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 Marine Aircraft Group 36  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
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1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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*[Signature]*  
 D. W. HOFFERT

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## PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Commanding Officer	1 May - 31 May 1968 Maj. D. W. HOFFERT
Executive Officer	1 May - 31 May 1968 Maj. J. L. HARRISON
Operations Officer	1 May - 31 May 1968 Maj. T. J. FALESKIE
Maintenance Officer	1 May - 31 May 1968 Capt. T. B. HILL
Administrative Officer	1 May - 31 May 1968 Capt. T. B. DICKSON
Logistics Officer	1 May - 31 May 1968 Capt. J. CLARK
Aviation Safety Officer	1 May - 31 May 1968 Capt. M. D. COOPER
Intelligence Officer	1 May - 31 May 1968 Capt. R. H. BURNHAM

## 2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

HMM-363, MAG-36, 1st MAW, FMFPac	1 May - 31 May 1968
Phu Bai, RVN	

## 3. Average strength of squadron during period:

Officers: 43 (1 Navy)	Enlisted: 168
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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, command and control, VIP chase, and admin/liaison missions. The events listed took place during the course of these operations.

1 May 1968

HMM-363 launched three sections in support of local Marine operations. The 5th Marines were supported in the Operation Houston area, a section led by Capt. HIRE carried 59 U.S. passengers and 6,600 pounds of cargo. Capt. HILL's section carried 2 U.S. passengers while supporting the 27th Marines. Lt. LANCASTER's section supporting Task Force X-Ray carried 21 U.S. passengers. A section led by Maj. HOFFERT flew to Da Nang moving 16 U.S. passengers and 1,600 pounds of cargo. Capt. WEST flew chase on a Scarface aircraft which carried VIP's.

Capt. DICKSON led a section with a Scarface wingman completing three med-evac missions. Two U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac, and 3 VN Civilian med-evacs were carried.

2 May 1968

One section led by Capt. HILL supported the 5th Marines in the Operation Houston area moving 25 U.S. passengers and 700 pounds of cargo. Capt. HIRE's section carried 23 U.S. passengers, 1 NVA prisoner, 1 U.S. med-evac, 1 NVA med-evac, and 3,000 pounds of cargo. A section led by Capt. DICKSON carried 12 U.S. passengers, 6 VN civilian passengers, and 1,200 pounds of cargo while flying command and control.

Two aircraft piloted by Capt. SIMS and Lt. DUFFY flew VIP chase moving 3 U.S. passengers.

Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. PRICE flew day med-evac with a Scarface escort and a section led by Capt. COOPER flew night med-evac. Seven med-evac missions were completed moving 3 U.S. passengers, 2 VN civilian passengers, 7 U.S. med-evacs, 1 ARVN med-evac, and 4 VN civilian med-evacs.

3 May 1968

Sections led by Maj. FALESKIE, Capt. McCLUNG, and Capt. PRICE flew command and control supporting the 5th, 27th Marines, and MAG-39. Fifty two U.S. passengers, 14 ARVN passengers, 3VN civilian passengers, 10 U.S. med-evacs, 2 VN civilian med-evacs, and 3,100 pounds of cargo were moved.

Five aircraft were flown on test hops and for squadron business moving 15 U.S. passengers and 400 pounds of cargo. Lt. STEVENSON flew VIP chase

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with Scarface. Lt. FISCHER flew single plane to Da Nang moving 1 U.S. passenger and 200 pounds of cargo.

Capt. COOPER and Capt. AMEY flew day med-evac with Scarface escorts while Lt. LANCASTER led a section on night med-evac. Completing 10 missions, 2 U.S. passengers, 10 US med-evacs, 5 ARVN med-evacs, and 4 VN civilian med-evacs were carried.

4 May 1968

Maj. FALESKIE led a section supporting the 5th Marines. Fifty six U.S. passengers, 4 VC POW's, 1 U.S. med-evac and 3,100 pounds of cargo were carried. Capt. AMEY led a section in support of the 27th Marines moving 2 U.S. passengers.

Two aircraft flew test and training hops. Operations were limited due to fuel contamination.

5 May 1968

Due to fuel contamination, operations were limited to a one plane launch by Maj. HOFFERT to LPH-2. One U.S. passenger was carried.

Fuel became available at 1630 and one test hop was flown. Night med-evac was also assumed and Capt. HILL led the section completing two med-evac missions moving 7 U.S. med-evacs.

