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Marine Aircraft Group 36

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To: Commanding Officer, 31st Marine Amphibious Unit

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 June to 30 June 1972

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>STAFF OFFICERS</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Commanding Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	LTCOL E. C. HERTBERG
Executive Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ D. J. MOORE
Operations Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ D. C. BRODIE
Administrative Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	CAPT J. B. MURRAY
Personal Affairs	1-30 Jun 1972	CAPT R. L. CALLIHAN
Maintenance Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ F. S. BELL
Logistics Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ T. W. TOLER
Intelligence Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	1STLT J. W. BERGMAN
Personal Services Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	1STLT R. H. DOUGHERTY
NATOPS Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	CAPT R. T. SARLES
Safety Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ H. A. MAKEEVER

Location: 1-7 June 1972, USS Okinawa (LPH-3) Subic Bay. 8-10 June 1972, USS Okinawa (LPH-3) enroute and arrived MR-1 RVN. 11-30 June 1972, USS Okinawa (LPH-3) MR-1 RVN.

Average Monthly Strength:	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>OFF/ENL</u> 58/249	<u>OFF/ENL</u> 1/2	<u>OFF/ENL</u> 0/0	<u>OFF/ENL</u> 59/251

Important Visitors: General R. E. CUSHMAN, Commandant, United States Marine Corps, 16 June 1972.

Awards: Air Crew Combat Wings - Three

Promotions: To Staff Sergeant - One
To Sergeant - Seven
To Corporal - Twelve
To Lance Corporal - Nine
To Private First Class - Two

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1 - 7 Jun - Local day and night training was conducted from NAS, Cubi Point to include day and night instrument and familiarization operations. Missions were flown in conjunction with BLT 1/4 including range sweeps, ammo and a one company lift insertion of FAC teams, and medevac standby. During the in-port period, the HERS System components were exercised and determined to be fully operational.
- 8 Jun - Squadron, aboard USS Okinawa (LPH-3), departed NB, Subic Bay for MR-1, RVN
- 9 - 10 Jun - Squadron conducted Safety Standdown. Training was conducted for both officers and enlisted in preparation for arrival MR-1. Two CH-53's and crews returned to HMM-164 from TAD with HMM-165 on USS Tripoli.
- 10 Jun - Chopped from 33rd MAU to 31st MAU and Commanding Officer, HMM-164 relinquished Command of 33rd MAU effective 101600Z June 1972.
- 11 Jun - One UH-1E was lost at sea due to probable engine failure. Uneventful rescue was made of crew by USS Okinawa's small boat. One medevac was lifted from DD-845 to USS Okinawa.
- 12 Jun - Two aircraft were sent to Phu Bai carrying MAU and squadron personnel to a planning conference.
- 14 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in DaNang and Hue.
- 15 Jun - Two medevacs were conducted by squadron aircraft: (1) DD-845 to USS Okinawa, (2) USS Manitowoc to DaNang.
- 16 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in DaNang and Hue.
- 17 Jun - Two CH-46's assisted in transporting CMC and Staff during visit of MR-1. Squadron personnel were addressed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General R. E. CUSHMAN.
- 19 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in Hue, along with MAU staff.
- 21 Jun - Two priority medevacs were carried from USS Cayuga to USS Okinawa.
- 22, - 23 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in Hue, along with MAU staff.

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25 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in Hue, along with MAU staff.

29 - 30 Jun - Operation "LAM SON - 72" (SONG THAN 9-72), commenced on 29 June with a helo assault involving HMM-164/HMM-165, "F" Troop, 4th Air Cav. and two battalions of the 258th BDE., First VNMC Div., supported by NGF, VNMC Arty., and U. S. Air Force B-52 strikes and close air support. A single assault wave of helo aircraft included 18 H-46's, 6 H-53's, and 3 H-1's of HMM-164/HMM-165 lifting 720 troops into each landing zone, with interval of 11 minutes between first aircraft in and last aircraft out of the zone. This squadron lifted 769 passengers and flew 99 sorties, amounting to 52.3 hours of flight time for the 29th. Ten H-46's, 3 H-53's, and 1 H-1 from HMM-164 participated in the lift while 1 H-53 and 1 H-1, acted as spare aircraft. Escort and landing zone support were provided by 6 Cobra's, 2 LOH's, and 1 H-1 from the "F" Troop, 4th Air Cav. Fire was received in both zones. One aircraft received one small arms round in the cockpit, resulting in no injury. A total of 650 rounds of .50 caliber ammo were expended by HMM-164.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Significant Events

1 - 7 Jun 72 - Continuation of local training at Cubi Point and support of BLT 1/4 operations afield.

