

## MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 363

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology Report

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

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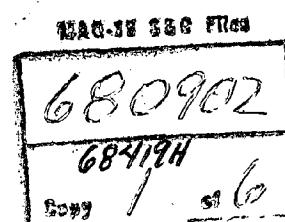
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## PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA (U)

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

Commanding Officer	1 Aug - 22 Aug 1968 LtCol. D. W. HOFFERT
Executive Officer	23 Aug - 31 Aug 1968 Maj. J. L. HARRISON
Operations Officer	1 Aug - 22 Aug 1968 Maj. J. L. HARRISON
Maintenance Officer	23 Aug - 31 Aug 1968 Maj. T. J. CRONIN
Administrative Officer	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1968 Maj. T. J. FALESKIE
Material Officer	1 Aug - 22 Aug 1968 Maj. T. J. CRONIN
Aviation Safety Officer	23 Aug - 31 Aug 1968 Capt. R. J. HOCKETT
Intelligence Officer	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1968 Capt. T. B. DICKSON
	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1968 2ndLt. W. E. CASEY
	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1968 Capt. M. D. COOPER
	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1968 1stLt. J. C. HAGEMAN

2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

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

3. Average strength of squadron during period:

Officers: 45 (1 Navy) Enlisted: 181

4. Important visitors to the squadron: General L. B. CHAPMAN (CMC) visited the squadron on 6 Aug 1968.

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## PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD (C)

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 Aug 1968

Lt. DUFFY led a section in support of the 26th Marines in the Phu Bai area carrying 500 pounds of cargo, 22 U.S. passengers, and 6 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN civilian med-evac. Lt. CUNNINGHAM chased a Scarface aircraft carrying 1 U.S. passenger and 75 pounds of cargo.

Lt. COSIMANO chased a Scarface aircraft in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 6 U.S. passengers and 2 U.S. med-evacs. Maj. CRONIN chased a Seaworthy aircraft carrying 6 U.S. passengers and 2 U.S. med-evacs. Maj. HARRISON carried 5 U.S. passengers and 4 U.S. med-evacs.

LtCol. HOFFERT flew morning med-evac at Phu Bai picking up 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. McCLUNG flew afternoon med-evac carrying 6 U.S., 3 VN civilian med-evacs, and 2 VN civilian passengers.

2 Aug 1968

LtCol. HOFFERT led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division carrying 11,255 pounds of cargo, 58 U.S. passengers, and 6 ARVN passengers in the Da Nang - Chu Lai area. Capt. AMEY's section worked for the ROKMC carrying 5,500 pounds of cargo, 13 U.S. passengers, 30 ROKMC passengers, and 1 ROKMC med-evac. They flew 74 sorties and logged 17.5 hours flight time. Capt. ABAJIAN led a section moving 4,100 pounds of cargo and 19 U.S. passengers.

Capt. HIRE led a section in support of the 26th Marines carrying 12 U.S. passengers, 18 U.S., 1 VN civilian med-evac, and 2,300 pounds of cargo. Lt. ROSE chased a Scarface aircraft carrying 3 U.S. passengers and 700 pounds of cargo.

Lt. MOORE chased a Seaworthy aircraft in support of Task Force Hotel carrying 14 U.S. passengers. Capt. AMEY flew afternoon med-evac carrying 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. DICKSON led night med-evac carrying 1 U.S., 1 VN civilian, and 1 NVA med-evac.

3 Aug 1968

Capt. AMEY led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division in the Da Nang - Phu Bai area carrying 13 U.S. passengers and 9 U.S. med-evacs.

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Capt. DICKSON's section carried 23,000 pounds of cargo, 10 U.S., 55 ROKMC passengers. Capt. SIMS led a section carrying 13 U.S. passengers in the Phu Bai - Da Nang area. Lt. CACCIOLA chased a Seaworthy aircraft around Dong Ha carrying 5 U.S. passengers.

Capt. McGUNG flew in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 5 VIPs in the Dong Ha area. Maj. HARRISON flew night med-evac carrying 1 ARVN med-evac.

4 Aug 1968

LtCol. HOFFERT flew morning med-evac carrying 2 U.S. passengers and 6 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. PRICE led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division and the ROKMC lifting 24 U.S., 2 ROKMC passengers and 600 pounds of cargo. Lt. WICKERSHAM chased a Scarface aircraft in the Phu Bai area. Maj. HARRISON's section lifted 31 U.S. and 12 VN civilian passengers and 1,900 pounds of cargo. Capt. DICKSON flew afternoon med-evac carrying 1 VN civilian med-evac to the HUE hospital. Capt. ABAJIAN led night med-evac carrying 1 U.S. med-evac.

