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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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(b) NAVMC 1110 United States Marine Corps Staff Manual
(c) MCO P5215.1C
(d) 1st MAWO 5750.1A

Encl: (1) HMM-361 Command Chronology, 1 - 31 August 1967

1. In accordance with references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is herewith submitted.

2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1).

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DONG HA AIR FIELD
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commander and Staff

Commanding Officer	Major Horace A. BRUCE
Executive Officer	Major Marion R. GREEN
Operations Officer	Major Charles C. EGGER
Maintenance Officer	Captain Eric J. COADY
Logistics Officer	Captain James T. MAGEE
Administrative Officer	Major Gerald L. JOHNSON

2. Inclusive Dates and Location

1-31 August 1967: DONG HA Airfield, Republic of Vietnam

3. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>		<u>ENL</u>
39		170	1	0

4. Important Visitors

Major General Norman J. ANDERSON, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and Brigadier General R. P. KELLER, Assistant Wing Commander.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

9 August: Capt. M. V. GRIFFITH and his wingman, Lt. B. L. GILLASPIE, received light sniper fire from YD 196818 while on a photography mission. Capt. GRIFFITH's aircraft received two hits, and Lt. GILLASPIE's aircraft received one hit. No one was injured and the mission was completed.

12 August: Capt. L. DELMORE and his wingman, Capt. J. R. ELKINS, received light sniper fire from YD 715255 while on a night med-evac mission.

13 August: Maj. C. H. F. EGGER, while leading a division on a morning strike, received light sniper fire from YD 530480. The aircraft received two hits. No one was injured and the mission was completed.

23 August: Lt. B. L. GILLASPIE, while returning from a early morning med-evac, received light sniper fire from YD 221613. The aircraft received three hits but no one was injured.

25 August: Capt. W. J. MCSHANE, while on an afternoon med-evac, received light sniper fire from YD 298735.

27 August: Capt. T. S. SIGLER, while on an afternoon resupply mission, received several mortar rounds from YD 970497, while in the landing zone. The aircraft was hit seven times, but no one was injured and the mission was completed.

28 August: Capt. L. B. McDONOUGH, while on an afternoon resupply mission received one mortar round in the zone at YD 211731.

29 August: Capt. G. W. CUNNINGHAM, while on an early evening resupply mission, received light sniper fire from YD 240610.

31 August: Capt. L. DELMORE, while on an afternoon med-evac, received light sniper fire from YD 275500.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

28 August: Dong Ha Air Field and HMM-361 came under heavy enemy artillery and rocket fire at 0605H, 1133H, and 1845H. The Dong Ha complex received a total of 204 enemy artillery and rocket rounds. Damage to squadron aircraft was moderate with one aircraft completely destroyed by a direct hit. The squadron suffered the following WIA's:

L/Cpl David D. BENOIT
Cpl Thomas G. BURKE
Sgt David D. CLASPELL
L/Cpl Tommy C. THOMPSON
L/Cpl Raymond L. VALDEZ
PFC Larry L. WILCKENS

Sgt. John N. BRANDENBURG, while visiting Marble Mountain Air Facility, was wounded during an enemy attack on that base on the early morning of the 28th.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING EVENTSOPERATIONS

1. Total Flight Hours	1315.2
2. Total Sorties Flown	5194
3. Total MEDEVACs	998
4. Total Cargo Carried	562 Tons
5. Total Passengers Carried	3957

INTELLIGENCE

1. Five aircraft received 15 hits from enemy fire.
2. There were six no hit fire incidents reported.
3. Seven WIA's
4. There was 1 spot report.

LOGISTICS

1. AOCP Resume:	a. Total Submitted:	153
	b. Total Filled:	134
	c. Outstanding:	15
	d. Cancelled:	4
2. ANFE Resume:	a. Total Submitted:	22
	b. Total Filled:	19
	c. Outstanding:	3
	d. Cancelled:	0
3. AV-GAS Resume:	a. Total Av-Gas Cost:	\$17,083.98
	b. Gallons Utilized:	100,494
4. AV-OIL Resume:	a. Total Av-Oil Cost:	\$1,650.00
	b. Total Drums Utilized:	60

AWARDS

1. 1 Navy Commendation Medal; 2 Purple Hearts; 295 Air Medals

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