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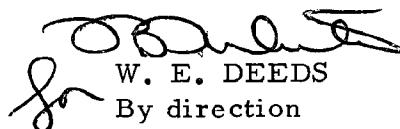
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Encl: (1) HMM-363 Command Chronology for the period 1-30 November 1968.

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From: Commanding Officer  
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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology Report

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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 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Maj. J. L. HARRISON
Executive Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Maj. T. J. CRONIN
Operations Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Maj. H. F. SAEGER
Maintenance Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Capt. R. J. HOOTON
Administrative Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Capt. T. B. DICKSON
Material Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 1stLt. W. E. CASEY
Aviation Safety Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Capt. M. D. COOPER
Intelligence Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 1stLt. J. C. HAGERMAN

2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

HM-363, MAG-15(Rein), 9thMAB                            1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968  
Phu Bai, RVN

3. Average strength of squadron during period:

Officers: 46 (1 Navy)                                    Enlisted: 181 (3 Navy)

4. Important visitors to the squadron: None.

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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 Nov 1968

Capt. WEST flew single plane to DaNang in support of 9th MAB carrying 7 U.S. pax and 450 lbs. of cargo for an admin/liaison task.

Capt. CITRANO led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the QUANG TRI TAOR carrying 26 U.S. pax and 150 lbs. of cargo. Lt. MOORE was in charge of a flight which carried 60 U.S. pax and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. CACCIOLA flew single aircraft in the immediate vicinity of DONG HA carrying 16 U.S. pax for admin/liaison purposes. Lt. TOMEK and Lt. HALLIDAY flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 25 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo.

2 Nov 1968

Lt. WICKERSHAM flew single aircraft in support of 9th MAB in the DaNang TAOR carrying 16 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo.

Capt. HOOTON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the QUANG TRI TAOR carrying 60 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. Lt. FLICKINGER was in charge of a section which carried 97 U.S. pax and 600 lbs. of cargo. Capt. ABAJIAN and Lt. PINSCHENAT flew VIP chase and carried 54 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HAGERMAN'S flight carried 70 U.S. pax and 1 U.S. med-evac and 1600 lbs. of cargo.

3 Nov 1968

Capt. DICKSON was in charge of a section in support of 9th MAB to the DaNang TAOR carrying 3 U.S. pax.

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 94 U.S. pax and 2000 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. WEST carried 22 U.S. pax and 550 lbs. of cargo. Capt. COOPER'S section carried 45 U.S. pax. Lt. HAGERMAN and Lt. ROSE flew VIP chase missions with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 30 U.S. pax and 650 lbs. of cargo.

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Lt. WICKERSHAM led a section to DaNang in support of 9th MAB carrying 28 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo.

Capt. HILL led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 108 U.S. pax and 2600 lbs. of cargo. Lt. RUCK was in charge of a section which carried 60 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. DICKSON carried 75 U.S. pax. Lt. GILLESPIE and Lt. MOORE flew VIP chase missions carrying 41 U.S. pax and 600 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. GILLESPIE's aircraft received fire at 1850H from the YD 8516 grid while carrying VIPs. Negative injury or damage reported.

5 Nov 1968

Capt. CITRANO flew a single aircraft mission to DaNang in support of 9th MAB carrying 10 U.S. pax and 100 lbs. of cargo.

Maj. MURKIN led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 78 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HAGEMAN's flight carried 56 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 400 lbs. of cargo. A section led by Lt. WICKERSHAM carried 68 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. CACCIOLO flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 22 U.S. pax.

Both Capt. TROYER and Lt. TOMEK observed mortar watch at the Phu Bai air facility with negative reported action.

6 Nov 1968

Capt. HOOTON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 20 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. HIRE carried 30 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. RUCK was in charge of a section which carried 149 U.S. pax and 200 lbs. of cargo. Lt. BUSCEMI flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 14 U.S. pax.

Both Capt. CITRANO and Lt. HAGEMAN flew mortar watch at the Phu Bai air facility. Negative mortar or rocket activity reported. Capt. CITRANO's aircraft received small arm fire 2110H from YD 815175. Negative hits or injuries reported.

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Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 110 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 2000 lbs. of cargo. At 1400H the section received small arms automatic fire from XD 675564. Negative hits or injuries reported.

Capt. COOPER was in charge of a section which carried 15 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. Capt. HILL's section carried 23 U.S. pax, 6 U.S. med-evacs and 100 lbs. of cargo. Lt. VEAZEY flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 1 U.S. pax.

8 Nov 1968

Capt. WEST led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR. His section carried 26 U.S. pax and 1300 lbs. of cargo. Lt. WICKERSHAM was in charge of a section which carried 14 U.S. pax, 6 U.S. med-evacs and 350 lbs. of cargo while working for the 3rd MARDIV. Capt. THAYER's section carried 109 U.S. pax and 1400 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. TOMEK flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 16 U.S. pax and 500 lbs of cargo.

9 Nov 1968

Maj. CHIN was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR. They carried 24 U.S. pax, 9 NVA PWs and 800 lbs. of cargo. Capt. CITRANO led a section which carried 13 U.S. pax during a short working day due to very poor weather. A section led by Lt. HAGEMAN carried 17 U.S. pax and 100 lbs. of cargo. Lt. ZEHMS flew a VIP chase mission carrying 2 U.S. pax in support of Vandegrift DASC.

Capt. LEIJIN flew night mortar watch at the Phu Bai air facility. Negative action was reported.

10 Nov 1968

Lt. MOORE was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 54 U.S. pax, 3 U.S. med-evacs and 1600 lbs. of cargo. At 1315H his aircraft was forced from landing at C-2 (XD 135646) by

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incoming rockets. The aircraft (YZ-3 BUNO 150232) received light damage in the nose section with negative injury to crew or pax. Lt. HAGEMAN's flight carried 17 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. Lt. WICKERSHAM was in charge of a section which carried 36 U.S. pax. Lt. SEARING flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 10 U.S. pax and 200 lbs. of cargo.

