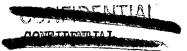
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Marine Aircraft Group 36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFF46
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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART ONE - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- 1. Commanding Officer and Staff
 - Louis W. SCHWINDT, LtCol., Commanding Officer, 1-31 January 1968 William T. LUNSFORD, Major, Executive Officer, 1-31 January 1968 Clarence L. SMITH, Major, Operations Officer, 1-31 January 1968
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 - Franklin D. RICHEY, Major, Logistics Officer, 1-31 January 1968
 - Bernard M. GORDON, 1stLt., Aviation Safety Officer, 1-31 January
 - James L. RIGGS, Major, Maintenance Officer, 1-31 January 1968
 - Robert E. ILZHOEFER, Major, Administration Officer, 1-31 January g.
 - John A. GIDDINGS, Lieutenant, USN (MC), Modical Officer, 1-31 h. January 1968.
 - i. Robert H. BLUHM, Captain, Intelligence Officer, 1-31 January 1968
 - Jac A. CHRISTIANSEN, 1stit., Custodian, S&O Files, 1-31 January 1968.
- 2. Task Organization

Location - Marine Quang Tri A. F., Republic of Vietnam, 1-31 January 1968

3. Average Munthly Strength

Marine

Navy

Officer	<u>Polisted</u>	Officer	<u> Polisted</u>
43	175	1	0

Important Visitors

None, during this reporting period

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B. PART TWO * NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1 January 1968 5 January 1968 HM-163 conducted normal operations in support of the Third Marine Division. The squadron evacuated 68 medevacs in 23 missions, four (4) of which were flown at night. Four (4) recon extract missions were flown during this period.
- 6 January 1968 Normal operations were conducted in the Quang Tri area. Three (3) medevac missions (two at night), accounting for 3 medvacees, were flown. During this period, a section of UH-34D potted approximately 30 vietcong at coordinates YD 285505 and came under fine from same. The flight promptly returned fire and shortly after, called an actillery entire enemy position.
- 7 January 1968 Squadron aircraft conducted normal dight operations in support of the Third Marine Division. Fight (8) receive missions, including one at night, evacuated eight (8) troops from the field. In addition, two (2) recon extracts were flown. A flight of two (2) HMM-163 UH-54D's came under heavy automatic weapons fire at coordinates YD 4057. Both aircraft were hit and the co-pilot of the lead aircraft was wounded.
- 8 January 1966 10 January 1968 Normal operations were conducted in the northern I Coupe area with twelve (12) medevac missions (4 at night), carrying 32 thousand Leing flown.
- 11 January 1969 Johnsary 1968 In the course of this period operations the squadron flow of mederate missions (20 flown at night), carrying 144 medevacs On 17 January, Highbor 1-2, received minor damage to the tail section as a result of an airburst taken while in the GCA protern at Marine Quang Tri airfield.
- 18 January 1968 Normal operations were conducted in the Quang Tri area with squadron aircraft flying 3 medevac missions for a total of 17 casualties evacuated. Highboy 1-2, buno 145787, took 8 hits from enemy automatic weapons fire, receiving scho damage. A corpsman abound the aircraft was wounded during the incident.
- 19 January 1968 HMW-163 continued in support of the Third Marine Division. Eighteen (18) medevac missions (2 night time), evacuating 61 troops, were flown.
- 20 January 1968 Squadron aircraft conducted normal operations in the northern I CORPS area. Twenty six (26) medevac missions were flown evacuating 144 casualties. Highboy 1-2, buno 145804, received echo damage as a result of enemy automatic weapons fire.

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21 January 1968 - 26 January 1968 - Normal operations were flown in support of the Third Marine Division. Sixty-nine (69) medevac missions (27 flown at night) carried 287 casualties. On 24 January 1968, Highboy 3-1. Buno 147168, sustained Echo damage as a result of NVA small arms fire on 25 January. Another Highboy Aircraft, Buno, 145793, experienced loss of power and subsequent engine failure over Dong Ha Airfield. A successful Autorotation was accomplished with no injuries to personnel and no further damage to the Aircraft.

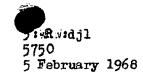
27 January 1968 - NMM-163 continued in support of the Tird Marine Division in the Northern I Corps area. Ten Mederac Missions were flown, evacuating 90 casualties. At approximately 0030 Marine Quang Tri Audicald came under a heavy Rocket attack. Resulting in AS of the Squadron a Atteract suffering language.

28 January 1968 - 31 January 1968 - Normal Flight Sporations were conducted

in the wang Tri area. Thirty-Three Medevac Missions (16 Flown at night) accounted for 196 evaduees. On 30 January 1968, Highboy 3-2, Buno, 148801 received Echo warder from an enemy .30 Cal round.

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C. PART THREE - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

As of 31 Jenuary 1968, forty-three (43) officers and one hundred and seventy-three (173) enlisted men comprised HMv-163. This shows a increas of officers and a decrease of enlisted personnel over the previous month. Three (3) officers and eighteen (18) enlisted were joined during the month.

2. Administration

No significant events

3. Awards

One hundred and fifteen (115) Air medals were awarded during the month.

4. Casualties

Six #IA's were suffered during the month of January.

5. Civic Action

No significant events

6. Morale/Welfare Programs

No significant events

7. Information Services

No significant events

8. Intalligence/Counter Intelligence

No sigificant events

9. Air Operations

- e. Flight Hours 1065.6
- b. Flights/Sorties 726/3307
- c. Passengers 3063
- d. Cargo 147.8
- e. Medevacs 968

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- 10. Special Operations
 None during this reporting period
- 11. Training

 No significant events
- 12. Ground Defense
 No significant events
- No significant events

 No significant events

13. Togistics

- 15. Maintenance

 No significant events
- 16 Avionics

 No signification arouts
- 17. Base Development
 No significant events
- 18. Career Advisery
 No significant events
- D. PART FOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
 None

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