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Eacl: (1) Comment Chronology, 1-31 March 1968

- 1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
- 2. This letter is declassified to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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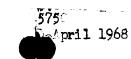
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4. TART OVE - CROANIZATION DATA

- 1. Ochmanding Officer and Staff
 - Louis W. SCHTHET, LtCol., Commanding Officer, 1-31 March 1968
 - Milliam T. LUNSF(RD, Major, Executive Officer, 1-17 March 1968
 - Clarence L. SMITH, Major, L ecutive Officer, 18-31 March 1968
 - Clarence L. SMUTH, Major, Operations Office, 1-17 March 1968 d.
 - Henry L. EISENSON, Major, Operations Officer, 18-31 March 1968
 - Franklin D. RICHEY, Major, Logisties Officer, 1-31 March 1968 ſ.
 - Bernard M. GURRYH, 1stLt, Aviation Safety Officer, 1-17 March 1968
 - Thomas V. BURMS, Captain, Aviation Safety Officer, 18-31 March 1968 h.
 - James L. RJCGS, Major, Maintenance Officer, 1-17 March 1968
 - William S. AI SLEY, Captain, Maintenance Officer, 18-31 March 1968 j.
 - Gerard D. TETU, 1stLt, Administration Officer, 1-31 March 1968
 - John A. GIMINGS, Lieutenant, USN(MC), Medical Officer, 1-31 March 1968
 - Robert H. BLUHM, Captain, Intelligence Officer, 1-23 March 1968
 - Robert W. McILVAIN, 1stLt, Intelligence Officer 24-31 March 1968
 - Jac A. CHRISTIANSEN, 1stLt, Custodian, S&C Files, 1-17 March 1968
 - Christopher N. SHARKEY, 1stLt, Custodian, S&C Files, 18-31 March 1968.
- 2. Task Organization

Location - Marine Quans Tri A.F., Republic of Vietnam, 1-31 March 1968

Average Monthly Strength

Marine		l'a vy	
Officer	Enlisted	<u>Officer</u>	Enlisted
48	171	1	0

Important Visitors 4.

Mone, during this reporting period



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B. PART TWO - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 March 1968 - 6 March 1968 - HMM-163 conducted normal operations in support of the Third Marine Division. The Squadron evacuated 264 medevaes in 68 missions, of these 125 were emergency medevaes. 31.2 tons of eargo and 859 troops/pax were transported by HMM-163.

7 March 1968 - 12 March 1968 - Normal operations were conducted in the Ouang Tri area. HMM-163 flew 61 medevac missions, extracting 215 medevacs, of these 70 were emergency. During this period 4 recon inserts and 3 extracts were flown. HM-163 carried 493 troops/pax and 16.5 tons of cargo.

13 Merch 1968 - Squadron a recraft flew 46.2 hours today in support of Operation Scotland, Kentucky and Lancaster. Fifteen medevac miss ons were flown by HMM-163, while extracting 22 emergency, 22 priority and 4 routine medevacs. While on an emergency medevac from hill 558, at Khe Sanh Highboy 3-1 lifted 9 medevacs out at low fuel state, without ASE making instrument climbout and safe return to Pelta Med at Dong Ha.

14 March 1968 - 15 March 1968 - Conducting normal operations in the Northern J Corps area, HMM-163 flew 81.5 hours. Sixteen medevae missions were flown evacuating 33 emergency, 15 criority and 4 routine medevacs. Highboy 6-1, 6-2 Khe Sanh medevac birds logged a total of 9.4 hours while extracting ten medevacs and 50 troops/pax in 47 sorties flown.

16 March 1968 - 21 March 1968 - HMM-163 continued in support of the Third Marine Division. Seventy-two medevac missions were flown, evacuting 263 casualties.

22 March 1968 - 27 March 1968 - HMM-163 conducted normal operations during this period. The squadron flew 15 medevac missions while evacuating 32 emergency, 58 priority, and 11 routine medevacs. Eight tons of cargo and 295 troops/pax were carried by HMM-163 during this period.

28 March 1968 - 31 March 1968 - Normal operations were conducted in the Cuang Tri area. One hundred twenty-nine (129) casualties were evacuated in 40 missions by HMM-163 aircraft. The squadron carried 367 troops/pax and 16.0 tons of cargo.









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C. PART THREE- SIGHIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

As of 31 March 1968, fourty-eight (48) officer and one hundred and seventy-one (171) enlisted men comprised HMM-163. This shows an increase of officers over the previous month. Thirteen (13) officers and seven (7) enlisted were joined during the month.

2. Administration

No significant Events

3. Awards

Two hundred and sixty-one (261) Air Medals were awarded during the month of March.

4. Casualties

None

5. Civic Action

No significant events

6. Morale/Welfare programs

No significant events

7. Information Services

No significant events

8. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence

No significant events

- 9. Air Operations
 - a. Flight Hours 1284.2
 - b. Flights/Sorties 886/3657
 - c. Passengers 2919
 - d. Cargo 113.1
 - e. Medevacs 1118





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10. Specific Operations

HMM-163 supported Operations Scotland, Kentucky, Lancaster, Saline, Napoleon, and Dyemarker during the month of March 1968.

11. Training
 No significant events

12. Ground Defense
No significant events

13. Logistics

No significant events

14. Motor Transport

No significant events

15. Maintenance

No significant events

16. Avionics

No significant events

17. Base Developments
None

18. Career Advisory

No significant events

D. PART FOUR - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None