

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 163
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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 163

1 - 15 April 1968

MARINE Quang Tri Airfield, Republic of Vietnam

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A. PART ONE - ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff

- a. Louis W. SCHWINDT, LtCol., Commanding Officer, 1-15 April 1968
- b. Robert G. COURTNEY, LtCol., Commanding Officer, 16-30 April 1968
- c. Clarence L. SMITH, Major, Executive Officer, 1-30 April 1968
- d. Henry L. EISENSEN, Major, Operations Officer, 1-22 April 1968
- e. Thomas M. WHEELER, Major, Operations Officer, 23-30 April 1968
- f. Franklin D. RICHEY, Major, Logistics Officer, 1-23 April 1968
- g. Edward T. EGAN, Captain, Logistics Officer, 29-30 April 1968
- h. Thomas V. BURNS, Captain, Aviation Safety Officer, 1-30 April 1968
- i. William S. AINSLEY, Captain, Maintenance Officer, 1-30 April 1968
- j. Gerard P. TETU, 1stLt, Administration Officer, 1-30 April 1968
- k. John A. GIDDINGS, Lieutenant, USN (MC), Medical Officer, 1-30 April 1968
- l. Robert W. McILVAIN, 1stLt, Intelligence Officer, 1-30 April 1968
- m. Christopher N. SHARKEY, 1stLt, Custodian, S&C Files, 1-30 April 1968

2. Task Organization

Location - Marine Quag Tri A. F., Republic of Vietnam, 1-30 April 1968

3. Average Monthly Strength

Marine		Navy	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
46	149	1	0

4. Important Visitors

None during this reporting period

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B. PART TWO - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 April 1968 - 5 April 1968 - HMM-163 conducted normal operations in support of the Third Marine Division. The squadron evacuated 148 medevacs in 45 missions, of these 59 were emergency, 60 priority, and 29 routine. The squadron also lifted 3.5 tons of cargo and 141 troops/pax.

6 April 1968 - 10 April 1968 - Normal operations were conducted in the Quang Tri area. HMM-163 flew 46 medevac missions extracting 111 emergency, 116 priority, and 46 routine. Three hundred and fifty-five (355) troops/pax and 8.2 tons of cargo were transported by HMM-163.

At XD 803409, located in the Khe Sanh Taor, Highboy flight 7-1, lifted out 9 emergency and 9 priority medevacs. Both aircraft received mortars in the zone, slightly damaging the second aircraft. The medevacs were taken to "C" Med and later the 10 worst cases were flown to Delta Med at Dong Ha. None of the crew members were injured in the execution of the mission, which was undertaken with no fixed or UH-1E support.

11 April 1968 - 15 April 1968 - HMM-163 flew in support of the Third Marine Division in the Northern I Corps area. During this time the squadron transported 150 troops/pax and 5.4 tons of cargo. HMM-163 flew 34 medevac missions lifting 61 emergency, 70 priority and 37 routine medevacs.

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C. PART THREE - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

As of 30 April 1968, Fifty (50) officers and one hundred and fifty (150) enlisted men comprised HMM-163. This shows a decrease of enlisted personnel over the previous month. Two Officers and 4 enlisted were joined during the month.

2. Administration

No significant events

3. Awards

One DFC and eighteen (18) Purple Hearts were awarded during the month of April 1968.

4. Casualties

HMM-163 had eight (8) casualties during the month of April 1968

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 - 1247.6
- b. Flights/Sorties - 816/3635
- c. Passengers - 2188
- d. Cargo - 62.7
- e. Medevacs - 1311

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10. Specific Operations:

HMM-163 flew 1265 sorties, 431.8 hours, in support of Operations Lancaster, Scotland II, Pegasus, Rice, Napoleon, Kentucky, and Saline. HMM-163 also carried 646 troops/pax and 17.1 tons of cargo.

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

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16 April 1968 - 20 April 1968 - HMM-163 conducted normal operations during this time period. The squadron flew 69 medevac missions evacuating 133 emergency, 84 priority, and 27 routine. HMM-163 also lifted 5.7 tons of cargo and 282 troops/pax.

21 April 1968 - 25 April 1968 - HMM-163 conducted normal operations in support of the Third Marine Division during this period. The squadron carried 588 troops/pax and 22.6 tons of cargo. HMM-163 evacuated 39 emergency, 75 priority, and 47 routine medevacs while flying 48 medevac missions.

26 April 1968 - 30 April 1968 - HMM-163 conducted normal operations in the Quang Tri area by flying 67 medevac missions evacuating 77 emergency, 139 priority, and 74 routine. The squadron also transported 604 troops/pax and 15.9 tons of cargo.

Mission number 102P, Highboy medevac, a single UH-34D received small arms fire, mortars and automatic weapons fire in a medevac zone at XD 1736 while lifting from the zone with a full load of medevacs. The aircraft took a total of seven hits but no injuries to the crew or medevacs. The aircraft continued to Dong Ha completing the mission and returned to Quang Tri thereafter.

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10. Specific Operations:

HMM-163 flew 1877 sorties, 1611.0 hours, in support of Operations Lancaster, Scotland II, Pegasus, Rice, Napoleon, Kentucky, and Saline. HMM-163 also carried 1425 troops/pax and 44.6 tons of cargo.

11. Training

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