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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON, 363  
 Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein)  
 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMFPac  
 FPO San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commander, Task Group 79.4

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 April - 15 April 1968;  
 submission of

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
 (b) CTG OpOrd 120-68

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology Report

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter may be downgraded to Unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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## PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Squadron Commander and Staff, with inclusive date of duration in assigned billets:

Commanding Officer	1 Apr - 15 Apr 1968 Maj D. W. HOFFERT
Executive Officer	1 Apr - 15 Apr 1968 Maj J. L. HARRISON
Operations Officer	1 Apr - 15 Apr 1968 Maj T. J. FALESKIE
Maintenance Officer	1 Apr - 15 Apr 1968 Capt T. B. HILL
Administrative Officer	1 Apr - 15 Apr 1968 Capt T. B. DICKSON
Logistics Officer	1 Apr - 15 Apr 1968 Capt J. CLARK
Aviation Safety Officer	1 Apr - 15 Apr 1968 Capt M. D. COOPER
Intelligence Officer	1 Apr - 15 Apr 1968 Capt R. H. BURNHAM

2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

HMM-363, MAG-15, 9th MAB  
 USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2), RVN

1 Apr - 15 Apr 1968

3. Average strength of squadron during period:

Officers: 43 (1 Navy)

Enlisted: 161 (3 Navy)

4. Important visitors to the squadron: None

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**PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD**

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Normal daily flight operations during this reporting period consisted of Med-Evac, Resupply, Aerial Recon, Command and Control, VIP Chase, and Admin/Liaison missions. The events listed took place during the course of these operations.

1 Apr 1968

A flight of four aircraft led by Capt CLARK made two sorties to Danang carrying 2100 pounds of cargo and 50 passengers.

All other missions were cancelled due to weather.

2 Apr 1968

Three sections led by Maj HARRISON, Maj FALESKIE, and Capt AMEY flew administrative, logistics and troop transport missions between LPH-2, Dong Ha, and BLT 2/4 CP carrying 1800 pounds of cargo and 79 troops. Maj HARRISON's section flew two visual reconnaissance missions north of the Cau Viet river.

All other missions were cancelled due to weather.

3 Apr 1968

A division of three aircraft led by Maj HOFFERT made one trip to Danang from LPH-2 carrying 17 passengers and 930 pounds of cargo.

Maj FALESKIE led a section on the Amphibious Ready Group shuttle between Iwo Jima (LPH-2) and Cleveland (LPD-7) carrying 3500 pounds of cargo and 96 passengers.

All other missions were cancelled due to weather.

4 Apr 1968

Three sections led by Maj FALESKIE, Capt HILL, and Capt HIRE flew in direct support of BLT 2/4 carrying 114 passengers and 7900 pounds of cargo.

Capt AMEY's section flew in support of the Amphibious Ready Group. 16 passengers were carried and two photo missions completed.

Maj HARRISON's section made two trips to Danang carrying 34 passengers and 3400 pounds of cargo. Deteriorating weather forced the section to remain over night at Marble Mountain.

5 Apr 1968

Maj HOFFERT and Maj FALESKIE led sections in support of BLT 2/4 carrying 118 passengers, 1500 pounds of cargo, and 3 routine medical evacuees.

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Capt AMEY and Capt HIRE's sections worked in support of the 3rd Marine Division ashore carrying 29 passengers and 9250 pounds of cargo

Capt PRICE's division made two round trips to Danang from LPH-2 carrying 4400 pounds and 45 passengers.

6 Apr 1968

Three sections led by Maj HARRISON, Capt AMEY and Capt CLARK flew admin missions in direct support of the SLF. 146 passengers, 2 med-evacs, and 7000 pounds of cargo were moved. One section led by Capt PRICE flew C&C moving 14 passengers and 2000 pounds of cargo. One section led by Maj FALESKIE moved 45 passengers and 1350 pounds of cargo while flying admin to Danang.

7 Apr 1968

Two sections led by Capt AMEY and Capt PRICE flew admin missions moving 66 passengers, 1 med-evac and 1600 pounds of cargo. One section led by Lt SMITH flew C&C for the 3rd Marine Division moving 10 passengers, 4 med-evacs and 900 pounds of cargo.

