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1. In accordance with reference (a), the subject report is submitted as enclosure (1).

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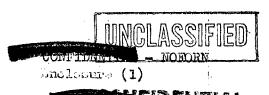
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ХO	MAJ. A. B. COLBERT
XO	maj. R. H. Nelson
	CAPT. R. H. WARWOCK
5-2	CAPT. H. M. TIMMONS
S - 3	maj. J. T. Langley
S-4	maj. D. C. brodke
LAINT	Capt. R. G. Sousa
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- 15 September 1967 15 September 1967 5 January 1968 20 November 1967 20 November 1967
 - 14 August 1967 26 August 1967
 - 28 D.comber 1967
- 25 October 1967
- 2. HMM-164, Phu Bai, Viet Nam, 1 January 1968 through 31 January 1968.
- 3. Average monthly strength Officers: 37 Enlisted: 165
- 4. Important visitors to the Command: None

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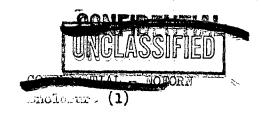
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ART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING REFORTING PERIOD 1 JANUARY 1968 TO 31 JANUARY 1968

1 January 1968

On 1 January 1968 2dLt. D. T. JONES departed the squadron for TAD to JEST School at Cubi Point, R.P.I..

On 2 January 1968 Captain J. K. LOWER led a two plane section in resupplying Hills 861 and 881 at Kho Sanh. These aircraft also flow several recon overflights for the 26th Marines.

On 3 January 1968 Major F. E. WIRKUS carried two Marine medevacs to Phu Bai from YD-548282. 主持教育是

On 4 January 1968 Major A. B. COLBERT departed the squadron for rotation to CONUS.

Major D. F. BRODIE led two sircraft in lifting 20,200 lbs. of resupply hills 881 and 861 at Khe Sanh.

Captain R. G. SOUSA carried one emergency ARVN medevac from YD-734134 to Hue Hospital.

On 5 January 1968 Captain R. G. SOUSA carried one Marine KIA from YD-820179 to Phu Bai, two ARVN WIA's from YD 682335 to Hue City Hospital, and two Vietnamese civilians from YDO41023 to Hue City Hospital.

On 6 January 1968 Major D. F. BRODIE led two aircraft in carrying 7,000 lbs. of resupply to Hills 881 and 861 at Khe Sanh.

Captain R. E. GODWIN led two aircraft in lifting 27 Marines from Camp Evans to YD339509.

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Captain J. R. LOWER carried eight ARVN medevacs from YD841323 and YD826314 to Hue City Hospital.

On 7 January 1968 Captain R. A. RIGSBEE departed the squauron for ... TAD to JEST School at Cubi Pt., R.P.I..

Captain R. E. GODNIN lifted 16 Marine modevees from NAILBRUSH!Sat

Captain J. T. BUTIER recoived extensive small arms fire from YD425493 resulting in severe battle damage to his aircraft and mino! injury to one Marine passenger. .

Captain T. A. BOWDITCH attempted to carry emergency resupply ammo to the Marines at Phu Loc in support of operation COVE. Due to poor communication with the ground forces, darkness and marginal

weather conditions, the mission was aborted contain R. G. SOUSA launched after dark from Quang Tri to cary 20 U. S. modevacs from YD182736. He received heavy ground fire aroute and was hampered by manginal weather.

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On 8 January 1968 Captain T. A. BOWDITCH carried four US medevacs from YD 516310 to Phu Bai.

Major D. C. BRODIE carried six US medevacs from XD794417 and XD785409 to the Khe Sanh hospital.

On 10 January 1968 Captain J. K. LOWER carried two US medevacs from YD855131 and ZCO77987 to Phu Bai and eight ARVN wounded from XD840213 and Quang Tri Stadium to Hue Citadel hospital.

On 11 January 1968 2nd/Lt D. T. JONES returned from JEST School to the squadron.

Major D. C. BRODIE led two aircraft in carrying 8350 lbs to Hills 881 and 861 at Khe Sanh.

On 12 January 1968 Major F. E. WIRKUS led two aircraft on the insertions of recon teams, Swift Scout, Jaw Breaker, Albatross and Lunga Point in the Phu Bai TAOR.

Captain J. K. LOWER medevaced three Marines from YL068970 to Phu Bai.

