286, USMC

(e) VAUGHN, J. W., CPL., 2131221, USMC

(f) SACK, R. M., SGT., 2083460, USMC

(g) LOSEMAN, R. A., CPL., 2149738, USMC

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(4) Air Medal

(a) Nine (9) enlisted personnel received there first air medal during this period.

(b) One hundred forty-seven (147) additional Air Medals were also presented.

4. Casualties

a. There were no casualties this month.

5. Civic Action

a. No significant events

6. Morale/Welfare Programs

a. No significant events

7. Information Services

a. Fifty one (51) Hometown News Releases were written this month.

8. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence

a. No significant events

9. Air Operations

a. Flight hours - 1348.8

b. Flights/Sorties - 550/3256

c. Passengers - 4014

d. Cargo - 131.3 short tons

e. Medevacs - 182 missions

10. Special Operations

a. 1-31 July 1967 CUMBERLAND

(1) This squadron participated in Operation Cumberland in admin, logistics, and medevac missions in the area of operation.

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b. 17-31 July 1967 FREMONT

(1) This squadron participated in Operation Fremont in troop carrying, logistics, and medevac missions.

c. 21-31 July 1967 KINGFISHER

(1) This squadron participated in Operation Kingfisher in logistics and troop carrying missions.

11. Training

a. There were six (6) crew chiefs qualified this month.

b. Three gunners were qualified in aerial gunnery school.

12. Ground Defense

a. No significant events

13. Logistics

a. No significant events

14. Motor Transport

a. No significant events

15. Maintenance

a. No significant events

16. Avionics

a. No significant events

17. Base Development

a. New huts were built for the officers of the Squadron and the officers have completed their move across the runway.

b. New bunkers are being completed at this time.

18. Communications/Electronics

a. No significant events

D. PART FOUR - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A. NONE