6 May 1968

Day med-evac was led by Maj. HOFFERT and Capt. COOPER. Five U.S. passengers, 17 U.S. med-evacs and 4 VN civilian med-evacs were moved.

One section led by Capt. DICKSON carried 29 U.S. passengers while supporting Operation Houston. Two additional sections led by Maj. FALESKIE and Lt. LANCASTER moved 50 U.S. passengers, 24 U.S. med-evacs, and 400 pounds of cargo while supporting the 27th Marines and MAG-39.

Lt. ENGLISH flew VIP chase with a Scarface aircraft.

7 May 1968

Six aircraft flew command and control missions. The three sections led by Capt. HILL, Capt. CLARK, and Lt. DUFFY carried 89 U.S. passengers and 7,200 pounds of cargo while supporting the 5th and 27th Marines. One aircraft piloted by Lt. MOORE flew VIP chase moving 5 U.S. passengers and 100 pounds of cargo.

Four aircraft flew med-evac missions. During the day aircraft piloted by Maj. HOFFERT and Maj. FALESKIE flew with scarface escorts moving 2 VN

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passengers, 9 ARVN med-evacs, and 1 VN civilian med-evac. A section led by Capt. HIRE flew night med-evac moving 3 U.S. med-evacs. Eight aircraft launched to Helo Haven.

8 May 1968

Med-evac led by Maj. FALESKIE, Capt. HIRE, and Lt. LANCASTER moved 4 U.S. med-evacs and 8 VN civilian med-evacs.

A section led by Capt. COOPER supported the 5th Marines moving 46 passengers and 4,400 pounds of cargo. A section led by Maj. HOFFERT supported the 27th Marines carrying 10 passengers and 2,200 pounds of cargo. Capt. AMEY led a section to MMAF on a maintenance run. Med-evac missions 5A and 5D were completed for the 5th Marines while enroute. An additional 23 U.S. passengers were carried. Two sections led by Capt. HILL and Capt. HIRE flew admin moving 4 U.S. passengers and 300 pounds of cargo. Lt. DYER flew VIP chase for Task Force X-Ray.

9 May 1968

Three sections of aircraft were launched in support of local Marine Operations. Capt. AMEY's section moved 28 U.S. passengers and 2,100 pounds of cargo supporting the 5th Marines in the Operation Houston area. A section led by Capt. DICKSON supported the 27th Marines moving 40 U.S. passengers. Lt. SMITH led a section to Da Nang on squadron business moving 15 U.S. passengers. Capt. McCLUNG chased a Scarface aircraft moving 100 pounds of cargo.

Five med-evac missions were flown by Lt. CULBRETH carrying 9 U.S. med-evacs, and 2 VN civilian med-evacs.

10 May 1968

Aircraft flown by Capt. HILL and Lt. CULBRETH flew VIP chase missions. Med-evac sections were led by Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. CLARK with 5 U.S. passengers, 1 VN civilian passenger, 10 U.S. Med-evacs, 1 ARVN med-evac and 1 VN civilian med-evac carried on the 4 missions completed.

A section led by Capt. DICKSON flew resupply for the 27th Marines moving 22 U.S. passengers and 3,325 pounds of cargo. A Capt. HIRE led section moved 3 U.S. passengers and 4,000 pounds of cargo. Four aircraft led by Maj. HOFFERT were called out to help Capt. HIRE with his resupply of the 5th Marines. Emergency resupplies were dropped in to Mike Company at AT859909. An additional 4 U.S. passengers and 2,100 pounds of cargo were carried. Fire was received from S/A, auto weapons, 30 cal and 50 cal while delivering resupplies to Mike Company on the last drop in the zone. Capt. HILL's aircraft YZ-8 BuNo 148764 received 4 hits from the S/A and auto weapons fire. The aircraft continued to fly with no injuries to personnel.

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Today HMM-363 launched two aircraft on an emergency resupply mission in support of Mike Company of the 5th Marines. Capt. HIRE carried 1,400 pounds of cargo and 8 passengers before the lead aircraft YZ-15 BuNo 118816 took two hits, minor damage and no injuries. YZ-15 shut down at MMAF due to the battle damage. Another section led by Maj. FALESKIE relieved Capt. HIRE's section and moved 3,000 pounds and 12 passengers. Both sections received continued fire from AT8790.