Capt. COOPER led a section in support of Task Force Hotel in the Dong Ha area carrying 35 U.S. passengers, 1,325 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac. Lt. RUCK flew in the Da Nang area lifting 10 U.S., 4 ARVN, and 500 pounds of cargo. Lt. DUFFY's section lifted 4 U.S. passengers and 1,000 pounds of cargo around Dong Ha. Lt. COSIMANO flew for the 1st Marine Division carrying 19 U.S. passengers, 1 ARVN med-evac, and 900 pounds of cargo.

5 Aug 1968

LtCol. HOFFERT led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division and the ROKMC around the Da Nang and Chu Lai area lifting 20 U.S., 24 ROKMC passengers and 13,000 pounds of cargo. Lt. COSIMANO's section carried 7 U.S., 7 ROKMC passengers and 3,500 pounds of cargo. Capt. ABAJIAN led a flight to Dong Ha lifting 2 U.S. passengers.

Capt. COOPER led a section in support of Task Force X-Ray in the Phu Bai area carrying 24 U.S. passengers, 6 U.S. and 1 VN civilian med-evac. Capt. CLARK chased a Scarface aircraft carrying 1 U.S. passenger and 100 pounds of cargo.

In support of Task Force Hotel, Lt. HAGEMAN flew with a Seaworthy aircraft carrying 23 U.S. passengers. Lt. CUNNINGHAM flew afternoon med-evac picking up 1 routine U.S. med-evac.

6 Aug 1968

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division and

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the ROKMC in the Da Nang TAOR carrying 35, 10 pounds of cargo and 1 VN civilian emergency med-evac. Capt. SIMS chased a Blackcat aircraft carrying 2 U.S. passengers. Capt. CITRANO accompanied a Scarface aircraft carrying 7 U.S. passengers and 200 pounds of cargo. Capt. ABAJIAN flew morning med-evac carrying 2 U.S. and 1 VN civilian med-evac. Capt. PRICE led night med-evac carrying 7 emergency VN civilian med-evacs.

Lt. COSIMANO flew in support of the 3rd Marine Division in the Dong Ha area carrying 4 U.S. passengers. Capt. AMEY flew with a Seaworthy aircraft lifting 30 U.S. passengers and 100 pounds of cargo. Capt. COOPER led a section for Task Force X-Ray lifting 5 U.S. passengers, 700 pounds of cargo, and 6 U.S. med-evacs.

7 Aug 1968

Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division in the Phu Bai - Da Nang area lifting 6 U.S. passengers and 200 pounds of cargo. Capt. PRICE flew to Quang Tri carrying 1 U.S. passenger. Capt. DICKSON's section carryied 5 U.S. passengers. Capt. CLARK led a section in support of the ROKMC lifting 60 U.S. passengers, 9 ROKMC passengers, and 750 pounds of cargo.

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 26th Marines lifting 27 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S., 1 VN civilian med-evac, and 3,950 pounds of cargo. Capt. CITRANO chased a Seaworthy aircraft carrying 12 U.S. passengers. Lt. CARBARY chased a Scarface aircraft carrying 2 U.S. passengers.

Capt. ABAJIAN flew morning med-evac lifting 2 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN civilian med-evacs, with 2 VN civilian passengers. LtCol. HOFFERT flew afternoon med-evac lifting 2 U.S. med-evacs.

8 Aug 1968

Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of the 3rd Marine Division in the Dong Ha area carrying 120 U.S. passengers and 2,050 pounds of cargo. He flew 106 sorties and 18.3 flight hours for the section. Capt. PRICE's section lifted 24 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac, and 2,600 pounds of cargo. Capt. ABAJIAN's section carried 11 U.S. passengers.

Lt. ENGLISH chased a Scarface aircraft in support of the 26th Marines lifting 1 U.S. passenger. Capt. WEST chased a Scarface aircraft in support of Task Force Hotel carrying 5 U.S. passengers. Capt. DICKSON chased a Seaworthy aircraft in the Dong Ha area carrying 15 U.S. passengers

Capt. COOPER led night med-evac picking up 3 U.S. med-evacs.

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Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 3rd Marine Division in the Dong Ha area carrying 30 U.S. passengers and 9 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. ABAJIAN's section carried 13 U.S. passengers and 5 U.S. med-evacs.

