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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Commanding Officer	1 Jul - 31 Jul 1968	LtCol. D. W. HOFFERT
Executive Officer	1 Jul - 31 Jul 1968	Maj. J. L. HARRISON
Operations Officer	1 Jul - 31 Jul 1968	Maj. T. J. FALESKIE
Maintenance Officer	1 Jul - 27 Jul 1968	Capt. T. B. HILL
	28 Jul - 31 Jul 1968	Maj. T. J. CRONIN
Administrative Officer	1 Jul - 31 Jul 1968	Capt. T. B. DICKSON
Logistics Officer	1 Jul - 31 Jul 1968	Capt. J. CLARK
Aviation Safety Officer	1 Jul - 31 Jul 1968	Capt. M. D. COOPER
Intelligence Officer	1 Jul - 15 Jul 1968	Capt. R. H. BURNHAM
	16 Jul - 31 Jul 1968	1stLt. J. C. HAGEMAN

2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

HMM-363, MAG-36, 1stMAW, FMFPac	1 Jul - 31 Jul 1968
Phu Bai, RVN	

3. Average strength of squadron during period:

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 Jul 1968

Seven aircraft were sent north today in support of the 3rd Marine Division and Task Force Hotel. Two sections, led by Capt. PRICE and Lt. DUFFY, flew in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh lifting 83 U.S. passengers, 1,800 pounds of cargo, and 34 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. COOPER and Capt. SCHOLLE flew Quang Tri med-evac with Seaworthy aircraft lifting 6 U.S., 5 ARVN, and 1 NVA med-evacs. Lt. ROSE flew a VIP mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 2 U.S. passengers.

In the Phu Bai area, Maj. HARRISON led one section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 40 U.S. and 3 ARVN passengers, 2,000 pounds of cargo, and 10 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. AMEY and Capt. McCLUNG flew Phu Bai med-evac lifting 1 U.S. passenger, and 6 U.S., 3 ARVN, and 3 VN civilian med-evacs on 5 missions. Lt. CARBARY flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray chasing a Scarface aircraft.

2 Jul 1968

Capt. AMEY and Capt. COOPER led two sections in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh today lifting 70 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and 20 U.S. med-evacs. Quang Tri med-evac, flown by Capt. SIMS and Lt. KESSLER, lifted 17 U.S. med-evacs on 3 missions. Lt. STEVENSON flew a VIP mission with a Seaworthy aircraft for the 3rd Marine Division carrying 8 U.S. passengers.

In the Phu Bai area Maj. HOFFERT led a section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 33 U.S. and 6 ARVN passengers, 13,500 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac. Phu Bai med-evac was led by Maj. FALESKIE, Lt. DUFFY, and Lt. FISCHER. They lifted a total of 9 U.S. and 1 ARVN med-evac.

3 Jul 1968

Maj. HARRISON and Capt. SIMS led two sections to Khe Sanh in support of Task Force Hotel lifting 96 U.S. passengers, 2,550 pounds of cargo, and 38 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. FISCHER and Lt. CULBRETH flew Quang Tri med-evac lifting 7 U.S. passengers and 10 U.S. med-evacs plus 200 pounds of cargo. Lt. ENGLISH flew a VIP mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 2 U.S. passengers.

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Capt. SCHOLLE led a section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 42 U.S. and 2 ARVN passengers, 6,300 pounds of cargo, and 8 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. CLARK, Capt. ABAJIAN, and Capt. HIRE flew Phu Bai med-evac lifting 9 U.S., 2 ARVN, and 2 VN civilian med-evacs on 6 missions. Lt. WICKERSHAM flew a VIP mission in support of Task Force X-Ray lifting 13 U.S. passengers.