Morning med-evacs flown by Capt. McCLUNG carried 13 med-evacs and received fire from ZC172983 with no hits reported. Capt. SCHOLLE flew a VIP chase mission and Capt. CLARK led a section in support of both the 27th Marines and the 5th Marines. Capt. CLARK's section also completed med-evac mission 51J moving for the day 14 passengers, 2,250 pounds of cargo and one med-evac. Maj. HOFFERT moved one med-evac in the afternoon and Capt. PRICE's section flying night med-evac moved 2 passengers, 9 med-evacs, and one dog.

12 May 1968

Med-Evac was led by Capt. PRICE and Capt. AMEY. Two U.S. passengers, 5 U.S. med-evacs and 2 VN civilians med-evacs were moved.

One section launched to MMAF on squadron business moving 10 U.S. passengers and 50 pounds of cargo. Lt. JOHNSON launched once on VIP chase. A section led by Lt. LANCASTER moved 12 U.S. passengers and 1,600 pounds of cargo in support of the 1st MarDiv.

Maj. FALESKIE's section moved 15 U.S. passengers in support of the 27th Marines. At 0800H light to moderate small arms and automatic weapons fire was received from YD828219 with no hits or injuries reported. One other section led by Capt. DICKSON moved 34 U.S. passengers and 1,500 pounds of cargo in support of the 5th Marines.

13 May 1968

Two sections led by Maj. HOFFERT and Capt. AMEY flew C & C missions in support of the 5th and 27th Marines. thirty-one U.S. passengers and 3,825 pounds of cargo were moved.

One section led by Lt. DUFFY flew an admin mission to Da Nang moving 15 U.S. passengers, 3 U.S. med-evacs and 6,000 pounds of cargo. One U.S. passenger was moved by Capt. SIMS's aircraft while flying VIP chase on a Scarface aircraft. Five aircraft were tested by Capt. PRICE during the day.

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The night med-evac section led by Capt. COOPER flew one med-evac mission picking up one emergency med-evac. Day med-evac flown by Capt. CLARK and Capt. HIRE completed three med-evac missions moving 3 U.S. med-evacs and 7 VN civilian Med-evacs.

14 May 1968

Two sections led by Capt. AMEY and Capt. PRICE C&C from Quang Tri, sixty-four U.S. passengers and 7,400 pounds of cargo were carried. Capt. CLARK led a section in support of the 5th Marines moving 56 passengers and 200 pounds of cargo. A section led by Maj. HOFFERT and Capt. HIRE moved nine passengers in support of the 27th Marines. Lt. DYER flew VIP chase moving 7 passengers and 500 pounds of cargo. Med-evac was led by Maj. FALESKIE, Capt. HILL, and Capt. COOPER with 5 U.S. and 3 VN civilian Med-evacs carried.

15 May 1968

HMM-363 supported the 5th and 27th Marines with two sections led by Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. PRICE. Twenty U.S. passengers and 1,350 pounds of cargo were moved. Lt. CULBRETH launched with Scarface flying VIP chase. One section led by Capt. CLARK flew admin moving 16 U.S. passengers, 3 U.S. med-evacs and 1,150 pounds of cargo.

Med-Evac led by Capt. AMEY and Lt. LANCASTER moved 11 U.S. med-evacs, 1 ARVN and 1 VN civilian med-evac.

16 May 1968

Three sections led by Maj. HOFFERT, Maj. FALESKIE, and Capt. AMEY flew resupply missions for the 5th and 27th Marines. Capt. AMEY for the 27th moved 195 passengers and 1,000 pounds of cargo. The other two sections moved 329 U.S. passengers. Lt. FISCHER flew a VIP chase mission. One section led by Capt. HILL moved 13 U.S. passengers and 500 pounds of cargo, while flying between Quang Tri and Khe Sahn.

Med-evac was led by Lt. CULBRETH and Lt. SMITH with 2 VN civilian passengers, 3 U.S. med-evacs, 1 ARVN med-evac and 1 VN civilian med-evac being carried.

17 May 1968

Six aircraft launched to the Quang Tri, Dong Ha, and Khe Sahn area to work. Capt. CLARK led a section moving 23 U.S. passengers and 9 U.S. med-evacs. Two fire incidents were reported. At 0825H light small arms fire from XD789501 and at 1355H mortar rounds at XD819402 were received with no hits or injuries reported. Capt. DICKSON led a section moving 27 passengers and 1 med-evac. Capt. AMEY's section split up flying med-evac and VIP chase, he and Lt. KESSLER moved 3 U.S. passengers and 21 U.S. medevacs.

