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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMFPac
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology Report
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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Squadron Commander and Staff, with inclusive dates occupying assigned billets:

Commanding Officer	11 Feb - 29 Feb 1968 LtCol. F. E. ALLGOOD
Executive Officer	11 Feb - 29 Feb 1968 Maj. D. W. HOFFERT
Operations Officer	11 Feb - 29 Feb 1968 Maj. M. E. SALTER Jr.
Maintenance Officer	11 Feb - 29 Feb 1968 Maj. J. L. HARRISON
Administrative Officer	11 Feb - 29 Feb 1968 Capt. D. G. AMEY
Logistics Officer	11 Feb - 29 Feb 1968 Capt. J. CLARK
Safety Officer	11 Feb - 29 Feb 1968 Capt. M. D. COOPER
Intelligence Officer	11 Feb - 29 Feb 1968 Capt. R. H. BURNHAM

2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

HMM-363, MAG-15(Rein), 9th MAB, FMFPac	11 Feb - 29 Feb 1968
USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2)	11 Feb - 29 Feb 1968

3. Average strength of squadron during period:

Officers: 45 (1 Navy)	Enlisted: 161 (3 Navy)
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4. Important visitors to the squadron: None.

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PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

Normal daily flight operations during this reporting period consisted of Med-Evac, Resupply, Aerial Recon, Admin/Liaison, and Carrier Qualification.

11 Feb 1968

Operations were limited to completion of on-loading the squadron aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2).

Four aircraft launched to Da Nang on an Admin flight. At 1230H light small arms fire was received at YD 9417 by the flight. No hits or injuries were reported.

The remainder of the flying consisted of carrier qualification in which 12 pilots qualified day and night.

12 Feb 1968

Five aircraft flew 2 Admin missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division moving 132 U.S. passengers, 12 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 10,650 pounds of cargo.

Three aircraft flew to Da Nang moving 35 U.S. passengers, and 1,500 pounds of cargo. Two other aircraft launched twice on ARG shuttles moving 67 U.S. passengers, and 16,100 pounds of cargo.

13 Feb 1968

Six aircraft moved troops and supplies in support of the SLF. Ninety six U.S. passengers, 2 U.S. Med-Evacs, 1 ARVN Med-Evac, and 7,550 pounds of cargo was moved on 6 missions.

Four aircraft flew to Da Nang moving 46 U.S. passengers, and 4,000 pounds of cargo.

14 Feb 1968

Eight aircraft flew 6 Resupply missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division moving 103 U.S. passengers, 4 ARVN passengers, 3 U.S. Med-Evacs and 17,775 pounds of cargo.

Two aircraft flew ARG Shuttle moving 131 U.S. passengers, and 5,350 pounds of cargo between ships. Three aircraft flying to Da Nang moved 30 U.S. passengers, and 2,000 pounds of cargo.

15 Feb 1968

Eight aircraft flew 6 Resupply missions in support of the SLF. Fifty three U.S. passengers, and 6,800 pounds of cargo were moved.

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Two aircraft flew to Da Nang moving 20 U.S. passengers, and 2,500 pounds of cargo.

16 Feb 1968

Six aircraft flew 9 Resupply missions in support of the SLF moving 103 U.S. passengers, 6 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 38,250 pounds of cargo.

One aircraft flew with JJ-2 to Da Nang moving 6 U.S. passengers, and 100 pounds of cargo. Five aircraft flew ARG shuttle moving 88 U.S. passengers, and 3,270 pounds of cargo. One Resupply mission was flown to Cau Viet.

17 Feb 1968

Two aircraft flew 4 Admin missions in support of the SLF moving 69 U.S. passengers, 3 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 500 pounds of cargo.

Five aircraft flew ARG shuttle between ships moving 109 U.S. passengers, and 13,750 pounds of cargo. Two missions were aborted due to weather.

18 Feb 1968

Three aircraft flew ARG shuttle moving 9 U.S. passengers, and 800 pounds of cargo. Two aircraft flew to Da Nang moving 9 U.S. passengers, and 905 pounds of cargo. All other operations were limited by weather.

19 Feb 1968

Eight aircraft flew 19 missions moving troops and supplies in support of the SLF moving 221 U.S. passengers, 7 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 7,530 pounds of cargo. Two fire incidents were reported. At 1030H moderate small arms and 30 Cal. fire was received from YD 045557 and at 1100H light automatic weapons and 30 Cal. fire was received from YD 013453 and YD 015468. No hits or injuries were reported.