Maj. FALESKIE flew an admin/liaison mission in support of 9th MAB to DaNang and returned to Phu Bai carrying 14 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo.

11 Nov 1968

Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR. The section carried 55 U.S. pax and 250 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. DICKSON carried 68 U.S. pax and 4200 lbs. of cargo. Capt. HOOTON's section carried 26 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. ESLER chased the VIP aircraft in support of Vandegrift DASC carrying 9 U.S. pax and 100 lbs. of cargo.

Maj. CROWIN and Lt. PINSCHENAT flew mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility encountering negative action.

12 Nov 1968

Maj. HARRISON was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR. They carried 68 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 500 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Maj. HILL carried 62 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HAGEMAN led a section which carried 40 U.S. pax and 200 lbs. of cargo. Lt. CAMPBELL flew VIP chase for Vandegrift DASC carrying 7 U.S. pax.

A detachment of two (2) aircraft was attached to SLF-A for the use of CTG 79.4 today. The detachment will accompany CTG 79.4 to Subic Bay, Philippines for a change of ARGs. Capt. CITRANO will be the OIC of the detachment.

13 Nov 1968

Maj. FALESKIE was in charge of a section of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 43 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. A section led by Lt. HAGEMAN carried 94 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Capt. HILL's section carried 50 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo while working for the 3rd MARDIV. Lt. HALLIDAY flew VIP chase for Vandegrift DASC carrying

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a total of 20 U.S. pax.

Capt. WEST and Lt. GALLIHAN flew mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility observing negative enemy action.

14 Nov 1968

Capt. HOOTON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 111 U.S. pax and 3000 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. ABAJIAN carried 63 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Capt. COOPER was in charge of a section carrying 59 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 1050 lbs. of cargo. He later flew VIP chase for Vandegrift DASC.

15 Nov 1968

Maj. CRUNIN was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR which carried 46 U.S. pax and 600 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Maj. FLESKIE carried 27 U.S. pax, 11 U.S. med-evacs and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. MOORE's section carried 52 U.S. pax and 5000 lbs. of cargo.

Capt. ABAJIAN and Lt. RUCK flew mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility observing negative action against the field.

16 Nov 1968

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 110 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 350 lbs. of cargo. A section led by Lt. GACCIOLA carried 75 U.S. pax and 3 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. DICKSON was in charge of a section that carried 19 U.S. pax. Lt. WICKERSHAM's flight carried 128 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 3000 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. MARTIN flew an admin/liaison mission from Phu Bai to DaNang carrying 10 U.S. pax and 100 lbs. of cargo.

17 Nov 1968

Maj. CRUNIN was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR and carried 52 U.S. pax, 7 VN CIV pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 1000 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Maj. FLESKIE carried 83 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 1300 lbs. of cargo. Capt. ABAJIAN's flight carried 88 U.S. pax, 4 U.S. med-evacs and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Maj. SAEGER flew the Dong Ha shuttle and Lt. HAMMOND chased the Seaworthy VIP aircraft. Together they carried 107 U.S. pax, 1 RVN pax and 1500 lbs. of cargo.

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Lt. CACCIOLA made an admin/liaison and maintenance flight to the DaNang area carrying 13 U.S. pax and 1500 lbs. of cargo.

Capt. HOOTON and Lt. GUILFORD flew mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility reporting negative enemy activity.

18 Nov 1968

Maj. HILL was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR which carried 90 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 1600 lbs. of cargo. The lead aircraft received light mortar fire at YD 128595 while flying low level. Negative injury to the crew or damage to the aircraft. A flight led by Lt. MOORE carried 32 U.S. pax and 700 lbs. of cargo. Lt. CACCIOLA's flight carried 51 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. SEARING flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft and Lt. ZEHMS flew the Dong Ha shuttle run. Together they carried 155 U.S. pax, 1 ARVN pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 4100 lbs. of cargo.

19 Nov 1968

Maj. HARRISON was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 53 U.S. pax and 1700 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. WICKERSHAM carried 44 U.S. pax and 400 lbs. of cargo. While landing at the zone atop Dong Ha Mountain (YD 017594) the lead aircraft made a hard landing. The aircraft returned to Phu Bai with light damage and negative injury to crew or pax.

Capt. HOOTON's flight carried 61 U.S. pax and 750 lbs. of cargo. Lt. BUSCEMI and Lt. HALLIBURTON flew VIP chase and the Dong Ha shuttle carrying 122 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 300 lbs. of cargo.

Capt. DICASION led a section to DaNang for admin/liaison purposes carrying 10 U.S. pax.

Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. COOPER flew night mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility reporting negative enemy action.

20 Nov 1968

Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 41 U.S. pax and 750 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. HILL carried 50 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 11 VN CIV pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 1800 lbs. of

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cargo. Maj. HILL was in charge of a flight which carried 47 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. GILLESPIE and Lt. PINSCHENAT flew VIP chase and Dong Ha shuttle carrying 206 U.S. pax and 6500 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. HAGEMAN was assigned a med-evac mission from MAG-36, 1st MAW from Phu Bai to the USS Repose and carried 1 U.S. pax and 1 U.S. med-evac.

Lt. GUILFORD led a section from Phu Bai to DaNang in support of 9th MAB and carried 3 U.S. pax and 150 lbs. of cargo.