LtCol. HOFFERT flew morning med-evac lifting 7 U.S. med-evacs, 3 ARVN med-evacs and 100 pounds of cargo. Capt. DICKSON flew afternoon med-evac carrying 1 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN civilian med-evac. Capt. AMEY led night med-evac picking up 3 U.S., and 8 ARVN med-evacs.

Capt. PRICE flew in support of the 26th Marines carrying 8 U.S. passengers and 500 pounds of cargo. Lt. MOORE's section carried 7 U.S. passengers on a visual recon mission.

Lt. COSIMANO flew in support of the 3rd Marine Division at Dong Ha carrying 2 U.S. passengers. Lt. HAGEMAN flew for Task Force Hotel lifting 2 U.S. passengers and 200 pounds of cargo. Lt. DUFFY's section carried 30 U.S. passengers and 9 U.S. med-evacs.

10 Aug 1968

Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of the 3rd Marine Division in the Dong Ha area carrying 88 U.S. passengers and 1,700 pounds of cargo. They flew 88 sorties and flew 16.0 hours flight time. Capt. COOPER's section lifted 1 U.S. passenger. Capt. PRICE led a section that lifted 36 U.S. passengers, 3 VN civilian passengers, 23 U.S. med-evacs and 2,500 pounds of cargo.

Capt. DICKSON led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division lifting 36 U.S., 3 VN civilian passengers, 22 U.S. med-evacs, and 1,500 pounds of cargo. Lt. DUFFY flew in support of Task Force Hotel carrying 10 U.S. passengers and 300 pounds of cargo. Capt. SIMS flew from Phu Bai to Da Nang and return carrying 1 U.S. passenger.

Capt. HIRE flew afternoon med-evac evacuating 5 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 2 VN civilian med-evacs. Capt. CLARK led night med-evac lifting 2 U.S. med-evacs.

11 Aug 1968

Maj. HARRISON flew in support of the 3rd Marine Division in the Dong Ha area carrying 62 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac, 3 ARVN med-evacs and 1,700 pounds of cargo. Capt. HIRE led a section that carried 36 U.S.

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passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac, and lifted 2,100 pounds of cargo. Capt. COOPER's section lifted 12 U.S. passengers, 3 U.S. med-evacs, and 700 pounds of cargo. Lt. RUCK carried 4 U.S. passengers. Capt. FISCHER's section lifted 13 U.S. passengers and 1,400 pounds of cargo.

LtCol. HOFFERT flew in support of the 1st Marine Division on morning med-evac lifting 2 VN civilian med-evacs. Maj. FALESKIE led afternoon med-evac lifting 1 U.S. and 2 ARVN med-evacs. Maj. CRONIN chased a Scarface aircraft in support of the 26th Marines carrying 8 U.S. passengers and 350 pounds of cargo.

12 Aug 1968

LtCol. HOFFERT led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division in the Da Nang area carrying 14 U.S. passengers. Lt. KESSLER flew an admin hop carrying 2 U.S. passengers.

Lt. KESSLER led a section in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 5 U.S. passengers and 250 pounds of cargo. Capt. PRICE's section carried 2 U.S. passengers. Capt. COOPER flew a VIP chase for Task Force Hotel carrying 5 U.S. passengers. Capt. HOOTON also flew a VIP chase for Task Force Hotel carrying 6 passengers and 50 pounds of cargo. Capt. SIMS and Lt. DUFFY worked around the Stud area and carried 3 U.S. passengers.

Maj. HARRISON and Capt. DICKSON flew the med-evac in support of the 1st Marine Division in the Phu Bai area carrying a total of 14 U.S. passengers, 4 U.S. med-evacs, 1 ARVN med-evac, and 1 VN civilian med-evac.

13 Aug 1968

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division and the ROKMC south of Da Nang carrying 2 U.S., 49 ROKMC passengers, and 9,400 pounds of cargo. Capt. PRICE worked a section for the 7th Marines carrying 18 U.S. passengers and 100 pounds of cargo. Capt. AMEY's section lifted 30 U.S. passengers and 700 pounds of cargo.

Lt. CUNNINGHAM led his section in working for Task Force X-Ray carrying 18 U.S. passengers and 750 pounds of cargo.

Capt. DICKSON flew VIP chase as did Capt. WEST carrying a total of 22 U.S. passengers and 250 pounds of cargo.