8 Jun 72 - Depart Cubi Point.

9 - 10 Jun 72 - Safety Standdown; detachment of 2 CH-53 return from HMM-165.

10 Jun 72 - Chopped from 33rd MAU to 31st MAU.

11 Jun 72 - One UH-1E lost at sea.

12 Jun 72 - Planning conference at Phu Bai.

14 Jun 72 - Planning conference in DaNang and Hue.

16 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.

17 Jun 72 - CMC visit to MR-1.

19 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.

21 Jun 72 - Medevac

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22 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.
23 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.
25 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.
27 Jun 72 - Communication equipment for support of "LAM SON - 72"
(SONG THAN 9-72) inserted North of Hue.
29 Jun 72 - Operation "LAM SON - 72" (SONG THAN 9-72).

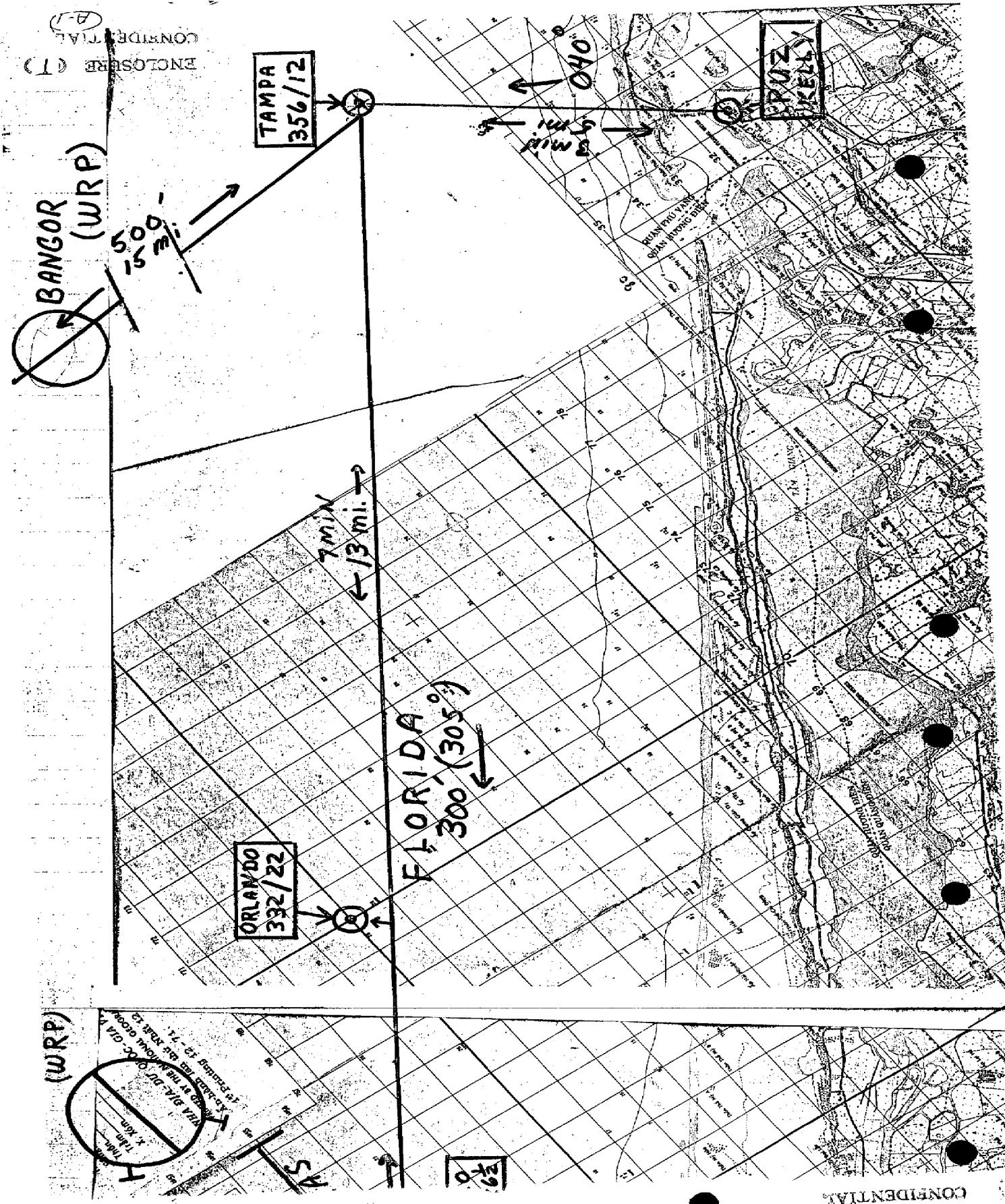
2. Marine of the Month for June 1972: Corporal Michael R. EASTEP.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Appendix A - Map of Operation Area, assault landing zones, and route structure; preliminary congratulatory messages and helo timetable for "LAM SON - 72" (SONG THAN 9-72).
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2. Appendix B - Statistical Summary 1-30 June 1972.