21 Nov 1968

Maj. SNEIDER led a flight in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 158 U.S. pax and 1500 lbs. of cargo. Capt. WICKERSHAM was in charge of a section which carried 70 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Capt. ABAJIAN's flight carried 72 U.S. pax and 3300 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. CANNERY and Lt. KELLEHER flew night mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility reporting negative enemy action.

22 Nov 1968

Capt. HILL was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 66 U.S. pax and 1800 lbs. of cargo. A section led by Lt. MOORE carried 30 U.S. pax and 400 lbs. of cargo. Capt. WICKERSHAM's section carried 59 U.S. pax and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. STETSER and Lt. STEINMETZ flew VIP chase and the Dong Ha shuttle carrying 12 U.S. pax and 1500 lbs. of cargo.

Maj. HILL flew an emergency med-evac from Phu Bai to DaNang carrying 1 U.S. med-evac.

Lt. HALLIDAY and Lt. FLICKINGER flew night mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility reporting negative enemy action.

23 Nov 1968

Lt. CACCIOOLA led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV today carrying 45 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. A section led by Maj. FALESKE carried 100 U.S. pax, 3 U.S. dogs and 1500 lbs. of cargo. Lt. RUCK's section lifted 71 U.S. pax and 200 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HALLIDAY and Lt. ESLER flew the Dong Ha shuttle and VIP chase missions carrying 65 U.S. pax.

Capt. ABAJIAN flew an admin/liaison mission to DaNang carrying 4 U.S. pax

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Lt. HAGEMAN led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOA today carrying 42 U.S. pax and 1 VN CIV med-evac. Capt. HIKE also led a section lifting 37 U.S. pax and 600 lbs. of cargo. Lt. GUILFORD flew the Dong Ha shuttle today carrying 60 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo.

Maj. HILL and Capt. DICKSON flew Phu Bai mortar watch with negative reported enemy action.

25 Nov 1968

Capt. HUOTON led a section today supporting the 3rd MARDIV by carrying 61 U.S. pax, 3 U.S. med-evacs and 800 lbs. of cargo. At 0930H small arms fire was received from coordinates XD 860115 with negative hits or injuries reported. Maj. HILL's section carried 23 U.S. pax. Lt. STEINMETZ also led a section lifting 53 U.S. pax and 1200 lbs. of cargo. Lt. TOMEK and Lt. ZEMANS flew the Dong Ha shuttle and VIP chase missions carrying 122 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 2000 lbs. of cargo.

26 Nov 1968

Today Capt. HIKE led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV carrying 80 U.S. pax, 3 U.S. med-evacs and 4500 lbs. of cargo. Capt. DICKSON's section carried 52 U.S. pax and 850 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HALLIDAY led a section which carried 115 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. TALBOTT flew a VIP chase mission with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 18 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 800 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. HAGEMAN led a section to DaNang on squadron business lifting 25 U.S. pax and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. ABAJIAN flew Phu Bai mortar watch reporting negative enemy action.

27 Nov 1968

Lt. HAGEMAN led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV carrying 73 U.S. pax and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Capt. HIKE's section carried 24 U.S. pax. Lt. GUILFORD led a section today that lifted 33 U.S. pax, 6 ARVN pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. SEARING and Lt. AYE flew the Dong Ha shuttle and VIP chase missions today lifting 143 U.S. pax and 5750 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. BUSCERI flew an admin/liaison mission to DaNang today carrying 15 U.S. pax and 100 lbs. of cargo.

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Lt. HAGEMAN led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR today carrying 125 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 5000 lbs. of cargo. Maj. FALESKIE's section lifted 37 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Maj. HILL led a section which carried 97 U.S. pax, 6 ARVN pax and 2400 lbs. of cargo. Lt. GUILFORD and Lt. Ruzicska flew VIP chase and the Dong Ha shuttle lifting 27 U.S. pax, 3 ARVN med-evacs and 100 lbs. of cargo.

29 Nov 1968

Maj. FALESKIE supported the 3rd MARDIV with a section today carrying 51 U.S. pax. Maj. HILL's section carried 17 U.S. pax. Capt. HIRE led a section that carried 22 U.S. pax and 300 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HAGEMAN and Capt. WILLIAMS flew VIP chase and the Dong Ha shuttle today carrying 28 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 100 lbs. of cargo.

30 Nov 1968

Capt. HIRE led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV today lifting 59 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Capt. DICKSON's section carried 58 U.S. pax and 400 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HAGEMAN led a section which lifted 54 U.S. pax and 2350 lbs. of cargo. Lt. STEINMETZ and Lt. GILLESPIE flew VIP chase and the Dong Ha shuttle today carrying 78 U.S. pax and 1100 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. PINSCHEMAT and Lt. TOMEK flew Phu Bai mortar watch reporting negative enemy action.

At 1400H today HMM-363 had a change of command with Maj. J. L. HARRISON being relieved as Commanding Officer by Maj. T. J. CRONIN. Other changes in the chain of command were: Executive Officer - Maj. H. F. SAEGER vice Maj. CRONIN. Operations Officer - Maj. T. J. FALESKIE vice Maj. H. F. SAEGER.

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## PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (C)

1. Promotions

- a. Officers: One (1) to Major
- Three (3) to Captain
- One (1) to First Lieutenant
- b. Enlisted: Two (2) to Sergeant

2. Awards

- a. A total of 97 Air Medals were awarded to Officers of HMM-363.
- b. A total of 85 Air Medals were awarded to Enlisted personnel of HMM-363.