4 Jul 1968

Lt. FALESKIE and Capt. CLARK led two sections in support of Task Force Hotel today. They lifted 84 U.S. passengers, 1,550 pounds of cargo, and 17 U.S. med-evacs. Quang Tri med-evac was flown by Capt. HIRE and Capt. SCHOLLE. They lifted 200 pounds of cargo, 8 U.S. and 10 ARVN med-evacs. At approximately 0730H at coordinated XD 982378 Capt. HIRE's aircraft received 30 calibre automatic weapons fire with no hits or injuries reported. At approximately 1600H at coordinates YD196747 Capt. SCHOLLE's aircraft came under intense .30 calibre automatic weapons fire. The aircraft YZ-8 BuNo 148704, received 12 hits and Capt. Joseph F. SCHOLLE 092234/7561 was creased across the back of his neck by one round. The Corporal, HM-3 J. E. DISKIN 7792006 USN was also wounded by a round in the leg. Capt. SCHOLLE flew the aircraft to Delta Med at Dong Ha where it was shot down. Lt. CACCIOLA flew a VIP mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 8 U.S. passengers and 500 pounds of cargo. At 1315H at coordinates XD 982442 small arms fire was received with no hits or injuries reported.

Phu Bai med-evac was flown today by Capt. SIMS and Lt. FISCHER. They flew a total of 3 missions carrying 2 VN civilian passengers and 3 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN civilian med-evacs. Capt. COOPER led a section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 31 U.S. passengers, 3,400 pounds of cargo, and 14 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. MOORE chased Scarface aircraft on a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray.

5 Jul 1968

Capt. CLARK led a section in support of Operation Houston for the 5th Marines today lifting 3 U.S. passengers and 850 pounds of cargo. Capt. AMEY and Lt. CULBRETH led Phu Bai med-evac on 3 missions lifting 1 U.S. passenger and 2 U.S., and 1 V.C. med-evacs. Lt. CALLIHAN flew a VIP chase mission for Task Force X-Ray.

Lt. STEVENSON flew Quang Tri med-evac today evacuating 16 U.S. and 4 ARVN's on 5 missions. Lt. HAGERMAN flew a VIP chase mission for the 3rd Marine Division lifting 13 U.S. and 3 U.S. med-evacs. Two sections, led by Capt. HIRE and Capt. PRICE, flew in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh today. They lifted 38 U.S. passengers, 950 pounds of cargo, and 31 U.S. med-evacs.

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6 Jul 1968

Maj. HARRISON and Lt. CULBRETH led sections in support of Task Force Hotel today lifting 60 U.S. passengers, 3,800 pounds of cargo, and 38 U.S. med-evacs. Quang Tri med-evac was flown by Capt. McCLUNG and Lt. DUFFY. They carried 6 U.S. passengers and 38 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. WEST flew a VIP mission for 3rd Marine Division carrying 6 U.S. passengers.

Capt. AMEY led a section at Phu Bai on a mission for MAG-36 and one for the 5th Marines. The section lifted 18 U.S. passengers, 2,000 pounds of cargo, and 10 U.S. med-evacs. Phu Bai med-evac was flown by Capt. COOPER, Maj. FALESKIE, and Capt. HIRE. They lifted 1 VN civilian passenger, 1 VN civilian med-evac, and 2 ARVN med-evacs.

7 Jul 1968

Capt. CLARK and Maj. FALESKIE led sections in support of Task Force Hotel at LZ Stud lifting 127 U.S. passengers, 3,500 pounds of cargo, and 10 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. CALLIHAN flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division lifting 7 U.S. passengers. Capt. AMEY and Capt. ABAJIAN flew Quang Tri med-evac carrying 3 U.S. passengers, 100 pounds of cargo, and 48 U.S. med-evacs.

Lt. FISCHER led a section in support of the 5th Marines at Phu Bai lifting 17 U.S. and 1 VN civilian passenger, 1,800 pounds of cargo, and 27 U.S. and 1 VN civilian med-evac. Lt. HAGERMAN flew a mission to MMAF on squadron business lifting 3 U.S. passengers and 2,000 pounds of cargo. Capt. PRICE and Lt. STEVENSON led Phu Bai med-evac lifting 1 VN civilian passenger, 2 U.S. and 3 VN civilian med-evacs.

8 Jul 1968

Capt. PRICE led a section in support of the 5th Marines today lifting 30 U.S. passengers, 3,500 pounds of cargo, and 9 U.S. med-evacs. Phu Bai med-evac was led by Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. SIMS. They evacuated a total of 5 U.S. med-evacs on 2 missions. Capt. CITRANO flew a VIP chase mission for Task Force X-Ray lifting 3 U.S. passengers and 750 pounds of cargo.