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Two aircraft led by Capt CLARK launched in support of operation Houston. They carried 22 U.S. passengers and 3600 pounds of cargo.

A section led by Capt MC CLUNG worked in the Quang Tri area completing six missions. They carried 32 U.S. passengers, 1000 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac.

Maj. HOFFERT led a section that flew Khe Sanh working birds carrying 76 U.S. passengers, 2000 pounds of cargo and 15 U.S. med-evacs. Fifty cal fire was received from XD6930 and XD7336 at 1200H. Mortars were received at Hill 881 with no hits or injuries received.

One section was kept at Quang Tri for night med-evac.

19 May 1968

A section led by Capt. PRICE flew C&C for the 5th Marines moving 39 U.S. passengers and 3300 pounds of cargo. Two sections led by Capt. COOPER and Capt. AMEY flew in the Khe Sanh area. The two sections moved 24 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo and 13 U.S. med-evacs.

Med-evac in the Phu Bai area were handled by UH-34D sections led by Maj. HOFFERT, Maj. FALESKIE, and Lt. LANCASTER. Three VN civilian passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac, 3 ARVN med-evacs, 3 VN civilian med-evacs were moved for the day.

One fire incident was reported by Capt. AMEY's section when moderate small arms fire from XD838335 was received at 0930H. No hits or injuries were reported.

20 May 1968

One section led by Lt. FISCHER flew C&C for the 5th Marines. Twenty-four U.S. passengers, 6 U.S. med-evacs, 1 VN civilian med-evac and 4700 pounds of cargo were moved.

Two sections led by Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. DICKSON flew out of Quang Tri. Maj. FALESKIE's section moved 29 U.S. passengers, 4 U.S. med-evacs and 1400 pounds of cargo in the Khe Sanh area. Fire was received twice at 0900H small arms fire was from XD935328 and at 1400H 50 cal fire from XD688398 failed to hit the aircraft. No injuries were reported. Capt. DICKSON's section moved 44 U.S. passengers, 11 U.S. med-evacs, 2 ARVN med-evacs, and 1600 pounds of cargo.

Two sections led by Capt. HILL and Capt. CLARK flew med-evac moving 1 VN civilian passenger, 3 U.S. med-evacs and 1 VN civilian med-evac.

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A section led by Maj. HOFFERT flew C&C for the 5th Marines, 33 passengers and 1 U.S. med-evac were moved. Another section led by Capt. CLARK flew C&C for Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh moving 20 U.S. passengers, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 500 pounds of cargo. One other section led by Lt. LANCASTER flew admin moving 3 U.S. passengers.

Three sections led by Capt. DICKSON, Capt. HIRE and Maj. FALESKIE flew med-evac carrying 4 U.S. med-evacs, 1 ARVN med-evacs, 2 VN civilian med-evacs and moving 1 U.S. passenger and 2 VN civilian passengers.

A 4 plane division led by Maj. FALESKIE was also launched for helo Haven to the USS Valley Forge.

22 May 1968

Three sections, led by Capt. COOPER, Capt. CLARK and Maj. FALESKIE flew logistics and C&C missions. Capt. COOPER's section supported the 5th Marines by moving 30 U.S. passengers, 15 ARVN passengers and 3100 pounds of cargo. The other 2 sections supported the 3rd MarDiv. Capt. CLARK's section moved 1200 pounds of cargo. They evacuated 5 U.S. med-evacs. At approximately 0915H intense 30 cal fire was received while in a zone at YD154703 by the second aircraft piloted by Capt. SCHOLLE, J. F. 092234/7561 USMCR. The aircraft took 18 hits but was flown out of the zone to Delta Med at Dong Ha by Capt. SCHOLLE. His co-pilot Lt. RUZICKA, J. G. 0101639/7561 USMCR was hit by a 30 cal round in the foot and shrapnel in the leg. Lt. RUZICKA was evacuated out of country. Capt. SCHOLLE received minor shrapnel wounds in the arm and face. He was treated and returned to duty. Maj. FALESKIE's section moved 22 U.S. passengers.

Three sections, led by Capt. HIRE, Capt. CLARK and Maj. FALESKIE flew day med-evac in the Phu Bai and Quang Tri areas evacuating 44 U.S. med-evacs, 1 VN civilian med-evac, and moving 3 U.S. passengers and 1 VN civilian. Night med-evac in the Phu Bai area led by Capt. AMEY evacuated 1 U.S. med-evac. At approximately 1730H at YD157702 Capt. CLARK's aircraft came under intense 30 cal fire while lifting out of a med-evac zone receiving 5 hits. Capt. CLARK flew the aircraft back to Quang Tri and no injuries were reported.

