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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer	LtCol Louis A. GULLING	1-30 NOV 67
Executive Officer	Major James W. WARNER	1-30 NOV 67
Administrative Officer	Major John D. FRISKE	1-30 NOV 67
Aviation Safety Officer	Captain Lawrence P. REITMAN	1-30 NOV 67
Flight Surgeon	Lieutenant James D. JOHANNIS	1-30 NOV 67
Intelligence Officer	Captain Charles R. LOYD	1-30 NOV 67
Maintenance Officer	Major James R. PARSONS	1-30 NOV 67
Material Officer	Major Leonard R. DEMKO	1-30 NOV 67
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt Ernest KUN	1-30 NOV 67
NATOPS Officer	Captain Robert W. WIEGAND	1-30 NOV 67
Operations Officer	Major Marvin E. PEACOCK	1-30 NOV 67
Acting Operations Officer	Major Anton E. THERRIAULT	1-29 NOV 67
OIC Detachment "A"	Major Marvin E. PEACOCK	1-29 NOV 67
OIC Detachment "C"	Major James C. ROBINSON	1-24 NOV 67
Sergeant Major	1stSgt Charles STROUD	1-30 NOV 67

2. UNIT LOCATION

HMM-364 Main Body and Detachment "C"	1-30 NOV 67	Phu Bai, RVN
HMM-364 Detachment "A"	1-9 NOV 67	MAG-56, 3d MAW
	10-28 NOV 67	Embarked Aboard LPH-8

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers	70	1	0	71
Enlisted	197	1	0	198

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(C) HMM-364 replaced HMM-263 on 1 November 1967 at Hue Phu Bai, RVN, acquiring all of the HMM-263 personnel and equipment. CH-46D pilots of HMM-364 that had prior UH-34 experience augmented the UH-34 pilots from HMM-263. Flight operations continued without interruption through 23 November 1967, at which time all the UH-34 pilots and maintenance personnel of HMM-263 were transferred to other units. Through 23 November 1967 the squadron had accumulated 1050.3 flight hours on the UH-34's, carried 3430 troops/pax and 173.5 tons cargo in completing 1045 tasks.

(C) During the first 10 days of November 1967, the structural modification of the 32 CH-46D aircraft assigned to HMM-364, was completed at MCAF, Santa Ana, California. The squadron aircraft, equipment and remaining personnel were loaded aboard the USS Valley Forge (LPH-8) on 10 November 1967, as scheduled. The ship departed Long Beach, California, bound for the shores of the Republic of Viet Nam, arriving on 29 November 1967. All of the aircraft and 90% of the squadron equipment were flown ashore to Hue Phu Bai that same day thus completing the move of HMM-364 from Santa Ana, California to the Republic of Viet Nam.

- 1 Nov (C) On the first day of flying in South Vietnam the Squadron flew 49.4 flight hours accomplishing 38 tasks in 181 sorties. HMM-364 UH-34's carried 132 troops/passengers while transporting 42.2 tons of cargo. Of these totals 3.8 flight hours, 3 tasks, 7 sorties and 7 troops/passengers were flown in support of Operation Northwest. 16 Med-Evac sorties were flown picking up 8 evacuees.
- 2 Nov (C) HMM-364 aircraft flew a total of 57.4 flight hours completing 42 tasks with 131 sorties. During a period from 0700H to 0958H, five (5) UH-34 aircraft lifted 170 ARVN troops from YD 638 275 to YD 535 430 in support of Operation Lamson 140. The remainder of the day the Squadron carried 67 troops/passengers and 15.2 tons of cargo. 16 evacuees were picked up in 10 Med-Evac sorties.
- 3 Nov (C) 85 sorties were flown for 52.4 flight hours while completing 31 tasks. The highlight for the day was when two (2) UH-34's flew 58 sorties for 16.0 hours from 0700H to 1750H. They lifted 23 troops/passengers and 5.0 tons of cargo. Small arms fire was received at 1515H at AT 960 618 EG-13 (148067) received one round in the tail pylon, no injuries were reported.
- 4 Nov (C) Squadron aircraft flew 29.8 flight hours in 22 sorties completing 17 carried 15 troops/passengers and 0.1 tons of cargo. No Med-Evac missions were flown.