Capt. COOPER and Capt. McCLUNG led 2 sections in support of Task Force Hotel today. They lifted 34 U.S. passengers, 2,100 pounds of cargo, and 8 U.S. and 1 NVA med-evacs. Maj. HARRISON led one section on a C & C mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 5 U.S. passengers. Quang Tri med-evac was led by Lt. FISCHER and Lt. STEVENSON. They carried 5 U.S. passengers and 48 U.S. and 10 ARVN med-evacs. Lt. ROSE flew a VIP mission with Seaworthy in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 7 U.S. passengers and 100 pounds of cargo.

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Lt. KESSLER led a section on two missions in support of Task Force Hotel and the 3rd Marine Division. His section lifted 29 U.S. passengers, evacuated 15 U.S. med-evacs, and lifted 800 pounds of cargo. While on the mission in support of Task Force Hotel, Lt. KESSLER picked up a downed USAF pilot at coordinates XD997463. Capt. AMEY also led a section in support of Task Force Hotel lifting 32 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and 10 U.S. med-evacs. Quang Tri med-evac was flown by Capt. PRICE and Capt. SIMS. They carried 10 U.S. passengers and 25 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. CARBARY flew a VIP mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 5 U.S. passengers.

Maj. FATESKIE led a section in support of the 5th Marines at Phu Bai lifting 23 U.S. passengers and 5 U.S. med-evacs. Phu Bai med-evac was led by Capt. ABAJIAN, Lt. FISCHER, and Lt. DUFFY. Five missions were flown with 2 U.S. passengers carried and 5 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 5 VN civilian casualties evacuated. Lt. CACCIOLA flew a VIP mission in support of Task Force X-Ray carrying 1 U.S. passenger.

10 Jul 1968

Capt. DICKSON led a section in support of Task Force Hotel today lifting 31 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and 24 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. HIRE led another section in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 55 U.S. passengers, 100 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. COOPER and Lt. KESSLER flew Quang Tri med-evac carrying 2 VN civilian passengers and 8 U.S. and 2 VN civilian med-evacs. Lt. CUNNINGHAM flew a VIP chase mission lifting 5 U.S. passengers.

Capt. McCLUNG led a section in support of the 5th Marines at Phu Bai lifting 19 U.S. passengers and 4,750 pounds of cargo. Capt. AMEY led Phu Bai med-evac lifting 2 U.S. passengers and 11 U.S. and 3 VN civilian med-evacs. Lt. CACCIOLA flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray lifting 4 U.S. passengers and 300 pounds of cargo.

11 Jul 1968

LtCol. HOFFERT led a section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 17 U.S. and 5 V.C. POW passengers, and 200 pounds of cargo. Lt. MOORE flew a VIP mission chasing a Scarface aircraft. Phu Bai med-evac did not launch.

Seven aircraft were sent North today. Capt. PRICE led one section lifting 15 U.S. passengers, 150 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. ABAJIAN led another section in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 41 U.S. and 8 ARVN passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and 2 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. CULBRETH led Quang Tri med-evac running 4 missions and evacuating 5 U.S. casualties. Capt. CLARK and Lt. RUCK flew VIP chase missions lifting 9 U.S. passengers and 3 U.S. med-evacs.

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The 5th Marines were supported by a section led by Capt. COOPER. They lifted 12 U.S. passengers, 250 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 7 U.S. med-evacs. Phu Bai med-evac was led by Maj. FALESKIE, Capt. PRICE, and Capt. DICKSON. They evacuated 13 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. TOMER flew a VIP chase mission in support of Task Force X-Ray carrying 2 U.S. passengers.

Capt. McCLUNG and Lt. DUFFY flew Quang Tri med-evac today lifting 12 U.S. passengers and 12 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. SIMS led a section in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 10 U.S. passengers and 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. DUFFY, Lt. ENGLISH, and Lt. HAGERMAN flew 3 missions for the 3rd Marine Division lifting 15 U.S. passengers and 7 U.S. med-evacs.