Two aircraft flew to Da Nang moving 14 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. Med-Evac, and 1,500 pounds of cargo. Three missions were aborted due to weather.

20 Feb 1968

The squadron's efforts were turned to SAR during the morning hours. Six aircraft were launched in search of a downed CH-53 over the water east of Phu Bai. At 1015H the search was discontinued and squadron aircraft returned to normal operations.

Two aircraft flew ARG shuttle moving 39 U.S. passengers, and 1,350 pounds of cargo. Five aircraft flying Admin to Da Nang moved 62 U.S. passengers, 4 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 3,050 pounds of cargo. Seven missions were aborted due to weather.

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Four aircraft flew ARG shuttle moving 64 U.S. passengers, and 2,500 pounds of cargo.

Four aircraft flew to Da Nang, two for Admin and two for maintenance. Thirty One U.S. passengers, and 2,150 pounds of cargo were carried.

One Resupply mission was flown in support of the SLF moving 22 U.S. passengers, and 2,050 pounds of cargo. Two missions were cancelled due to weather.

22 Feb 1968

Two aircraft flew ARG shuttle moving 35 U.S. passengers, and 800 pounds of cargo. Two aircraft moved 5 U.S. passengers on a logistic troop mission.

Two aircraft launched but were forced to return due to weather. Four missions were cancelled due to weather.

23 Feb 1968

Three aircraft flew Admin missions to Da Nang moving 27 U.S. passengers, and 3,500 pounds of cargo.

Two aircraft flew one Resupply mission moving 39 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. Med-Evac, and 1,800 pounds of cargo.

Four missions were ~~cancelled~~ due to weather.

24 Feb 1968

Six aircraft flew 10 Admin and Resupply missions in support of the SLF moving 378 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. Med-Evac, and 4,300 pounds of cargo. At 1310H small arms fire was received from YD 003558 with no hits or injuries reported.

Four aircraft flew to Da Nang moving 62 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. Med-Evac, and 2,500 pounds of cargo.

25 Feb 1968

Two aircraft flew one Admin mission in support of the SLF moving 22 U.S. passengers, 3 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 30 pounds of cargo.

Two aircraft ~~flew~~ ARG shuttle moving 46 U.S. passengers, and 1,450 pounds of cargo. Four aircraft flew to Da Nang moving 37 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. Med-Evac, and 3,800 pounds of cargo.

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Six aircraft flew to Da Nang on Admin missions moving 47 U.S. passengers, and 3,600 pounds of cargo. Two aircraft were diverted to Camp Evans on an Emergency Resupply mission. On arrival, crews waited 1 hour and 15 minutes to have the cargo unloaded, and nobody had claimed the cargo when the aircraft departed.

Eight aircraft flew 14 Admin and Resupply missions in support of the SLF moving 83 U.S. passengers, and 7,830 pounds of cargo.

28 Feb 1968

Three aircraft flew 3 Admin missions in support of the SLF moving 75 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. Med-Evac, and 6,800 pounds of cargo.

Two aircraft flew ARG shuttle moving 36 U.S. passengers, and 550 pounds of cargo. Two aircraft flying to Da Nang Harbor moved 1 U.S. passenger and 1 U.S. Emergency Med-Evac to the USS Repose.

29 Feb 1968

Three aircraft flew to Da Nang moving 25 U.S. passengers, and 900 pounds of cargo. Two aircraft flying to Phu Bai moved 10 U.S. passengers, and 1,300 pounds of cargo.

Six aircraft flew 11 Admin and Resupply missions moving 99 U.S. passengers, 5 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 9,430 pounds of cargo.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Promotions

- a. Officers: None
- b. Enlisted: Two (2) to Corporal

2. Awards

- a. Air Medals were awarded to 37 Enlisted and 22 Officers.
- b. The Purple Heart Medal was awarded to Maj. James L. HARRISON 065968/7561.

3. Casualties: None4. Air Operations

- a. Total Flight Hours: 705.9
- b. Total Sorties: 1645
- c. Total Cargo, Tons: 130.4
- d. Total Med-Evacs: 63
- e. Total Passengers: 2901

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