One section led by Capt MC CLUNG moved 52 passengers and 1000 pounds of cargo flying Amphibious Ready Group shuttle. One section led by Capt CLARK flew to Danang moving 18 passengers and 1700 pounds of cargo.

8 Apr 1968

Maj HOFFERT and Lt SMITH led sections in support of SLF A carrying 1600 pounds of cargo and 57 passengers. Lt SMITH evacuated one priority and one routine medical evacuees from BLT 2/4's CP.

Maj HARRISON's section flew in support of SLF A in the morning and made one round trip to Danang in the afternoon carrying a total of 40 passengers and 1350 pounds of cargo.

A division of four aircraft led by Capt HILL made two admin trips to Danang carrying 61 passengers and 3550 pounds of cargo and mail.

All missions were delayed in the morning due to weather but completed by dark.

9 Apr 1968

Maj HARRISON and Capt HIRE led sections in support of SLF A ashore carrying 70 passengers, 1150 pounds of cargo, and one routine medical evacuee. Maj HARRISON's section flew a visual reconnaissance mission from BLT 2/4 CP.

A section led by Capt PRICE carried 42 passengers and 2100 pounds of cargo in support of the Amphibious Ready Group.

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Capt AMEY led a division on two administrative trips to Danang carrying 35 passengers and 3000 pounds of cargo and mail.

Maj FALESKE led a flight of two on a night medical evacuation of two naval personnel from the USS Canberra.

All assigned missions were completed.

#### 10 Apr 1968

Three sections led by Maj HOFFERT, Capt DICKSON, Capt MC CLUNG flew admin missions in support of BLT 2/4. 75 passengers and 600 pounds of cargo were transported.

One section led by Maj HARRISON flew admin to Danang moving 33 passengers and 2150 pounds of cargo.

One section led by Capt HILL flew a training hop.

Capt AMEY took a section in to Phu Bai on squadron business.

#### 11 Apr 1968

One section led by Maj HOFFERT moved 5 passengers and 250 pounds of cargo while flying C&C.

One section led by Capt MC CLUNG flew Amphibious Ready Group shuttle moving 26 passengers and 1600 pounds of cargo.

Two of seven missions assigned were completed. Med-evac did not launch and all other missions were aborted due to weather.

#### 12 Apr 1968

Four sections led by Maj HARRISON, Capt CLARK, Capt HIRE, and Lt DUFFY flew admin missions in direct support of the SLF. 129 passengers, 4 med-evacs and 15800 pounds of cargo were moved.

One section led by Capt MC CLUNG flew an admin mission to Danang moving 15 passengers and 800 pounds of cargo.

One section led by Lt CULBRETH flew Amphibious Ready Group shuttle. 95 passengers and 19,500 pounds of cargo were moved.

#### 13 Apr 1968

Three sections led by Maj HOFFERT, Capt AMEY, and Lt FISCHER flew admin missions in direct support of the SLF. 58 passengers, 8 med-evacs and 3200 pounds of cargo were carried. Capt AMEY's section later flew

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admin to Danang moving 20 passengers, 1 med-evac and 1700 pounds of cargo.

Two sections led by Capt CLARK and Capt MC CLUNG also flew admin missions to Danang. 27 passengers and 7350 pounds of cargo were moved.

14 Apr 1968

The med-evac section led by Maj HOFFERT flew admin missions in addition to med-evac. 42 passengers and 2 med-evacs were moved. Two sections led by Capt HILL and Capt CLARK flew admin missions in direct support of the SLF and 3rd Marine Division. 73 passengers, 1 med-evac and 2000 pounds of cargo were carried. One section led by Maj FALESKIE flew admin to Danang moving 18 passengers and 200 pounds of cargo.

A four plane division led by Maj HARRISON flew to Phu Bai transporting the advance party for the squadron off load.

15 Apr 1968.

Four three plane divisions led by Maj HOFFERT, Maj FALESKIE, Capt HILL, and Capt CLARK offloaded squadron personnel and cargo during morning operations. 72 passengers and 29900 pounds of cargo were transported.

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## PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Promotions

a. Officers: Four (4) to First Lieutenant

b. Enlisted: None

2. Awards. None3. Casualties. None4. Air Operations

a. Total Flight Hours: 481.6

b. Total Sorties: 1445

c. Total Cargo, Tons: 62.4

d. Total Med-Evacs: 38

e. Total Passengers: 1936

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