13 Jul 1968

Capt. DICKSON led one section in support of Task Force Hotel lifting 20 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and 2 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. ABAJIAN flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division carrying 4 U.S. passengers. Capt. COOPER flew one med-evac mission out of Quang Tri evacuating 1 U.S. casualty.

Lt. KESSLER led a section in support of the 5th Marines at Phu Bai lifting 29 U.S. passengers, 1,800 pounds of cargo, and 3 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. HIRE and Capt. SIMS flew Phu Bai med-evac evacuating 2 U.S. and 5 ARVN med-evacs. Lt. CUNNINGHAM flew a VIP chase mission for Task Force X-Ray.

14 Jul 1968

Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of Task Force Hotel lifting 66 U.S. passengers, 900 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. CIARK led another section in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 70 U.S. passengers, 4,000 pounds of cargo and 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. HIRE and Capt. ABAJIAN flew Quang Tri med-evac lifting 3 U.S. passengers and evacuating 1 U.S. and 1 NVA casualty. Lt. ENGLISH flew a VIP chase mission for the 3rd Marine Division carrying 1 U.S. passenger.

Capt. PRICE led a section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 40 U.S. passengers, 2,500 pounds of cargo, and 3 U.S. med-evacs. Maj. CRONIN and Lt. DUFFY flew Phu Bai med-evac evacuating 2 U.S. and 1 VN civilian on 3 missions. Lt. HAGERMAN flew a VIP chase with a Scarface aircraft in support of Task Force X-Ray.

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Capt. CLARK led a section in support of Task Force Hotel. They lifted 63 U.S. passengers, 1,000 pounds of cargo, and 3 U.S. med-evacs. At 1600H at coordinates YD 1151 moderate automatic weapons fire was received with no hits or injuries reported. Two VIP chase missions were flown by Capt. WEST and Lt. HAGERMAN. They lifted 17 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac. Lt. FISCHER and Lt. STEVENSON flew Quang Tri med-evac lifting 10 U.S. passengers, 600 pounds of cargo and evacuating 1 U.S. and 1 ARVN med-evac.

Lt. COL. HOFFERT led a section in support of the 5th Marines at Phu Bai lifting 10 U.S. passengers and 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. DICKSON, Capt. HIRE, and Capt. McCLUNG led Phu Bai med-evac evacuating 3 U.S. and 19 VN civilian med-evacs. Lt. CACCIOLA flew a VIP chase mission with a Scarface aircraft in support of Task Force X-Ray lifting 7 U.S. passengers and 3,000 pounds of cargo.

16 Jul 1968

Capt. HIRE and Capt. DICKSON led sections North in support of Task Force Hotel and the 3rd Marine Division respectively on C & C missions. Capt. DICKSON's section lifted 13 U.S. passengers and Capt. HIRE's section lifted 125 U.S. and 4 ARVN passengers, 1,300 pounds of cargo and evacuated 6 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. McCLUNG flew 3 missions on Quang Tri med-evac lifting 4 U.S. passengers and 1 ARVN and 1 NVA med-evac. Lt. CARBARY flew a VIP mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division chasing a Seaworthy aircraft.

Lt. FISCHER led a section on a C & C mission for the 5th Marines today. His section lifted 84 U.S. passengers, 1,050 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 18 U.S. med-evacs. At 1525H at coordinates AU 812008 automatic weapons fire was received with no hits or injuries reported. Maj. FALESKIE, Lt. CULBRETH, and Lt. KESSLER flew 7 med-evac missions from Phu Bai lifting 3 ARVN and 2 VN civilian passengers and evacuating 1 U.S., 8 ARVN, and 3 VN civilian med-evacs.

17 Jul 1968

The 5th Marines were supported today by a C & C mission run by a section led by Maj. FALESKIE. They carried 4 passengers and lifted 500 pounds of cargo. Lt. COL. HOFFERT and Lt. FISCHER launched on a mission each for Phu Bai med-evac evacuating 5 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. WEST flew a VIP chase mission with a Scarface aircraft in support of Task Force X-Ray carrying 3 U.S. passengers.