Capt. HIRE led night med-evac at Phu Bai and Capt. COOPER had morning med-evac. They carried 1 U.S. and 3 VN civilian passengers, with 3 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN civilian med-evac.

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LtCol. HOFFERT led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division and the ROKMC carrying 20 U.S. and 6 ROKMC passengers with 700 pounds of cargo. Capt. HIRE and Capt. COOPER also with the ROKMC carried 31 U.S. and 15 ROKMC passengers. Capt. PRICE led a section which carried 17 U.S. passengers and 3,000 pounds of cargo.

Capt. AMEY flew VIP chase for Task Force X-Ray and carried 3 passengers plus 400 pounds of cargo.

Maj. CRONIN and Lt. KESSLER flew independant VIP chase in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 12 U.S. passengers and 1,400 pounds of cargo.

Both Maj. HARRISON and Capt. DICKSON flew day med-evac at Phu Bai carrying 6 U.S. med-evacs and 3 ARVN med-evacs with 3 U.S. and 2 ARVN passengers.

15 Aug 1968

Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division and the ROKMC south of Da Nang. They hauled 17,400 pounds of cargo, 10 U.S., and 50 ROKMC passengers. Capt. FISCHER flew ROKMC VIP chase carrying 15 U.S., 22 ROKMC passengers, and 100 pounds of cargo. Capt. DICKSON's section lifted 26 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac and 70 pounds of cargo. Capt. HOOTON flew escort with an army aircraft during VIP missions in the Da Nang - Chu Lai area.

Capt. AMEY led his section in support of the 26th Marines in the Phu Bai area carrying 25 U.S., 3 VN civilian passengers, also lifted 7 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN civilian med-evacs plus 1,700 pounds of cargo. Capt. COOPER flew VIP chase carrying 4 U.S. passengers.

Maj. CRONIN and Capt. SIMS flew med-evac at Phu Bai today, carrying 2 U.S., 2 ARVN, and 3 VN civilian med-evacs with 7 VN civilian passengers.

16 Aug 1968

LtCol. HOFFERT led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division carrying 5 U.S. passengers and 5,500 pounds of cargo. Maj. CRONIN's section lifted 13 U.S. passengers and 2 U.S. med-evacs with 1,000 pounds of cargo.

Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of the 26th Marines in the Phu Bai area carrying 12 U.S. passengers and 500 pounds of cargo. Capt.

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ABAJIAN flew VIP chase and carried 7 U.S. passengers and 860 pounds of cargo.

Maj. CRONIN led a section working for 3rd Marine Division and carried 13 U.S. passengers, 8 U.S. med-evacs, and 700 pounds of cargo. Capt. DICKSON worked his section with Task Force X-Ray carrying 22 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac, and 1,000 pounds of cargo. Capt. HOOTON flew VIP chase and carried 2 U.S. passengers and 400 pounds of cargo. Capt. HIRE also flew VIP chase and carried 29 U.S. passengers, 4 U.S. med-evacs, and 150 pounds of cargo.

Maj. HARRISON and Capt. COOPER flew med-evac at Phu Bai today carrying 4 U.S. and 2 VN civilian med-evacs.

17 Aug 1968

Capt. HIRE led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division carrying 36 U.S. passengers and 500 pounds of cargo.

Capt. SIMS worked his section with the 26th Marines carrying 4 U.S. passengers and 1,000 pounds of cargo. Lt. SCHWARTZ flew VIP chase. Maj. FALESKIE led a section on an admin flight to the USS PRINCETON.

Capt. ABAJIAN flew VIP chase for Task Force Hotel carrying 7 U.S. passengers and 100 pounds of cargo. Capt. AMEY led his section in support of the 3rd Marine Division near Dong Ha. They carried 14 U.S. passengers, 3 U.S. and 3 ARVN med-evacs plus 4,400 pounds of cargo. Capt. PRICE flew VIP chase and carried 10 U.S. passengers and 3 U.S. med-evacs.

Maj. CRONIN and Capt. FISCHER were flying med-evac in the Phu Bai area today. They carried 1 U.S. and 5 VN civilian med-evacs without incident.

18 Aug 1968

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 26th Marines in the Phu Bai area carrying 24 U.S. passengers, 12 U.S. med-evacs, and 7,700 pounds of cargo.