Three aircraft flew VIP chase and admin missions. These were piloted by Capt. HILL, Capt. ABAJIAN, and Lt. MOORE and carried 10 U.S. passengers and 900 pounds of cargo.

23 May 1968

A section led by Capt. HIRE flew C&C for the 5th Marines lifting 56 U.S. passengers, 1 VN civilian passenger and 2000 pounds of cargo. Two other sections led by Maj. FALESKIE and Lt. SMITH, flew C&C for the 3rd MarDiv

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lifting 38 U.S. passengers and 5500 pounds of cargo and evacuating 36 U.S. med-evacs. At approximately 1000H light small arms fire was received by Maj. FALESKIE's section from YD168700 with no hits or injuries reported.

Three aircraft piloted by Lt. SMITH, Capt. DICKSON and Maj. HOFFERT flew day med-evac. Night med-evac was led by Capt. PRICE. Thirty-four U.S. med-evacs, 1 ARVN med-evac and 3 VN civilian med-evacs were carried. At approximately 0750H while approaching a med-evac zone at YD1670, Lt. SMITH's aircraft came under intense enemy automatic weapons fire from about 20 meters. His aircraft received 9 hits but no one was injured. Lt. SMITH flew his aircraft back to Quang Tri.

One aircraft piloted by Lt. LANCASTER flew VIP chase and med-evac with Seaworthy aircraft. He carried 3 U.S. passengers and evacuated 10 U.S. med-evacs.

24 May 1968

Three sections, led by Maj. HOFFERT, Capt. AMEY, and Capt. PRICE supported the 3rd MarDiv and Task Force Hotel in the Dong Ha and Khe Sanh area. They lifted 88 U.S. passengers, 1500 pounds of cargo and evacuated 29 U.S. med-evacs. At approximately 1645H Capt. PRICE received 50 cal fire from YD6940 and YD7241 while on a visual recon. No hits or injuries were reported. Capt. HILL led a section on a C&C mission for the 5th Marines in the Phu Bai area. They lifted 48 U.S. passengers and 4900 pounds of cargo.

Med-evac at Phu Bai, flown by Capt. HIRE and Lt. LANCASTER evacuated 2 U.S. med-evacs, 1 ARVN med-evac and 1 VN civilian med-evac. Capt. CLARK flew a single plane maintenance mission to Marble Mountain carrying 7 U.S. passengers.

25 May 1968

A section led by Maj. FALESKIE operated in support of Operation Houston for the 5th Marines carrying 30 U.S. passengers and 3500 pounds of cargo. Lt. DYER launched with Scarface aircraft as VIP chase for Task Force X-Ray.

Three sections led by Capt. AMEY, Capt. HILL and Capt. HIRE worked as C&C aircraft for 3rd MarDiv and Task Force Hotel in the Dong Ha and Khe Sanh areas. They lifted 73 U.S. passengers, 5600 pounds of cargo and evacuated 3 U.S. med-evacs and 1 ARVN med-evac. At approximately 0940H Capt. HIRE received light small arms fire from YD1260 with no hits or injuries reported.

At Phu Bai one aircraft piloted by Capt. COOPER lifted 2 U.S. passengers, 1 ARVN passenger, 1 U.S. med-evac and 2 ARVN med-evacs.

26 May 1968

One section led by Capt. AMEY flew C&C for the 5th Marines moving 18 U.S.

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passengers, 45 U.S. med-evacs and 1 NVA med-evac were moved. Two fire incidents were reported. At 1100H YZ-1, BuNo. 150224 received one hit from small arms and automatic weapons fire at YD265655. At 1300H mortars were received in the zone at YD957457 with no damage to the aircraft. No injuries were received.

At approximately 0245H Phu Bai received approximately 100 rounds from mortars, one hit was taken in the squadron area resulting in the wounding of LCpl. AVERY, E. L. 2237645/0525 USMC from schrapnel. LCpl. AVERY was treated and returned to duty.

27 May 1968

One C&C section led by Capt. CLARK supported the 3rd MarDiv and moved 11 U.S. passengers, 200 pounds of cargo and evacuated 1 U.S. med-evac and 1 NVA med-evac. Capt HIRE led a C&C mission in support of the 5th Marines that carried 71 U.S. passengers, 1100 pounds of cargo and 1 U.S. med-evac.