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Lt. DUFFY led a section on a C & C mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division today. His section lifted 105 U.S. passengers, 1,050 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. CLARK and Capt. DICKSON led Quang Tri med-evac today flying 5 missions. They lifted 3 U.S. and 1 ARVN passengers and evacuated 7 U.S. and 1 ARVN med-evac. Lt. RUCK flew a VIP mission with Seaworthy aircraft in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 12 U.S. passengers.

19 Jul 1968

Phu Bai med-evac was flown today by LtCol. HOFFERT, Capt. McCLUNG, and Capt. AMEY, 2 U.S. and 2 VN civilian passengers were lifted and 5 U.S., 3 ARVN, 1 V.C., and 1 VN civilian were evacuated. Lt. SCHWARTZ flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray with a Scarface aircraft lifting 10 U.S. passengers and 400 pounds of cargo. Capt. DICKSON led a section on a C & C mission for the 5th Marines lifting 16 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and 2 U.S. med-evacs.

Three sections, led by Maj. HARRISON, Capt. COOPER, and Capt. HIRE, supported the 3rd Marine Division with C & C missions today. Maj. HARRISON's section lifted 15 U.S. passengers, 1,300 pounds of cargo, and 5 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. COOPER's section lifted 43 U.S. passengers, 1,200 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. HIRE's section lifted 15 U.S. passengers and 17 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. CITRANO flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division carrying 2 U.S. passengers.

19 Jul 1968

Maj. HARRISON led a section on a C & C mission for the 5th Marines at Phu Bai today lifting 30 U.S. passengers. Maj. FALESKIE, Capt. HIRE, and Lt. KESSLER flew Phu Bai med-evac lifting 5 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 2 VN civilian passengers, and evacuating 7 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 8 VN civilian med-evacs on 3 missions. Lt. STEVENSON flew a VIP chase mission with a Scarface aircraft in support of Task Force X-Ray.

Two sections, led by Capt. AMEY and Capt. CLARK, supported the 3rd Marine Division with C & C missions. Capt. AMEY's section lifted 49 U.S. and 2 ARVN passengers, 150 pounds of cargo, and 2 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. CLARK's section lifted 26 U.S. passengers, 500 pounds of cargo, and 20 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. COOPER and Lt. CALLIHAN flew VIP chase missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 6 U.S. passengers and 100 pounds of cargo.

20 Jul 1968

Lt. DUFFY led a section on a C & C mission for the 5th Marines lifting 12 U.S. passengers, 1,520 pounds of cargo, and 15 U.S. and 1 VN civilian med-evac. LtCol. HOFFERT, Capt. AMEY, and Capt. DICKSON flew Phu Bai

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med-evac lifting 3 VN civilian passengers and 2 U.S., and 3 VN civilian med-evacs. Lt. JOHNSON flew a VIP chase mission in support of Task Force X-Ray.

Two sections led by Maj. HARRISON and Capt. COOPER flew C & C missions for the 3rd Marine Division today. Maj. HARRISON's section lifted 28 U.S. passengers and 3 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. COOPER's section lifted 14 U.S. passengers and 100 pounds of cargo. Capt. HIRE and Lt. STEVENSON flew VIP chase missions for the 3rd Marine Division with Seaworthy aircraft lifting 6 U.S. passengers.

21 Jul 1968

Capt. SIMS supported the 5th Marines with a C & C mission lifting 25 U.S. passengers and 4 U.S. and 2 VN civilian med-evacs. Capt. PRICE, Lt. FISCHER, and Lt. DUFFY flew 7 missions on Phu Bai med-evac lifting 1 U.S. and 2 VN civilian passengers, and 6 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 3 VN civilian med-evacs. Lt. HAGELMAN flew a VIP chase mission for Task Force X-Ray lifting 3 U.S. and 1 ARVN passenger.

Capt. DICKSON led a section on a C & C mission for the 3rd Marine Division lifting 37 U.S. passengers, 200 pounds of cargo, and 2 U.S. med-evacs. Maj. KESLER and Lt. CULBRETH flew VIP chase missions for the 3rd Marine Division lifting 14 U.S. passengers and 1 U.S. med-evac.