Capt. HIRE led a section in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 53 U.S. passengers, 9 U.S. and 4 VN civilian med-evacs plus 2,500 pounds of cargo. Capt. ABAJIAN's section lifted 15 U.S. and 2 VN civilian passengers, 4 U.S. and 2 VN Civilian med-evacs with 2100 pounds of cargo. Capt. McCLUNG's section worked along the trace area lifting 15 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac, and 200 pounds of cargo. Capt. PRICE led his section to an easy morning with 2 U.S. passengers and 1,100 pounds of cargo.

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LtCol. HOFFERT, Capt. DICKSON and Lt. DUFFY led a busy day of med-evac at Phu Bai. They carried 15 U.S. and 10 VN civilian med-evacs with 2 VN civilian passengers. Lt. DUFFY received incoming mortars during an emergency med-evac. The aircraft YZ-7 BuNo 149328 received no hits at the pickup zone at ZD041023. No one was hurt and the mission was completed.

19 Aug 1968

Capt. DICKSON led a section in support of the 26th Marines at Phu Bai. His section carried 18 U.S. passengers, 4 U.S. med-evacs and 3,400 pounds of cargo.

Maj. FALESKIE led his section in support of the 3rd Marine Division in the Dong Ha area carrying 14 U.S. passengers and 15 U.S., 1 ARVN med-evacs. Maj. CRONIN's section lifted 40 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac and 10,200 pounds of cargo. Capt. ABAJIAN led his section in carrying 23 U.S. passengers and 18 U.S. and 1 ARVN med-evacs.

LtCol. HOFFERT and Capt. COOPER stood the med-evac at Phu Bai today. They carried 1 U.S., 4 ARVN, and 5 VN civilian med-evacs with 1 U.S. passenger.

20 Aug 1968

Capt. McCLUNG led a section in support of the 26th Marines at Phu Bai today carrying 5 U.S. passengers. Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. ABAJIAN flew Phu Bai med-evac lifting 1 ARVN, 1 VN civilian passenger, and 2 U.S. and 4 ARVN med-evacs on 5 missions.

Four aircraft went to the MMAF area today. Lt. DUFFY and Lt. RUCK flew VIP chase missions in support of the 1st Marine Division and the ROKMC. Lt. DUFFY lifted 10 U.S. and 15 ROKMC passengers and Lt. RUCK lifted 5 U.S. passengers and 1,000 pounds of cargo. Maj. HARRISON and Capt. COOPER flew in support of the ROKMC lifting 9 U.S., 63 ROKMC passengers and 29,700 pounds of cargo.

Capt. FISCHER and Capt. CITRANO flew VIP chase missions in Northern I Corps today. Capt. FISCHER flew in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 10 U.S. passengers and 2 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. CITRANO flew in support of Task Force Hotel lifting 4 U.S. passengers

21 Aug 1968

Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of the 26th Marines lifting 36 U.S. passengers, 3,950 pounds of cargo, and 9 U.S. med-evacs. Maj. HARRISON, Capt. FISCHER, and Capt. HIRE led med-evac today evacuating 4 U.S., 1 ARVN,

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and 2 VN civilian med-evacs. They also carried 4 U.S. and 1 VN civilian passengers.

Capt. ABAJIAN and Lt. SCHWARTZ flew VIP chase missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division and Task Force Hotel respectively. Together they carried 5 U.S. passengers.

Four aircraft again went to the MMAF area. Capt. MCCLUNG led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division and the ROKMC lifting 28 U.S. and 26 ROKMC passengers, 1 VN civilian med-evac, and 7,900 pounds of cargo. Lt. MOORE flew a VIP chase mission in support of the ROKMC lifting 3 U.S. and 17 ROKMC passengers and 500 pounds of cargo. Capt. HOOTON flew a VIP chase mission in support of the 1st Marine Division lifting 14 U.S. passengers.

22 Aug 1968

Maj. FALESKIE, Capt. MCCLUNG, and Capt. DICKSON led Phu Bai med-evac evacuating 3 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN civilian med-evacs. Capt. FISCHER led a section in support of the 26th Marines lifting 19 U.S. passengers and 2,300 pounds of cargo. His wingman, Lt. CARBARY, had an engine failure, lifting out of the zone at Hill 494, coordinates ZD020010. Lt. CARBARY kept the aircraft, YZ-20 BuNo 147183 in the zone. No injuries or further damage was reported.

Four aircraft went to the MMAF area. Capt. HIRE led a section in support of the 1st Marine Division lifting 80 U.S. passengers, 3 U.S. and 1 VN civilian med-evacs, plus 18,550 pounds of cargo. Lt. DUFFY flew a VIP chase mission in support of the 1st Marine Division and the ROKMC lifting 9 U.S. and 9 ROKMC passengers, 7 U.S. med-evacs, and 1,500 pounds of cargo.