On 13 January 1968 1st/Lt H. J. CIPOLLA was transferred from the squadron to HEMS 36.

Captain R. G. SOUSA led two aircraft on a resupply of Marines on Operation Cove in Phu Loc, carrying 25000 lbs and 43 Marines.

Major E. T. LANGLEY inserted recon team Thin Man and extracted teams West Orange, Senator and Check Pool in the Phu Bai TAOR.

Captain T. A. BOWDITCH carried one US emergency medevac from YD491333, receiving fire in the zone, but taking no hits.

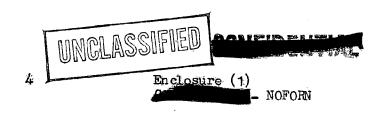
On 12 January 1968 1st/Lt T. C. MILLER departed the squadron for rotation to CONUS.

Major E. T. LANGLEY carried one US medevac from YD734434 to Phu Bai. Captain T. A. BOWDITCH led two aircraft on the emergency extraction of recon team Albatross from YD408208. Fire was received in the zone but was neutralized by the aircraft's .50 caliber guns and no hits were received.

Captain R. G. SOUSA led two aircraft on the emergency extraction of Lunga Point at YD784074, receiving fire in the zone and expending 200 rounds of . 50 cal. fire.

On 15 January 1968 Major D. C. BRODIE Launched seven times on the day medevac carrying three ARVN and eight US medevacs from the Phu Bai TAOR.

Captain R. E. GODWIN led two aircraft lifting 8800 lbs and 40 US troops to Hills 230 and 180 from Phu Bai.



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Captain T. A. BOWDITCH led the nate medevac in lifting two US wounded from YD503323. Heavy automatic weapons fire was received from YD610270 and YD670270. Fire was returned by the helicopters. 50 calls accounting for three enemy KIA's. No hits were received.

On 16 January 1968 Ist/Lt S. T. HASTINGS checked into the squadron from VMCJ-3, MAG-33.

Major F. E. WIRKUS Ied two aircraft in lifting 8350 lbs of cargo to Marines at Phu Loc.

LtCol. R. F. RICK carried 12000 lbs to Hills 180 and 230.

On 18 January 1968 Major R. H. NEISON launched the nite modevace to AT898958. His wingman, Captain R. E. GODWIN, went inadvertant IFR enroute and returned to Phu Bai. Major NEISON made several approaches to the zone but was unable to make the pick up due to low coiling and poor visibility. The Scarface HUEY chase went inadvertant IFR and was lost at sea at AT897962. Major NEISON returned to Phu Bai IFR.

Major D. C. BRODIE led two aircraft to lift Navy frogmen into the sight of the medevac HUEY's crash. The main section of the HUEY could not be located.

On 20 January 1968 Major D. C. BRODIE 1ed two aircraft in a resupply to the Marines at Phu Loc. They carried 4900 1bs and 15 Marines.

Captain T. A. BOWDITCH inserted recon teams Chiropractor and Parasol at YD410284 and YD479241.

On 21 January 1968 Captain J. T. BUTLER carried four US and five ARVN modevacs in from the Phu Bai TAOR.

Major D. C. BRODIE carried 23 US and 3 ARVN medevacs out of Khe Sanh. Khe Sanh was taking incoming mortars and rockets at the time, however no damage was sustained by our aircraft.

Major F. E. WIRKUS led two aircraft on an emergency resupply to Kho Sanh lifting 2500 lbs and 4 passengers. They received airbursts going into Kho Sanh and Kho Sanh received incoming while the section was on the deck, however no damage was sustained by our aircraft.

On 22 January 1968 1st/Lt M. W. SCHEFFLER departed the squadron for TAD at JEST School, Cubi Point, R.P.I.

Captain T. A. BOWDITCH led a two plane section on an emergency troop lift from Camp Evans to Khe Sanh. They lifted 254 troops in four trips, taking automatic weapons fire going in and coming out. Fire was returned with 150 rounds of .50 caliber fire and no hits were received. Khe Sanh was still taking incoming rounds.

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Major D. C. BRODIE launched twice on the nite medevac carrying one ARVN and one US wounded.

Major R. H. NELSON launched a two plane section to aid in the offloading of the SLF from Belmont Park to Camp Evans. 2200 lbs and 15 Marines were carried.