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APPENDIX A

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1st Lift

HELO Time Table

Flight Separation 150 SEC.
L/H HOUR 0900

FLIGHT	NO. + PIC	DECK	DEPART				HOLD	DEPART	IN	ARR	REMARKS
			LAUNCH	WRP	Tampa	Kelly					
10-1	Trip							WRP	-	-	Airborne
Lady Ace	2H46	LPH 100735	0737	-	-	-					ON DECK
2-1	OKI							ORLANDO 00832			ACTUAL LZ TIME
Spanish Fly	6H46	LPH 30720	0722	0730	0815		-	-	Miami 0856:30	0900 0915	0918
"	1-1	1H-1	LPH 30645	0849	0808	0815	ARRIVED P.LZ WACO	-	-	-	KELLY
1-2										0940	
Lady Ace	1H-1	LPH 100645	"	"	"	-	-	-	-	"	L-4048
3-1								ORLANDO 0838			0828
Spanish Fly	6H46	LPH 30804	0806	0814	0822		-	-	WACO 0857:30	0902:30 0918	
4-1								0856:30			FO
Lady Ace	6H46	LPH 100810	0812	0820	0828		-	-	ORLANDO	0905 0920	ADDITIONAL
1-3		LPH 30645	-	ARRIVED							KELLY
Spanish Fly	1H-1	Tan my	0815	ORLANDO 0825	-	-	-	ORLANDO	0930	-	0940
"											
5-1	1H53	LKA 116	0816	0818	0826	0839	-	-	Tampa 0852	0907:30 0923	TAC
"		PT 0									
5-2	"	" LSD 31	"	"	"	"	-	-	"	"	A. IR
"											
5-3	"	" LST 116	"	"	"	"	-	-	"	"	PREP
Lady Ace	6-1	"	Blue Ridge	Lee 19	0827	0829	0837	0850	-	"	0851:30 0910 0925 0917
"											
6-2	"	" ISLE NECTAR	"	"	"	"	-	-	"	"	
"											
6-3	"	" LKA 115	"	"	"	"	-	-	"	"	
Spanish Fly	11-1	1H53	LPH 30845	Tan my	0838						ON DECKS ARE

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Hello Time Table

Flight Separation 150 sec
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L/H Hour TAB