Maj. CRONIN led one section in support of the 3rd Marine Division. They flew 3 missions lifting 28 U.S. passengers, 17 U.S. and 2 VN civilian med-evacs, and 1,200 pounds of cargo.

23 Aug 1968

Maj. CRONIN led a section today in support of the 26th Marines lifting 37 U.S. passengers, 9 U.S. med-evacs, and 350 pounds of cargo. Maj. HARRISON flew a single plane mission to Da Nang on squadron business lifting 15 U.S. passengers. Capt. CITRANO led Phu Bai med-evac on 3 missions evacuating 2 U.S., 1 VN civilian, and 1 ROK civilian med-evacs.

Capt. DICKSON and Lt. HALLIDAY flew VIP chase missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division and Task Force Hotel respectively. Capt. DICKSON lifted 17 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac and 300 pounds of cargo. Lt. HALLIDAY lifted 16 U.S. passengers.

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LtCol. HOFFERT led a section on med-evac in support of the 1st Marine Division and on resupply for the ROKMC. His section lifted 46 U.S. passengers, 20 U.S., 12 ARVN, and 2 VN civilian med-evacs, plus 26,500 pounds of cargo. Lt. SEELEY and Lt. TOMEK flew with HUEY aircraft on missions in support of III MAF and the ROKMC respectively. Lt. SEELEY lifted 13 U.S. passengers, 8 ARVN med-evacs and 1,660 pounds of cargo. Lt. TOMEK lifted 7 U.S., 50 ROKMC passengers, and 6,400 pounds of cargo. LtCol. HOFFERT's section received small arms sniper fire 6 times during the day with no hits or injuries reported.

At 1800 Phu Bai Combat Base came under a Rocket attack. Five of the squadrons aircraft were hit by shrapnel and Lance Corporal John M. COOPER 2316630 was wounded in the leg.

24 Aug 1968

Maj. HARRISON led a section today in support of the 26th Marines lifting 26 U.S. passengers, 8 U.S. and 9 VN civilian med-evacs with 200 pounds of cargo. Maj. FALESKIE, Capt. FISCHER, and Capt. ABAJIAN led Phu Bai med-evac today evacuating 15 VN civilian and lifting 4 VN civilian passengers on 4 missions.

Capt. HOOTON and Capt. CITRANO flew VIP chase missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division and Task Force Hotel respectively. Capt. HOOTON carried 6 U.S. passengers and Capt. CITRANO carried 4 U.S. passengers and 250 pounds of cargo. At 1315H Capt. HOOTON's aircraft came under moderate small arms automatic weapons fire from coordinates YD139728. YZ-10 BuNo 148814 received one hit, no injuries were reported and the mission was continued.

Two sections, led by Capt. HIRE and Capt. DICKSON flew in support of the ROKMC and 1st Marine Division respectively today in the MMAF area. Capt. HIRE's section lifted 6 U.S. and 34 ROKMC passengers, 3 ROKMC med-evacs, and 19,250 pounds of cargo. Capt. HIRE received sniper fire twice in the morning from coordinates BT074514 with no hits or injuries reported. Capt. DICKSON's section lifted 25 U.S. and 2 ARVN passengers with 700 pounds of cargo.

25 Aug 1968

Maj. HARRISON, Capt. HIRE, and Capt. MCCLUNG led Phu Bai med-evac today. They lifted 6 VN civilian passengers, 5 U.S., 4 ARVN, and 12 VN civilian med-evacs. Capt. ABAJIAN led a section in support of the 26th Marines lifting 16 U.S. passengers, 5 U.S. med-evacs, and 200 pounds of cargo.

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Maj. CRONIN led a section in support of the ROKMC and the 1st Marine Division today lifting 9 U.S. and 34 ROKMC passengers, 5 U.S. med-evacs, and 18,500 pounds of cargo. Capt. COOPER led a section in support of both the 1st Marine Division and the 3rd Marine Division lifting 60 U.S. passengers and 4,800 pounds of cargo.

Lt. DUFFY and Lt. SEELEY flew VIP chase missions today in support of Task Force Hotel and the 3rd Marine Division respectively. Lt. DUFFY lifted 14 U.S. passengers and 800 pounds of cargo while Lt. SEELEY carried 4 U.S. passengers.