3. Casualties

None

4. Air Operations

- a. Total Flight Hours: 1739.2\*
- b. Total Sorties: 5496
- c. Total Cargo, Tons: 67.9
- d. Total Med-evacs: 93
- e. Total Passengers: 6834

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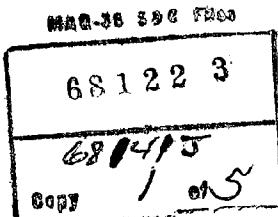
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## PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA (U)

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

Commanding Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Maj. J. L. HARRISON
Executive Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Maj. T. J. CROMIN
Operations Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Maj. H. F. SAEGER
Maintenance Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Capt. R. J. HOOTON
Administrative Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Capt. T. B. DICKSON
Material Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 1stLt. W. E. CASEY
Aviation Safety Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 Capt. M. D. COOPER
Intelligence Officer	1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968 1stLt. J. C. HAGEMAN

2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

HMM-363, MAG-15(Rein), 9thMAB 1 Nov - 30 Nov 1968  
Phu Bai, RVN

3. Average strength of squadron during period:

Officers: 46 (1 Navy) Enlisted: 181 (3 Navy)

4. Important visitors to the squadron: None.

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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 Nov 1968

Capt. WEST flew single plane to DaNang in support of 9th MAB carrying 7 U.S. pax and 450 lbs. of cargo for an admin/liaison task.

Capt. CITRANO led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the QUANG TRI TAOR carrying 26 U.S. pax and 150 lbs. of cargo. Lt. MOORE was in charge of a flight which carried 60 U.S. pax and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. CACCIOLA flew single aircraft in the immediate vicinity of DONG HA carrying 16 U.S. pax for admin/liaison purposes. Lt. TOMEK and Lt. HALLIDAY flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 25 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo.

2 Nov 1968

Lt. WICKERSHAM flew single aircraft in support of 9th MAB in the DaNang TAOR carrying 16 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo.

Capt. HOOTON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the QUANG TRI TAOR carrying 60 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. Lt. FLICKINGER was in charge of a section which carried 97 U.S. pax and 600 lbs. of cargo. Capt. ABALIAN and Lt. PINSCHENAT flew VIP chase and carried 54 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HAGERMAN'S flight carried 70 U.S. pax and 1 U.S. med-evac and 1600 lbs. of cargo.

3 Nov 1968

Capt. DICKSON was in charge of a section in support of 9th MAB to the DaNang TAOR carrying 3 U.S. pax.

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 94 U.S. pax and 2000 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. WEST carried 22 U.S. pax and 550 lbs. of cargo. Capt. COOPER'S section carried 45 U.S. pax. Lt. HAGERMAN and Lt. ROSE flew VIP chase missions with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 30 U.S. pax and 650 lbs. of cargo.

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Lt. WICKERSHAM led a section to DaNang in support of 9th MAB carrying 28 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo.

Capt. HILL led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 108 U.S. pax and 2600 lbs. of cargo. Lt. RUCK was in charge of a section which carried 60 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. DICKSON carried 75 U.S. pax. Lt. GILLESPIE and Lt. MOORE flew VIP chase missions carrying 41 U.S. pax and 800 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. GILLESPIE's aircraft received fire at 1850H from the YD 8516 grid while carrying VIPs. Negative injury or damage reported.

5 Nov 1968

Capt. CITRANO flew a single aircraft mission to DaNang in support of 9th MAB carrying 10 U.S. pax and 100 lbs. of cargo.

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 78 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HAGEMAN's flight carried 56 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 400 lbs. of cargo. A section led by Lt. WICKERSHAM carried 68 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. CACCIOLO flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 22 U.S. pax.

Both Capt. TROTTER and Lt. TOMEK observed mortar watch at the Phu Bai air facility with negative reported action.

6 Nov 1968

Capt. HOOTON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 20 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. HIRE carried 30 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. RUCK was in charge of a section which carried 149 U.S. pax and 200 lbs. of cargo. Lt. BUSCEMI flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 14 U.S. pax.

Both Capt. CITRANO and Lt. HAGEMAN flew mortar watch at the Phu Bai air facility. Negative mortar or rocket activity reported. Capt. CITRANO's aircraft received small arm fire 2110H from YD 815175. Negative hits or injuries reported.

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Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 110 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 2000 lbs. of cargo. At 1400H the section received small arms automatic fire from XD 675564. Negative hits or injuries reported.

Capt. COOPER was in charge of a section which carried 15 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. Capt. HILL's section carried 23 U.S. pax, 6 U.S. med-evacs and 100 lbs. of cargo. Lt. VEAZEY flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 1 U.S. pax.

8 Nov 1968

Capt. WEST led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR. His section carried 26 U.S. pax and 1300 lbs. of cargo. Lt. WICKERSHAM was in charge of a section which carried 44 U.S. pax, 6 U.S. med-evacs and 350 lbs. of cargo while working for the 3rd MARDIV. Capt. TROYER's section carried 109 U.S. pax and 1400 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. TOMEK flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 16 U.S. pax and 500 lbs of cargo.

9 Nov 1968

Maj. CRANNIN was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR. They carried 24 U.S. pax, 9 NVA POWs and 800 lbs. of cargo. Capt. CITRANO led a section which carried 13 U.S. pax during a short working day due to very poor weather. A section led by Lt. HAGEMAN carried 17 U.S. pax and 100 lbs. of cargo. Lt. ZEHMS flew a VIP chase mission carrying 2 U.S. pax in support of Vandegrift DASC.

Capt. ABALIAN flew night mortar watch at the Phu Bai air facility. Negative action was reported.

10 Nov 1968

Lt. MOORE was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 54 U.S. pax, 3 U.S. med-evacs and 1600 lbs. of cargo. At 1315H his aircraft was forced from landing at C-2 (XD 135646) by

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incoming rockets. The aircraft (YZ-3 BUNO 150232) received light damage in the nose section with negative injury to crew or pax. Lt. HAGEMAN's flight carried 17 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. Lt. WICKERSHAM was in charge of a section which carried 36 U.S. pax. Lt. SWARLING flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 10 U.S. pax and 200 lbs. of cargo.