FLIGHT No. & Type	Deck Number	DEPART		IN HOLD	OUT HOLD	ARR L/H	Remarks
		TIME	TIME				
2-1 Spanish Fly	6 H 46 LPH 3 00						
11 1-1 1H-1	11 00						
Lady Ace 1-2	1H-1 LPH 10 00						
5-1 Spanish Fly	1H 46 " 05						
5-2	" LSD 31 10						
5-3	11 180 1ST 10						
Lady Ace 6-1	1H 53 Blue Ridge 15						
Lady Ace 6-2	1H 53 Tady 15						
" 6-3	1H 53 LKA 15 15						
1-3 Spanish Fly	1H-1 LPH 3 25						
3-1 Spanish Fly	1H-1 LPH 3 15						
Lady Ace	2H 46 LPH 10 30						

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0 290345Z JUN 72
FM CTF SEVEN SIX
TO TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
TG SEVEN SIX PT SEVEN
TG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
TG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN
ZEN/USN BLUE RIDGE
INFO ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
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1. YOUR PERFORMANCE THIS MORNING WAS THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL. ALL HANDS SHOULD TAKE PRIDE IN THIS NEWEST DEMONSTRATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR NAVY MARINE TEAM IN SUPPORT OF THE VNVCASHORE.
2. A PARTICULAR KUDO TO THE TWO EXPERTLY ORGANIZED AND PRECISELY EXECUTED LZ INSERTION OPERATIONS OF HMM-164 AND HMM-165 AND PARTICULARLY TO THE LEADERSHIP OF LCOL MURTEER G.
3. BRAVO ZULU SIGNED GADDIS.

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ZOC
P 290640Z JUN 72
FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
TO ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN
INFO ZEN/CTU SEVEN NINE PT FOUR PT TWO
ZEN/CTU SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN PT TWO
RPAR SGG/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE
RUMRABA/CTF SEVEN NINE
RUMOBNA/CTU SEVEN NINE PT THREE PT FIVE
BT
UNCLAS E/F T O FOHO // 167001
1. OUTSTANDING AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY FOR OPERATIONS THIS DATE IS
ELIGIBLE STATEMENT TO HIGH PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE OF MAINTENANCE AND
SUPPLY PERSONNEL OF HN 164 AND HN 165.
2. WELL DONE
3. BOB MILLER SENIOR.

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O 300632Z JUN 72
 FM SENIOR MARINE ADVISOR
 TO CTF SEVEN SIX
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN
 CTF SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

INFO CMC
 CINCPAC CFLT

CONSEVENT HALT
 CG FM FFPAC
 CTF SEVEN NINE / III MAF
 FRAC (HUE)
 CMAVADV GP (SMA)

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1. OPERATION SONG THAN 9/72 HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY INITIATED AS A MILITARY REGION ONE CORPS OPERATION TO RETAKE THE MAJOR PORTIONS OF QUANG TRIN PROVINCE.

2. THE COMMANDANT VNNMC IS GREATLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE SUPERLATIVE SUPPORT PROVIDED THE VNNMC WHICH ENABLED THEIR OFFENSIVE TO BE LAUNCHED WITH SUCH A SUCCESS. THE DEVASTATINGLY ACCURATE PREP FIRES BY NAVAL GUN FIRE IMMENSELY AIDED THE VNNMC ATTACK. THE MULTI-BATTALION HELIBORN ASSAULTS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE 9TH MAB WITH THE PROFESSIONAL SHELLS, COURAGEOUS PERFORMANCE, AND TIMELINESS WHICH ALLOWED VNNMC FORCES TO BE SUCCESSFULLY INSERTED AND BLOCK THE ENEMY NORTHERN ROUTE OF EGRESS.

3. THE COMMANDANT VNNMC EXPRESSES A GREAT THANK YOU AND WELL DONE TO ALL THOSE US FORCES WHOSE SKILLS MADE THE LAUNCHING OF THIS MAJOR OFFENSIVE POSSIBLE.

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APPENDIX B

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1-30 JUNE 1972

<u>A/C</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
CH-46	<u>218</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>1694</u>	<u>24.3</u>	<u>297.6</u>
CH-53	<u>64</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>1035</u>	<u>59.2</u>	<u>107.2</u>
UH-1E	<u>34</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>37.5</u>
TOTAL	<u>316</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>2743</u>	<u>83.6</u>	<u>442.3</u>

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