26 Aug 1968

Lt. SEELEY led a section in support of the 26th Marines at Phu Bai lifting 48 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac, and 800 pounds of cargo. Lt. HAGEMAN led one section in support of the 1st Marine Division lifting 4 U.S. passengers and 400 pounds of cargo. Lt. MOORE flew a single plane mission in support of the 1st Marine Division lifting 6 U.S. passengers. Maj. FALESKIE led Phu Bai med-evac on 3 missions evacuating 2 U.S. and 2 VN civilian med-evacs.

Capt. DICKSON led a section in support of the ROKMC and the 1st Marine Division in the MMAF area today. His section lifted 65 U.S. and 17 ROKMC passengers with 17,200 pounds of cargo. At 1600H Capt. DICKSON's aircraft came under small arms fire from coordinates BT074514 with no hits or injuries reported. Capt. ABAJIAN led a section in support of the ROKMC lifting 2 U.S. and 20 ROKMC passengers, and 13,140 pounds of cargo. At 1345H from coordinates BT030600 Capt. ABAJIAN's aircraft received automatic weapons fire. YZ-8 BuNo 148764, received 1 hit and no injuries were reported. The mission was completed.

Capt. HIRE and Capt. WEST flew VIP chase missions for Task Force Hotel and the 3rd Marine Division respectively. Capt. HIRE lifted 5 U.S. passengers and Capt. WEST lifted 6 U.S. passengers and 600 pounds of cargo.

27 Aug 1968

Maj. FALESKIE and Lt. WICKERSHAM alternated leading a section on a C&C mission in support of the 26th Marines. The section lifted 53 U.S. passengers and 1,000 pounds of cargo. Maj. HARRISON and Lt. DUFFY led Phu Bai med-evac lifting 1 U.S. passenger and 15 U.S. med-evacs on 6 missions. Capt. ABAJIAN flew a single plane mission to Da Nang on squadron business carrying 5 U.S. passengers and 300 pounds of cargo.

Capt. HOOTON led a section on a C&C mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 69 U.S. passengers, 4 U.S. med-evacs and 2,850

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pounds of cargo. At 1530H Capt. HOOTON's aircraft received small arms and automatic weapons fire from coordinates AD915546 with no hits or injuries reported. Capt. FISCHER also led a section in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 59 U.S. passengers, 57 U.S. med-evacs, and 2,500 pounds of cargo. Capt. MCCLUNG flew a VIP chase mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 7 U.S. passengers. Lt. SCHWARTZ flew a single plane mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 12 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN civilian passenger, and 1 VN civilian and 4 U.S. med-evacs.

28 Aug 1968

Capt. COOPER, Lt. SEELEY, and Lt. MOORE led Phu Bai med-evac lifting 1 VN civilian passenger, 5 U.S. med-evacs on 5 missions. Lt. WICKERSHAM flew a single plane mission to Da Nang in support of III MAF lifting 10 U.S. passengers and 1,000 pounds of cargo. Maj. HARRISON led a section on a C&C mission in support of the 25th Marines lifting 20 U.S. passengers and 1,600 pounds of cargo. At 1540H the wingmans aircraft received small arms fire from coordinates AT904948 while attempting to hoist pickup an emergency med-evac resulting in 1 hit to YZ-6 BuNo 150725. At 1550H Maj. HARRISON's aircraft received small arms and .50 caliber fire from the same area attempting to enter the same zone. The engine was shot out and the aircraft went down resulting in the loss of YZ-19 BuNo 149382 at sea. Maj. J. L. HARRISON 065968, SSgt. R. W. KING 1820758, and Cpl. M. L. GUESS 2335244 were all treated at G-4, NSA, Da Nang for minor injuries. Lt. WICKERSHAM led a section finishing the mission and lifted 9 U.S. passengers and 2 U.S. med-evacs.

Capt. WEST led a section on a C&C mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 8 U.S. passengers, 62 U.S. and 2 VN civilian med-evacs, with 1,800 pounds of cargo. Capt. HIRE flew a VIP chase mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 2 U.S. passengers. Capt. TROYER flew a VIP mission in support of Task Force Hotel lifting 9 U.S. passengers.

Lt. CALLIHAN and Lt. TOMEK flew VIP chase missions in support of the 1st Marine Division. Lt. CALLIHAN lifted 29 U.S. passengers and 200 pounds of cargo. Lt. TOMEK carried 7 U.S. passengers.