Maj. FALESKIE flew an admin/liaison mission in support of 9th MAB to DaNang and returned to Phu Bai carrying 14 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo.

11 Nov 1968

Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR. The section carried 55 U.S. pax and 250 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. DICKSON carried 68 U.S. pax and 4200 lbs. of cargo. Capt. MCOTON's section carried 26 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. ESSLER chased the VIP aircraft in support of Vandergrift DASC carrying 9 U.S. pax and 100 lbs. of cargo.

Maj. CROWIN and Lt. PINSCHENAT flew mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility encountering negative action.

12 Nov 1968

Maj. HARRISON was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR. They carried 68 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 500 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Maj. HILL carried 62 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HAGEMAN led a section which carried 40 U.S. pax and 200 lbs. of cargo. Lt. CAREARY flew VIP chase for Vandergrift DASC carrying 7 U.S. pax.

A detachment of two (2) aircraft was attached to SLF-A for the use of CTG 79.4 today. The detachment will accompany CTG 79.4 to Subic Bay, Philippines for a change of ARGs. Capt. CITRANO will be the OIC of the detachment.

13 Nov 1968

Maj. FALESKIE was in charge of a section of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 43 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. A section led by Lt. HAGEMAN carried 94 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Capt. HIRE's section carried 50 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo while working for the 3rd MARDIV. Lt. MILLIDAY flew VIP chase for Vandergrift DASC carrying

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a total of 20 U.S. pax.

Capt. WEST and Lt. CALLIHAN flew mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility observing negative enemy action.

14 Nov 1968

Capt. HOOTON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 111 U.S. pax and 3000 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. ABALIAN carried 63 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Capt. COOPER was in charge of a section carrying 59 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 1050 lbs. of cargo. He later flew VIP chase for Vandegrift DASC.

15 Nov 1968

Maj. CROMIN was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR which carried 46 U.S. pax and 600 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Maj. F. LESKIE carried 27 U.S. pax, 11 U.S. med-evacs and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. MCORIE's section carried 52 U.S. pax and 5000 lbs. of cargo.

Capt. ABALIAN and Lt. RUCK flew mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility observing negative action against the field.

16 Nov 1968

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 110 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 350 lbs. of cargo. A section led by Lt. CACCIOLA carried 75 U.S. pax and 3 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. DICKSON was in charge of a section that carried 19 U.S. pax. Lt. WICKERSHAM's flight carried 128 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 3000 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. MARTIN flew an admin/liaison mission from Phu Bai to DaNang carrying 10 U.S. pax and 100 lbs. of cargo.

17 Nov 1968

Maj. CROMIN was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR and carried 52 U.S. pax, 7 RVN CIV pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 1000 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Maj. FALESKIE carried 83 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 1300 lbs. of cargo. Capt. ABALIAN's flight carried 88 U.S. pax, 4 U.S. med-evacs and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Maj. SAEGER flew the Dong Ha shuttle and Lt. HAMMOND chased the Seaworthy VIP aircraft. Together they carried 107 U.S. pax, 1 RVN pax and 1500 lbs. of cargo.

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Lt. CACCIOLA made an admin/liaison and maintenance flight to the DaNang area carrying 13 U.S. pax and 1500 lbs. of cargo.

Capt. HOOTON and Lt. GUILFORD flew mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility reporting negative enemy activity.

18 Nov 1968

Maj. HILL was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR which carried 90 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 1600 lbs. of cargo. The lead aircraft received light mortar fire at YD 128595 while flying low level. Negative injury to the crew or damage to the aircraft. A flight led by Lt. MOORE carried 32 U.S. pax and 700 lbs. of cargo. Lt. CACCIOLA's flight carried 51 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. SMARING flew VIP chase with Seaworthy aircraft and Lt. ZEHMS flew the Dong Ha shuttle run. Together they carried 155 U.S. pax, 1 ARVN pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 4100 lbs. of cargo.

19 Nov 1968

Maj. HANLON was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 53 U.S. pax and 1700 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. WICKERSHAM carried 44 U.S. pax and 400 lbs. of cargo. While landing at the zone stop Dong Ha Mountain (YD 017594) the lead aircraft made a hard landing. The aircraft returned to Phu Bai with light damage and negative injury to crew or pax.

Capt. HOOTON's flight carried 81 U.S. pax and 750 lbs. of cargo. Lt. BUSCEMI and Lt. HALLIBURTON flew VIP chase and the Dong Ha shuttle carrying 122 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 300 lbs. of cargo.

Capt. BICKNELL led a section to DaNang for admin/liaison purposes carrying 10 U.S. pax.

Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. COOPER flew night mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility reporting negative enemy action.

20 Nov 1968

Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 41 U.S. pax and 750 lbs. of cargo. A flight led by Capt. HIRE carried 50 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 11 VN CIV pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 1800 lbs. of

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cargo. Maj. HILL was in charge of a flight which carried 47 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. GILLESPIE and Lt. PINSCHENAT flew VIP chase and Dong Ha shuttle carrying 206 U.S. pax and 6500 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. HAGEMAN was assigned a med-evac mission from MAG-36, 1st MAW from Phu Bai to the USS Repose and carried 1 U.S. pax and 1 U.S. med-evac.

Lt. GUILFORD led a section from Phu Bai to DaNang in support of 9th MAB and carried 3 U.S. pax and 150 lbs. of cargo.

21 Nov 1968

Maj. SAEGER led a flight in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 158 U.S. pax and 1500 lbs. of cargo. Capt. WICKERSHAM was in charge of a section which carried 70 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Capt. ABAJIAN's flight carried 72 U.S. pax and 3300 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. CARMARY and Lt. KELLEHER flew night mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility reporting negative enemy action.