On 23 January 1968 Captain T. A. BOWDITCH launched on four day medovac missions carrying 18 ARVN wounded and seven US from the Phu Bai TAOR.

Major F. E. WIRKUS carried 10 ARVN and 3 US modevacs from the Phu Bai TAOR.

On 24 January 1968 LitCol. R. F. RICK led two aircraft on the inserts of recon teams Musk Ox, Pony Boy, Fast Day, Potrify and the extracts of teams Mad Hatter, Thin Man, Constitution, Panama Hat, Delmar, Hinderance, Albatrose, Chiropractor in the Phu Bai TAOR.

On 25 January 1968 Major R. H. NELSON led two aircraft on the emergency extraction of recon teams Quizmaster at YD780055. Fire was received in the zone and 200 rounds of .50 caliber fire was returned. No hits were received.

Captain T. A. BOWDITCH lifted 14 ARVN and 2 US medevacs out of the Phu Bai TAOR.

On 26 January 1968 Major D. C. BRODIE and 1stLt J. L. MONROE resupplied the Camp Evans TAOR lifting 24700 lbs and 176 US troops. Major E. T. LANGLEY launched on a nite emorgency medevac lifting one ARVN wounded out of YD962066. He received fire going into the zone but sustained no hits.

On 27 January 1968 Captain R. C. SOUSA carried resupply to the Marines in the Dong Ha area lifting 14500 lbs and II US troops.

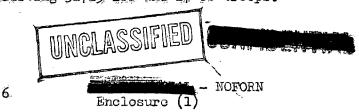
Major F. E. WIRKUS led a two aircraft section carrying troops and cargo to elements of the 26th Marines in the Rho Sanh area. They carried 40500 lbs and 67 US troops, despite ground fire and incoming nortar, rocket and artillery, neither aircraft was damaged.

On 28 January 1968 Major D. C. BRODIE, working for Reaction "A". carried 135 troops to Camp Carrol and 21000 lbs of cargo to Con Thien. Despite small arms fire, no hits were sustained.

Major E. T. LANGLEY carried 7000 lbs and 184 US troops from YD335488

to Phu Bai with a three plane section.

Major A. H. NELSON and Captain J. W. BARNES worked in the Khe Sanh area logging 21.6 flight hours and lifting 32725 lbs and 27 US troops.



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Despite continuous incoming rounds and small arms fire, no hits were sustained by either aircraft.

LtCol. R. F. RICK led a two plane section on the insetts of recon teams Purple Heart, War Cloud, Panama Hat, Stone Pit, Madhatter, Pearl Chest and the extracts of teams Musk Ox, West Orange, Senator, and Fast Day.

On 29 January 1968 Major E. T. LANGLEY led two aircraft on an emergency extract (9 passengers) at YD29 5526 to DELTA MED. Major LANGLEY also lifted 3800 lbs of cargo to Quang Tri.

Captain R. E. GODWIN led two aircraft on an emergency extract of recon teams Madhatter at YD 785065. Automati • weapons fire was received and 100 rounds of .50 caliber was returned. No hits were sustained by the aircraft. Two wounded were dropped at ALPHA LED, Phu Bai.

On 30 January 1968 Captain R. G. SOUZA led two aircraft to Dong Ha LSA and shuttled personnel and cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh, Lang Ve, Camp Carrol and Quang Tri. While resupplying Khe Sanh the section took mortar and rocket fire, but no hits were received.

LtCol J. A. REAMES led two aircraft from Recon Pad 401 to the Wing Pad and Marble Mountain. LtCol. R. M. RICK led two aircraft from the Division Pad YD380145 to YD257608 (LZ BIME BIRD) and Quang Tri carrying 2200 lbs of cargo and 72 passengers.

Major D. C. BRODIE led two aircraft to Quang Tri and Dong Ha lifting 45 passengers. Small arms fired was received enrout, but there were no hits received.

Major D. C. BRODIE led two sircraft on modevac shuttle involving three trips to DELTA MED and two trips to the USS REPOSE lifting 57 passengers.

Major D. C. BRODIE led two aircraft carrying 69 passengers and 3450 lbs of cargo.

At 0330, the Phu Bai Combat Base came under mortar and rocket attack. During the attack, one enlisted tent of this squadron took a direct hit from an ememy 1221M rocket, destroying the tent and damaged three adjoining tents. There were 9 WIA suffered. None serious.