29 Aug 1968

Lt. CACCIOLA led a section on a C&C mission in support of the 26th Marines today lifting 60 U.S. passengers, 3 U.S. med-evacs, and 1,100 pounds of cargo. Maj. CRONIN and Capt. MCCLUNG led Phu Bai med-evac evacuating 4 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN civilian med-evacs on 5 missions

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Capt. FISCHER led a section on a C&C mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 41 U.S. passengers, 2 NVA POW's, 1 U.S. med-evac, and 200 pounds of cargo. Capt. COOPER also led a section on a C&C mission lifting 16 U.S. and 3 VN civilian passengers, 40 U.S. and 2 VN civilian med-evacs, and 2,200 pounds of cargo. Capt. DICKSON flew a VIP chase mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 1 U.S. passenger and 2 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. HAGEMAN flew a VIP chase mission in support of Task Force Hotel lifting 23 U.S. and 2 VN civilian passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac, and 400 pounds of cargo.

30 Aug 1968

Maj. FALESKIE, Capt. HIRE, and Capt. DICKSON led Phu Bai med-evac today lifting 5 U.S., 2 ARVN, and 1 VN civilian med-evac. Lt. HAGEMAN led a section in support of the 26th Marines lifting 47 U.S. passengers, 6 U.S. med-evacs, and 3,500 pounds of cargo.

Lt. CALLIHAN and Lt. MOORE flew VIP chase missions in support of Task Force Hotel and the 3rd Marine Division respectively. Lt. CALLIHAN lifted 6 U.S. passengers and 400 pounds of cargo, Lt. MOORE carried 4 U.S. passengers. Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 3rd Marine Division on a C&C mission lifting 29 U.S. passengers, 45 U.S. and 3 VN civilian med-evacs with 2,600 pounds of cargo. Lt. RUCK led another section on a C&C mission lifting 54 U.S. passengers and 800 pounds of cargo. At 0920H Lt. RUCK's aircraft received small arms fire from coordinates YD150705 resulting in 2 hits to YZ-6 BuNo 150725. No injuries were reported. At 1430H Lt. ROSE and his wingman received mortars while in the zone at Hill 950, coordinates XD843456 with no hits or injuries reported.

31 Aug 1968

Capt. COOPER and Capt. ABAJIAN led Phu Bai med-evac today evacuating 3 U.S. med-evacs on 3 missions. Capt. CITRANO led a section on a C&C mission in support of the 26th Marines lifting 31 U.S. passengers, 1 U.S. med-evac, and 2,200 pounds of cargo.

Maj. FALESKIE led a section on a C&C mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 23 U.S., 1 VN civilian passenger, 39 U.S. and 4 VN civilian med-evacs, with 2,800 pounds of cargo. Lt. ENGLISH also led a section on a C&C mission lifting 137 U.S. passengers, 4 U.S. med-evacs and 1,350 pounds of cargo. At 1015H Lt. ENGLISH's aircraft received small arms fire from coordinates XD985345 with no hits or injuries reported. Capt. HOOTON and Lt. GILLESPIE flew VIP chase missions also in support of the 3rd Marine Division.

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## PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (C)

1. Promotions

- a. Officers: Two (2) to Captain
- b. Enlisted: One (1) to Gunnery Sergeant  
One (1) to Corporal  
One (1) to Lance Corporal

2. Awards

- a. GySgt. Paul G. MAYNARD 1223782 was awarded a Navy Commendation medal.
- b. 1stLt. Richard K. ENGLISH Jr. 0100763 was awarded the Purple Heart medal.
- c. LCpl. Eugene L. AVERY 2237645 was awarded the Purple Heart medal.
- d. A total of 95 Officers of HMM-363 were awarded Air Medals.
- e. A total of 97 Enlisted personnel of HMM-363 were awarded Air Medals.

3. Casualties

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
LCpl.	COOPER, John M.	2316630/6332	23Aug68	Phu Bai, RVN
Maj.	HARRISON, James L.	065968/7561	28Aug68	AT914592 27 NM/110°
SSgt.	KING, Robert W.	1820758/6332	28Aug68	Phu Bai, RVN
Cpl.	GUESS, Michael L.	2335244/6332	28Aug68	" " "

4. Air Operations

- a. Total Flight Hours: 1836.4
- b. Total Sorties: 5427
- c. Total Cargo, Tons: 163.7
- d. Total Med-evacs: 644
- e. Total Passengers: 3568

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