22 Jul 1968

LtCol. HOFFERT and Capt. COOPER flew Phu Bai med-evac today. They lifted 1 ARVN passenger and evacuated 3 U.S., and 5 ARVN med-evacs on 4 missions.

Capt. HIRE led a section on a C & C mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 38 U.S. passengers, 500 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac. Maj. HARRISON, Lt. KESSLER, Lt. WICKERSHAM, and Lt. TOMER flew VIP chase missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 21 U.S. passengers, 1,900 pounds of cargo and 2 U.S. med-evacs.

23 Jul 1968

Two sections, led by Capt. PRICE and Capt. McCLUNG, supported the 3rd Marine Division with C & C missions today. Capt. McCLUNG's section lifted 12 U.S. passengers. Capt. PRICE's section lifted 79 U.S. passengers and 2 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. CACCIOLA flew a VIP chase mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division and carried 4 U.S. passengers.

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Capt. AMEY and Capt. HIRE flew Phu Bai med-evac today evacuating 8 VN civilian med-evacs. Lt. RUCK flew a VIP chase mission in support of Task Force X-Ray lifting 2 U.S. passengers and 1 U.S. med-evac.

24 Jul 1968

Capt. KESSLER led a section on a C & C mission for the 5th Marines lifting 21 U.S. passengers and 750 pounds of cargo. LtCol. HOFFERT, Capt. PRICE, and Capt. DICKSON flew Phu Bai med-evac today. They lifted 2 VN civilian passengers and 1 ARVN, and 3 VN civilian med-evacs.

Capt. CLARK led a section on a C & C mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 40 U.S. passengers, 160 pounds of cargo, and 2 U.S. med-evacs. Maj. HARRISON, Capt. AMEY, Capt. COOPER, and Lt. DUFFY flew VIP chase missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 11 U.S. passengers.

25 Jul 1968

Capt. DICKSON led a section on a C & C mission for the 5th Marines lifting 4 U.S. passengers. Capt. HIRE and Capt. SLES flew Phu Bai med-evac lifting 5 U.S. passengers and 2 U.S. and 1 ARVN med-evac. At 0915H Capt. SLES aircraft received small arms fire at coordinates ED959116 with no hits or injuries reported. Lt. MOORE flew a VIP chase mission in support of Task Force X-Ray lifting 3 U.S. passengers.

Capt. ABAJIAN and Lt. KESSLER led sections on C & C missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division. Capt. ABAJIAN's section lifted 45 U.S. passengers and 12 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. KESSLER's section lifted 40 U.S. passengers, 300 pounds of cargo, and 3 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. DICKSON and Maj. CRONIN flew VIP chase missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 8 U.S. passengers and 1 U.S. med-evac.

26 Jul 1968

Lt. KESSLER, Lt. HAGERMAN, Capt. McCLUNG, and Lt. CARBARY flew VIP chase missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division. They lifted 27 U.S. passengers and 1,150 pounds of cargo.

LtCol. HOFFERT flew Phu Bai med-evac evacuating 2 U.S. and 4 ARVN med-evacs. Capt. WEST flew a VIP chase mission in support of Task Force X-Ray.

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Maj. HARRISON led a section on a C & C mission today in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 28 U.S. passengers and 200 pounds of cargo. Capt. AMEY, Capt. WEST, and Lt. COSIMANO flew VIP chase missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 31 U.S. and 5 ARVN passengers, 800 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. and 1 ARVN med-evac. At 1610H Lt. COSIMANO crashed at coordinates XD 9347. YZ-13, BuNo 147161 was to be destroyed. No injuries were reported.

Capt. CLARK led a section on squadron business to Da Nang lifting 23 U.S. passengers. Maj. CRONIN and Capt. COOPER flew Phu Bai med-evac today lifting 2 VN civilian passengers, and 1 U.S. and 2 VN civilian med-evacs. Lt. RUCK flew a VIP chase mission in support of Task Force X-Ray lifting 1 U.S. passengers.