22 Nov 1968

Capt. HILL was in charge of a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR carrying 66 U.S. pax and 1800 lbs. of cargo. A section led by Lt. MCORE carried 30 U.S. pax and 400 lbs. of cargo. Capt. WICKERSHAM's section carried 59 U.S. pax and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. STETSER and Lt. STEINMETZ flew VIP chase and the Dong Ha shuttle carrying 12 U.S. pax and 1500 lbs. of cargo.

Maj. HILL flew an emergency med-evac from Phu Bai to DaNang carrying 1 U.S. med-evac.

Lt. HALLIDAY and Lt. FLICKINGER flew night mortar watch over the Phu Bai air facility reporting negative enemy action.

23 Nov 1968

Lt. CACCIOLA led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV today carrying 45 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo. A section led by Maj. FALESKIE carried 100 U.S. pax, 3 U.S. dogs and 1500 lbs. of cargo. Lt. RUCK's section lifted 71 U.S. pax and 200 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HALLIDAY and Lt. ESLER flew the Dong Ha shuttle and VIP chase missions carrying 65 U.S. pax.

Capt. ABAJIAN flew an admin/liaison mission to DaNang carrying 4 U.S. pax

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Lt. HAGEMAN led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR today carrying 42 U.S. pax and 1 VN CIV med-evac. Capt. HIRE also led a section lifting 37 U.S. pax and 600 lbs. of cargo. Lt. GUILFORD flew the Dong Ha shuttle today carrying 60 U.S. pax and 500 lbs. of cargo.

Maj. HILL and Capt. DICKSON flew Phu Bai mortar watch with negative reported enemy action.

25 Nov 1968

Capt. HOOTON led a section today supporting the 3rd MARDIV by carrying 61 U.S. pax, 3 U.S. med-evacs and 800 lbs. of cargo. At 0930H small arms fire was received from coordinates XD 860415 with negative hits or injuries reported. Maj. HILL's section carried 23 U.S. pax. Lt. STEINMETZ also led a section lifting 53 U.S. pax and 1200 lbs. of cargo. Lt. TOMEK and Lt. ZEMANS flew the Dong Ha shuttle and VIP chase missions carrying 122 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 2000 lbs. of cargo.

26 Nov 1968

Today Capt. HIRE led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV carrying 80 U.S. pax, 3 U.S. med-evacs and 4500 lbs. of cargo. Capt. DICKSON's section carried 52 U.S. pax and 850 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HALLIDAY led a section which carried 115 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. TALBOTT flew a VIP chase mission with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 13 U.S. pax, 2 U.S. med-evacs and 800 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. HAGEMAN led a section to DaNang on squadron business lifting 25 U.S. pax and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. ABAJIAN flew Phu Bai mortar watch reporting negative enemy action.

27 Nov 1968

Lt. HAGEMAN led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV carrying 73 U.S. pax and 2000 lbs. of cargo. Capt. HIRE's section carried 24 U.S. pax. Lt. GUILFORD led a section today that lifted 33 U.S. pax, 6 ARVN pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Lt. SEARING and Lt. AYE flew the Dong Ha shuttle and VIP chase missions today lifting 143 U.S. pax and 5750 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. BUSCEMI flew an admin/liaison mission to DaNang today carrying 15 U.S. pax and 100 lbs. of cargo.

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Lt. HAGEMAN led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV in the Quang Tri TAOR today carrying 125 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 5000 lbs. of cargo. Maj. FALESKIE's section lifted 37 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Maj. HILL led a section which carried 97 U.S. pax, 6 ARVN pax and 2400 lbs. of cargo. Lt. GUILFORD and Lt. RUZICKA flew VIP chase and the Dong Ha shuttle lifting 27 U.S. pax, 3 ARVN med-evacs and 100 lbs. of cargo.

29 Nov 1968

Maj. FALESKIE supported the 3rd MARDIV with a section today carrying 51 U.S. pax. Maj. HILL's section carried 17 U.S. pax. Capt. HIRE led a section that carried 22 U.S. pax and 300 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HAGEMAN and Capt. WILLIAMS flew VIP chase and the Dong Ha shuttle today carrying 28 U.S. pax, 1 U.S. med-evac and 100 lbs. of cargo.

30 Nov 1968

Capt. HIRE led a section in support of the 3rd MARDIV today lifting 59 U.S. pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Capt. DICKSON's section carried 58 U.S. pax and 400 lbs. of cargo. Lt. HAGEMAN led a section which lifted 54 U.S. pax and 2350 lbs. of cargo. Lt. STEINMETZ and Lt. GILLESPIE flew VIP chase and the Dong Ha shuttle today carrying 78 U.S. pax and 1100 lbs. of cargo.

Lt. PINSCHENAT and Lt. TOMEK flew Phu Bai mortar watch reporting negative enemy action.

At 1400H today HMM-363 had a change of command with Maj. J. L. HARRISON being relieved as Commanding Officer by Maj. T. J. CRONIN. Other changes in the chain of command were: Executive Officer - Maj. H. F. SAEGER vice Maj. CRONIN. Operations Officer - Maj. T. J. FALESKIE vice Maj. H. F. SAEGER.

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## PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (C)

1. Promotions

- a. Officers: One (1) to Major
- Three (3) to Captain
- One (1) to First Lieutenant
- b. Enlisted: Two (2) to Sergeant

2. Awards

- a. A total of 97 Air Medals were awarded to Officers of HMM-363.
- b. A total of 85 Air Medals were awarded to Enlisted personnel of HMM-363.