Med-evac at Quang Tri and Phu Bai was flown by Capt. HILL, Capt. DICKSON, Lt. CULBRETH, and Lt. SMITH. They moved 13 U.S. passengers, 2 ARVN passengers, 59 U.S. med-evacs, and 2 ARVN med-evacs.

Lt. LANCASTER, Capt. SCHOLLE, Capt. MC CLUNG and Lt. DUFFY flew admin and VIP missions carrying 24 U.S. passengers and 700 pounds of cargo.

28 May 1968

A section led by Lt. KESSLER flew C&C for the 3rd MarDiv carrying 26 U.S. passengers, 2500 pounds of cargo and 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. COOPER led a section on a C&C mission for the 5th Marines moving 36 U.S. passengers, 1600 pounds of cargo and 3 U.S. med-evacs and 2 VN civilian med-evacs.

Med-evac was flown by Capt. MC CLUNG and Capt. PRICE in the Phu Bai area moving 2 U.S. passengers, 2 ARVN passengers 1 VN civilian passenger, 6 U.S. med-evacs, 1 ARVN med-evac and 2 VN civilian med-evacs. In the Quang Tri area med evac was led by Maj. HOFFERT and Capt. AMEY. They moved 1 U.S. passenger, 2 NVA POW's, 28 U.S. med-evacs, and 9 ARVN med-evacs. Lt DUFFY and Lt. CULBRETH flew VIP chase missions lifting 6 U.S. passengers and 200 pounds of cargo.

29 May 1968

One C&C section led by Capt. COOPER supported the 3rd MarDiv carrying 8 U.S. passengers. Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 5th Marines moving 46 U.S. passengers, 5950 pounds of cargo, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 2 ARVN med-evacs.

Med-evac at Phu Bai was led by Capt. CLARK and Maj. FALESKIE moving 1 VN civilian passenger, 9 U.S. med-evacs, and 2 VN civilian med-evacs. At

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Quang Tri Capt HILL and Capt. MC CLUNG led med-evac missions moving 2 U.S. passengers, 5 VN civilian passengers, 20 U.S. med-evacs and 6 VN civilian med-evacs. Lt. KESSLER flew VIP chase carrying 2 U.S. passengers.

30 May 1968

Two sections led by Capt. HIRE and Lt. LANCASTER flew C&C missions for the 3rd MarDiv. They moved 44 U.S. passengers, 7 NVA POW's, 4 U.S. med-evacs and 9300 pounds of cargo. Capt. PRICE led C&C for the 5th Marines moving 39 U. S. passengers, and 500 pounds of cargo.

Lt. SMITH and Capt. COOPER flew med-evac at Phu Bai evacuating 3 U.S. med-evacs, 1 ARVN med-evac, 2 VN civilian med-evacs and moving 5 U.S. passengers. Capt. WEST flew VIP chase for Task Force X-Ray.

31 May 1968

Two sections led by Lt. SMITH and Capt. MC CLUNG supported the 3rd MarDiv with C&C missions. They moved 103 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo and 7 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. COOPER led the C&C mission for the 5th Marines moving 40 U.S. passengers and 300 pounds of cargo.

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## PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Promotions

- a. Officers: One (1) to First Lieutenant
- b. Enlisted: One (1) to Master Sergeant  
                   One (1) to Gunnery Sergeant  
                   One (1) to Sergeant  
                   One (1) to Corporal  
                   One (1) to Lance Corporal

2. Awards

- a. Capt. Thomas B. HILL 075008/7561 was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.
- b. A total of 98 Air Medals were awarded to the Officers of HMM-363.
- c. A total of 96 Air Medals were awarded to the Enlisted med of HMM-363.

3. Casualties

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Capt.	Joseph F. SCHOLLE	092234/7561	25May68	WIANE 2 miles South of An Phu and 9 miles east of Con Thien, Quang Tri Province, RVN.
1stLt.	Joseph G. RUZICKSKA	0101639/7561	25May68	" " " "
LCpl.	Eugene L. AVERY	2237645/0525	26May68	WIANE Phu Bai, Thua Thien Province, RVN

4. Air Operations

- a. Total Flight Hours: 1500.8
- b. Total Sorties: 4734
- c. Total Cargo, Tons: 84.3
- d. Total Med-Evacs: 768
- e. Total Passengers: 2963

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