28 Jul 1968

Lt. DUFFY led a section in support of the 3rd Marine Division on a C & C mission lifting 13 U.S. passengers and 800 pounds of cargo. Capt. DICKSON, Capt. HIRE, Lt. FISCHER, Lt. JOHNSON, Lt. ROSE, and Lt. GUNNINGHAM all flew VIP chase missions for the 3rd Marine Division. They lifted 64 U.S. passengers, 2,100 pounds of cargo, and 2 U.S. med-evacs.

Maj. HARRISON, Maj. FALESKIE, and Capt. McCLUNG flew Phu Bai med-evac. They lifted 1 ARVN passenger, and 5 U.S. and 1 VN civilian med-evac. Capt. CITRANO flew a VIP chase mission in support of Task Force X-Ray lifting 1 U.S. passenger.

29 Jul 1968

Capt. AMEY led a section on a C & C mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 40 U.S. passengers, 1,000 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. ABAJIAN and Capt. WEST flew VIP chase in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 26 U.S. passengers, 800 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac.

LtCol. HOFFERT and Lt. FISCHER flew Phu Bai med-evac lifting 1 U.S. passenger and 4 U.S., and 2 VN Civilian med-evacs. Lt. TOMEK flew a VIP chase mission for Task Force Hotel lifting 9 U.S. passengers. Lt. WICKERSHAM flew a single plane admin mission to Da Nang in support of III MAF carrying 2 U.S. passengers, and Maj. CRONIN flew a single plane maintenance mission to Da Nang carrying 4 U.S. passengers and 200 pounds of cargo.

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LtCol. HOFFERT and Capt. DICKSON led sections on a mission to support the ROKMC. LtCol. HOFFERT's section carried 15 U.S. and 20 ROKMC passengers and 26,000 pounds of cargo. Capt. DICKSON's section lifted 18 U.S. and 10 ROKMC passengers and 8,000 pounds of cargo.

Maj. HARRISON led one section on a C & C mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division. They lifted 1,000 pounds of cargo and evacuated 14 U.S. and 2 ARVN med-evacs.

Capt. McCLUNG led a section in support of the 26th Marines and Task Force X-Ray lifting 18 U.S. passengers and 500 pounds of cargo. Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. HIRE flew Phu Bai med-evac lifting 2 VN civilian med-evacs. Lt. CARBOLA flew a VIP chase mission in support of Task Force X-Ray with a Scarface aircraft. Maj. CRONIN led a section to MACAF on squadron business lifting 11 U.S. passengers.

31 Jul 1968

Maj. HARRISON led a section on a C & C mission in support of the 26th Marines lifting 15 U.S. passengers, 5,000 pounds of cargo, and 15 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. AMEY, Capt. DICKSON, and Capt. HIRE flew Phu Bai med-evac today. They lifted 4 VN civilian passengers, and 6 U.S. and 4 VN civilian med-evacs. Lt. CARBARY flew a VIP chase mission in support of Task Force X-Ray carrying 3 U.S. passengers.

Maj. FALESKIE and Lt. COSIMANO flew VIP chase missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division. They lifted 25 U.S. passengers and 600 pounds of cargo.

Capt. McCLUNG and Capt. COOPER supported the 1st Marine Division and the ROKMC with two sections. Capt. McCLUNG's section lifted 3 U.S. and 10 ROKMC passengers, 6,850 pounds of cargo, and 2 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. COOPER's section lifted 21 U.S. passengers.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Promotions

- a. Officers: One (1) to Lieutenant Colonel
Two (2) to First Lieutenant
- b. Enlisted: One (1) to Gunnery Sergeant
Three (3) to Sergeant
Two (2) to Corporal
Three (3) to Lance Corporal
One (1) to Private First Class

2. Awards

- a. A total of 378 Air Medals were awarded to the Officers of HMM-363.
- b. A total of 273 Air Medals were awarded to the Enlisted men of HMM-363.

3. Casualties

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Capt.	J. F. SCHOLLE	092234/7561	4Jul68	WIANE 6 miles North West of Dong Ha, Quan Gio Lanh Province, RVN.

4. Air Operations

- a. Total Flight Hours: 1859.1
- b. Total Sorties: 6028
- c. Total Cargo, Tons: 108.9
- d. Total Med-Evacs: 1081
- e. Total Passengers: 6028

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