3. Casualties

None

4. Air Operations

- a. Total Flight Hours: 1739.2\*
- b. Total Sorties: 5496
- c. Total Cargo, Tons: 67.9
- d. Total Med-evacs: 93
- e. Total Passengers: 6834

\* Includes 58.9 hours flown by Detachment Alpha attached to CTG 79.4 aboard USS Princeton/USS Okinawa.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commander, Task Group Seven Nine Point Four  
  
Subj: After Action Report, Operation Swift Pursuit II/Mighty Yankee/  
Eager Hunter/Philadelphia  
  
Ref: (a) Annex "J" to CTG 79.4 Operation Plan 120A-68  
  
Encl: (1) Chronology of Significant Events  
      (2) Analysis of Helicopter Operations  
      (3) Statistics for Operation Swift Pursuit II/Mighty Yankee/  
          Eager Hunter/Philadelphia

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.
2. This letter may be downgraded to "Unclassified" upon removal of enclosures (1) through (3).

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HMM-363 OpCon to CTG 79.4 as of 1353H. All flights were in support of the HMM-363 on-loading to LPH-5.

1 Oct 1968

One administrative mission, two VIP chase missions, one command and control mission, and three logistics missions were flown today. One section was diverted to SAR duty for a downed F-4 in the DMZ with negative results.

2 Oct 1968

Eight sections launched today on logistics, VIP chase, administrative, and command and control/med-evac missions. The VIP aircraft for the CG 3rd Marine Division crashed south of Con Thien, without the VIP aboard, and the crewmembers were taken to a medical facility by the chase aircraft. All injuries were minor.

3 Oct 1968

Administrative, command and control/med-evac, VIP chase, and logistics missions were flown today utilizing thirteen aircraft.

4 Oct 1968

Eight sections launched on logistics, VIP chase, and administrative missions.

5 Oct 1968

Three sections launched to Da Nang for admin/liaison work for 9th MAB. Seven sections flew command and control/med-evac missions while one other section flew VIP chase for 3rd Marine Division.

6 Oct 1968

One section launched to Da Nang for admin/liaison with 9th MAB. Five sections launched to Quang Tri TAOR for command and control/logistics with one section performing VIP chase.

7 Oct 1968

One section executed admin/liaison duties for 9th MAB in Da Nang and five sections supported 3rd Marine Division with command and control/med-evac/logistics work. One section acted as passenger shuttle with med-evacs on board for the SLF, one section conducted VIP chase.

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Two sections supported 9th MAB transporting cargo and mail. Six sections were employed by the 3rd Marine Division in transporting cargo, med-evacs, and passengers. One section served as VIP chase.

9 Oct 1968

Seven sections launched. Two performed admin/liaison missions for 9th MAB and 3rd Marine Division respectively. Four sections flew command and control/med-evac/logistics for 3rd Marine Division. One section served as VIP chase.

10 Oct 1968

A three plane flight supported 9th MAB in Da Nang. Seven sections flew command and control/logistics/med-evac missions. One aircraft crashed at XD825617 with negative injury to the crew. The aircraft was recovered externally by a CH-53 the following day. One section flew VIP chase.

11 Oct 1968

One section supported 9th MAB. One section supported the 7th Fleet SLF detachment carrying passengers, med-evacs and cargo. Three sections launched to Dong Ha for command and control/logistics and one section flew VIP chase.

12 Oct 1968

One three plane flight launched to Da Nang. Five sections went to Dong Ha to support 3rd Marine Division. Adverse weather precluded the completion of most missions today.

13 Oct 1968

One section flew to Da Nang in support of 9th MAB. Five sections went to 3rd Marine Division, one of which shuttled passengers. One section conducted VIP chase.

14 Oct 1968

Adverse weather prevented any work being accomplished. One section launched, but was forced to return due to the weather conditions.

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Two sections were launched to Da Nang in support of 9thMAB. Five sections supported 3rd Marine Division with command and control/logistics/med-evac missions. One section conducted VIP chase.

16 Oct 1968

Five sections supported the 3rd Marine Division. One section conducted VIP chase.

17 Oct 1968

Two sections supported 9th MAB. One section worked for 3rd Marine Division. One section shuttled passengers to the USS Santuary. Five sections worked command and control/logistics/med-evac for the 4th Marines. One section conducted VIP chase.

18 Oct 1968

Four sections worked for 3rd Marine Division. One section carried passengers and cargo from the USS Dubuque to the USS Princeton. One section conducted VIP chase. The Commanding Officer led a 14 plane troop lift (battalion size) from YD3068 and YD3170 to the USS Dubuque and USS Princeton. Negative fire incidents were received.

19 Oct 1968

Two sections flew to Da Nang in support of 9th MAB. Three sections worked for 3rd Marine Division. Two sections made passenger runs to Dong Ha. One section conducted VIP chase.

20 Oct 1968

One section flew to Da Nang in support of 9th MAB. Five sections worked for 3rd Marine Division. One section conducted VIP chase. Three sections transported troops from Cau Viet and USS Dubuque to the USS Princeton.

21 Oct 1968

Two sections flew to Quang Tri TAOR working command and control. Three aircraft flew to Da Nang. The Commanding Officer while aboard the USS Dubuque, led a four plane division in support of Operation "Mighty Yankee". The mission was performed at coordinates XF0957 in connection with returning North Vietnamese POW's to North Vietnam. No incidents occurred. The USS Princeton steamed south to Da Nang.

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Five aircraft flew to Da Nang. The USS Princeton anchored in the Da Nang harbor. All flights were conducted in this area. SLF Alpha prepares for a strike insertion of BLT 2/26 on 25 October.

23 Oct 1968

Six sections flew to Da Nang, with one of them flying a photographic mission to obtain photographs of the intended strike landing zones.

24 Oct 1968

Four sections supported the 9th MAB.