On 31 January 1968 LtCol REARES led a flight of two aircraft on an emergency modevac mission. They received fire at YD773221 and YD717245. No hits were received.

HiM_164 carried 23 emergency medevacs, 46 Priority medevacs and 10 Routine medevacs on this day.



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PART III - MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. PERSONNEL: 25 men joined the squadron and 21 departed the organization.
- 2. AWARDS: NONE
- 3. CASUALTIES:

NAME	RANK	SERNO	WIA/KIA	DATE
ALLEN, Paul L.	LCpl	2327180	WIA	30 Jan 68
ESAU, Wayne L.	Sgt	2129744	18	Ħ
HUTTO, John F.	Cpl	2110913	, 11	11
KELLY, George A.	Sgt	1963889	12	· 11
MINICK, David R.	Sgt	2116654	11	12
MOUNT, Gregory A.	Cpl	2151484	11	n
PLOWMAN, David L.	Cpl	2213024	T#	11
RODDY, John A. Jr.	Cpl	2145404	12	Ħ
SCHALLER, Norbert W.	Sgt	2078212	11	11

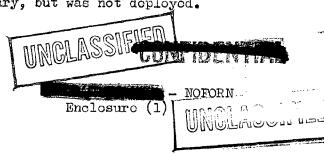
- 4. INFORMATIONAL SERVICES: The ISO, Captain R. C. ROSSER, sont out 25 news releases during this reporting period.
- 5. INTELLIGENCE/COUNTER INTELLIGENCE:

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6. AIR OPERATIONS:

Total Hours Flown;	833•6 2684
Number of sortics flown:	2684
Anount of cargo carried:	215.4 Tons
Number of Medical Evacuations Flown:	76
Number of Passengers carried:	3814

7. GROUND DEFENSE: This squadron's reaction platoon was alerted several times during the month of January, but was not deployed.



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8. Breakdown of Fire Incidents with respect to Altitude:

Incidents	A/C Hit	Altitude
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N/A	N/A	500-999
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9	NONE	1500+

- 9. TRAINING: Sixteen (16) Aerial Gunners were qualified during the month. Five (5) officers were sent to JEST School in the Philippine Islands. One (1) officer departed for a one month Embarkation School on Okinawa.
- 10. NATE TAL: The annual inventory required by COMMAVAIRPACINST AAAO. 38 was completed and submitted. This report was not submitted in August 1967. The change of Material Officers inventory was completed and a report submitted to the Commanding Officer.

Another revised Individual Material Readiness List was revised for requirements and those requirements have been requisitioned.

- 11. MAGNATION: Actual Embarkation Data Report was prepared and turned into MAG-36 Embarkation on 10 January 1968. Embarkation OIC and NCO are starting to prepare the squadron to be in a state of readiness for embarking aboard ship in March. Lack of paint and materials have been the main reason for a slow start in getting prepared to mount-out. A new squadron order is in the process of being published on Standard Embarkation Operating Procedures and will be of invaluable assistance for proper embarkation procedures.
- 12. HARTYE CORPS PROPERTY: A complete re-organization of the Marine Corps Property storage area has been completed. Boxes are being built and painted to prepare us for embarkation. We are presently short of and have on order: Flak jackets, blankets, M-14 magazine pouches, knives, forks and spoons, jungle boots and sleeping bags. Any turn-ins of excess gear in these areas would be appreciated.

13. MAINTENANCE

Average Aircraft Availability per day	11
Number of aircraft transferred	2
Received	7
Modified	0
At PAR	7
Sent to MOD	0
Received from MOD	0
Inspected	11

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14. AVIONICS: During the month of January most of the manhours were expended on Calendar Inspections working off miner discrepancies involving safety wiring, tightening loose connections, cleaning and inspecting various components of electrical equipment. Of the 2288 assigned manhours, approximately one third of the assigned manhours were utilized on these action taken codes. Approximately 385 MAF's were processed and the most frequent job performed concerned the Torque System of the aircraft.

There were 26 of these work orders issued and the majority of these were one time occurances.

The second highest discrepancy was concerning various burned out light bulbs and battery failures. However the most time consuming discrepancies were T-5 problems. All of these were concerned with system failures.

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