25 Oct 1968

The Commanding Officer led an 18 plane strike, inserting BLT 2/26 in five landing zones in the vicinity of BT0965. Operation "Eager Hunter" was accomplished in 2.5 hours. One aircraft was downed due to engine failure in a landing zone and was recovered externally by a CH-53 and returned to Marble Mountain. One section conducted airborne med-evac during the daylight hours and maintained a condition III standby during the hours of darkness. The downed aircraft received two hits from enemy small arms fire.

26 Oct 1968

One section flew to the Da Nang - Chu Lai area. Five sections flew logistic/combat troop and cargo sorties in support of Operation "Eager Hunter". One section flew airborne med-evac.

27 Oct 1968

The Commanding Officer led a 16 plane strike, displacing BLT 2/26 from four positions in the vicinity of BT1065, to one landing zone in the vicinity of BT0762. Operation "Philadelphia" was accomplished in approximately four hours. All aircraft in the flight received enemy small arms fire in most of the landing zones and in a few instances while enroute. Nine aircraft were hit by enemy small arms fire and in one instance, an RPG impact was observed close to an aircraft. The hit aircraft sustained skin damage and punctures with one crew member receiving minor shrapnel wounds. One battalion marine was wounded and was immediately flown to NS4 MMAF. Suppressive fire was returned by most strike aircraft.

At 1430H the Commanding Officer was notified to off-load the squadron and proceed to MMAF immediately. The off-load was accomplished by squadron aircraft supplemented by two CH-53 and two CH-46 aircraft. The off-load was

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complete at 2400H. Several of the squadron crews logged over nine hours of flight time and some crews eight hours from a combination of the strike mission and the squadron off-load. Total squadron flight time for the day was 118.5 hours.

28 Oct 1968

One aircraft flew to 1st MAW for admin/liaison. The squadron is in preparation to displace to Phu Bai. One section flew to Phu Bai carrying advance liaison personnel.

29 Oct 1968

The Commanding Officer led a 16 plane formation to Phu Bai. It was necessary to have five aircraft externalled to Phu Bai by CH-53 aircraft. All squadron aircraft were downed for preventive maintenance.

30 Oct 1968

Two sections to Da Nang in support of 3rd MAF.

31 Oct 1968

Three sections flew to Da Nang in support of 1st Marine Division. One section flew to Quang Tri in support of 3rd Marine Division, and one aircraft conducted VIP chase.

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Red Lion flight operations were conducted from the USS Princeton (LPH-5) and the USS Dubuque (LPD-8) in support of operations Swift Pursuit II/Mighty Yankee/Eager Hunter/Philadelphia.

2. Helicopter Utilization

a. The utilization of helicopters was considered to be excellent.

b. Communications & Coordination. The weather forecast briefings aboard the LPH as provided by the ships aerology office were excellent. However, current accurate weather information of the operating areas inland could not be obtained due to spadic and/or no radio communication with shore facilities.

c. Operations of Logistic Support Area. Cargo and troop loading was considered to be expeditious and effecient, for the most part.

d. Resupply of Companies. Cargo handling in the field was expeditious and effecient which enabled aircraft to enter and depart landing zones in a minimum amount of time.

3. Conclusions

a. Satisfactory ship to shore radio communications are necessary in order to obtain the current accurate weather information within the programed operating areas.

b. The handling, control, and utilization of helicopters aboard the LPH-5 was excellent.

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STATISTICS FOR OPERATION  
SWIFT PURSUIT II/MIGHTY YANKEE/EAGER HUNTER/PHTT,ADFL,PHIA.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS CARGO</u>	<u>MED-EVAC</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
30 Sep 1968	All statistics in support of MAG-36 on-loading to LPH-5				
1 Oct 1968	183	230	3.5	17	59.8
2 Oct 1968	268	236	4.7	13	73.7
3 Oct 1968	217	214	1.3	21	63.0
4 Oct 1968	274	286	2.0	10	72.5
5 Oct 1968	338	392	2.2	18	92.9
6 Oct 1968	260	278	2.4	3	63.6
7 Oct 1968	273	320	3.5	30	77.6
8 Oct 1968	204	311	4.0	14	70.9
9 Oct 1968	250	356	1.9	31	63.6
10 Oct 1968	260	344	4.8	28	90.8
11 Oct 1968	274	370	8.0	21	75.6
12 Oct 1968	60	133	0.4	4	26.4
13 Oct 1968	222	277	2.1	0	57.6
14 Oct 1968	2	0	0	0	0.6
15 Oct 1968	230	346	5.2	28	74.9
16 Oct 1968	175	245	1.8	11	67.8
17 Oct 1968	350	494	8.4	32	96.6
18 Oct 1968	341	1034	3.8	7	70.6
19 Oct 1968	177	195	2.4	7	51.1
20 Oct 1968	324	516	14.2	1	84.9
21 Oct 1968	65	150	1.8	1	30.6
22 Oct 1968	71	127	1.5	0	33.0
23 Oct 1968	145	190	12.8	4	47.4
24 Oct 1968	89	147	0.3	0	21.7
25 Oct 1968	290	651	4.2	4	66.8
26 Oct 1968	97	168	6.8	11	31.5
27 Oct 1968	494	805	30.0	9	118.5
28 Oct 1968	4	6	0.0	0	7.0
29 Oct 1968	16	25	6.0	0	12.6
30 Oct 1968	6	12	8.5	0	28.2
31 Oct 1968	87	76	0.4	0	37.9
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>6036</u>	<u>8934</u>	<u>1148.9</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>1752.0</u>

No. aircraft hit by enemy fire	10
No. fire incidents	19
No. aircraft damaged or destroyed operationally	0
No. personnel wounded in action	1
No. personnel killed in action	0

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