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- 5 Nov (C) Flying 38 sorties HMM-364 compiled 16.2 flight hours, of which mission 76/101 from 0855H to 1445H utilizing 4 UH-34's, completed 12 logistic sorties for 6.4 hours, carrying 13 troops/passengers with 3.0 tons of cargo. The remainder of the day only 7 more troops/passengers and 0.2 tons of cargo were transported. Two (2) Med-Evac missions were carried out in which 3 emergency and 2 priority evacuees were carried out. Mission 104 received 50 caliber fire at 1815H at XD 772 327 no hits were recorded.
- 6 Nov (C) The UH-34's of HMM-364 flew 74 sorties, 32.9 flight hours, carrying 80 troops/passengers and 4.7 tons of cargo. Mission 10 from 0655H to 1200H flew 22 sorties, carrying 20 troops/passengers and 2.2 tons of cargo. Two (2) emergency cases were evacuated in two Med-Evac missions.
- 7 Nov (C) HMM-364 aircraft flew 53.3 hours for 106 sorties, completed 48 tasks while carrying 63 troops/passengers and 2.2 tons of cargo. A total of 14 Med-Evac sorties were flown to evacuate 11 personnel. The highlight for that day was mission 72, 0725H to 1630H in which 2 UH 34's flew 28 sorties for 7.4 hours while carrying 44 troops/passengers and 0.6 tons of cargo.
- 8 Nov (C) The Squadron flew 176 sorties while completing 59 tasks in 51.8 flight hours. 101 troops/passengers and 18.35 tons of cargo were transported. 9 Med-Evac missions were flown while evacuating 9 patients. Mission 66, 1015H to 1600H, 2 UH-34's flew 5.8 flight hours for 35 sorties, carried 18 troops/passengers and 6.5 tons of cargo.
- 9 Nov (C) 228 sorties were flown by HMM-364's aircraft compiling 72.1 flight hours. The Squadron completed 55 tasks while carrying 413 troops/passengers and 5.4 tons of cargo. Mission 69, 0650H to 0915H, using 15 UH-34's flew 129 sorties for 30.6 flight hours, carried 265 troops/passengers and 2.0 tons of cargo. EG-12 (148764) took sniper fire at 0850H at YD 582 182, one round entered a main rotor blade piercing its main spar. Mission 82, 1300H to 1800H, 10 UH-34's flew 18.9 flight hours in 48 sorties carrying 32 troops/passengers. Two aircraft reported small arms fire, no hits were recorded. Of the above two missions 154 sorties, 39.2 flight hours, 282 troops were in support of Operation NEOSHO.
- 10 Nov (C) 29.1 flight hours were compiled while flying 110 sorties, carrying 145 troops/passengers and 2.0 tons of cargo. 17 Med-Evac sorties were flown picking up 12 evacuees. Mission 77, from 1512H to 1945H, with 6 UH-34's flew 21.8 flight hours while making 75 sorties, lifting 118 troops/passengers, two (2) emergency Med-Evac missions were flown picking up two personnel, all of which was in support of Operation NEOSHO. Mission 75 A&B, from 1545H to 1705H, with 4 UH-34's flew 4 sorties in 2.1 hours, carried 7 troops/passengers, and 4 Med-Evac cases. One (1) RECON insertion was made at YD 775 065 with an extraction at the same coordinates.

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- 11 Nov (C). The Squadron flew 136 sorties for 71.3 flight hours during which time it completed 50 tasks, carried 160 troops/passengers and 11.4 tons of cargo. One (1) Med-Evac mission was flown with the extraction of one (1) evacuee. Mission 80, 0710H to 1000H, in which 10 UH-34 aircraft flew 37 sorties for 18.5 flight hours. One (1) "other" Med-Evac patient was carried. Small arms fire was received at classified coordinates, no hits were reported. Mission 74 with 3 UH-34's flew from 1055 to 1255H and completed 19 sorties, 5.9 flight hours, carried 33 troops/passengers. One (1) RECON insertion/extraction was made at YD 997 013 and three (3) extractions were made at ZC 094 957 and YD 416 284.
- 12 Nov (C). Squadron operations were effected by weather. Mission 68, 70, 76 were cancelled due to low ceilings. Even so 9.3 flight hours were recorded with 5 completed tasks for 13 sorties, carrying 15 troops/passengers.
- 13 Nov (C). For the second consecutive day Squadron operations were affected by weather, two missions had to be cancelled one of which was a RECON insertion. Even with bad weather 38.3 flight hours were flown for 124 sorties completing 27 tasks while carrying 245 troops/passengers and 3.4 tons of cargo. Mission 79, 1015H to 1520H, in which 7 UH-34 aircraft flew compiled 19.1 hours for 66 sorties carrying 151 U. S. Marines in support of Operation NAVAHOE. 30 caliber fire was received at 1400H at AT 897 516. EG-24 (145973) received one (1) round in the radio compartment. EG-20 (150260) received multiply hits in the cabin section along with one (1) in the turtle back.
- 14 Nov (C). The Squadron flew 46.4 hours completing 41 tasks in 1307 sorties, during which time they carried 281 troops/passengers along with 2.4 tons of cargo. Five (5) Med-Evac missions were flown in which 11 patients were recovered. Of the above totals 10.6 flight hours, 60 sorties, 187 troops/passengers and 0.6 tons of cargo were in support of Operation NEOSHO.
- 15 Nov (C). UH-34's from HMM-364 flew 45.8 hours during which time 79 tasks taking 116 sorties were completed. During this time 230 troops/passengers and 8.7 tons of cargo were transported. Mission 76 which took from 1820H until 1930H flew 4.4 hours in carrying 40 troops/passengers with the use of 4 UH-34 aircraft. Small arms fire was reported at YD 76 20, no hits were recorded. Mission 30, 1532H to 2000H, in which 4 UH-34 aircraft flew, carried 116 troops/passengers and 3.0 tons of cargo in 30 sorties for 14.8 flight hours. Small arms fire was received at 1800H at AT 905 387, one (1) hit was received in the bottom of the fuselage.
- 16 Nov (C). 44.4 flight hours were recorded by HMM-364 completing 64 tasks in 163 sorties during which time they carried 112 troops/passengers. Also today 35 Med-Evac sorties were completed

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extracting 22 evacuees. Mission 73, 0800H to 0950H, 2 UH-34's flew 20 sorties, 3.4 flight hours, carrying 11 troops/passengers along with 4.1 tons of cargo. Mission 80, 0840H to 1920H, two (2) UH-34 aircraft flew 37 sorties, 16.6 flight hours carrying 51 troops/passengers, 5.6 tons of cargo and two (2) routine Med-Evac sorties. UH-34 received small arms fire at 1700H at BT 868 554, one round passed through the bottom of the fuselage rupturing the aft fuel cell.

17 Nov (C) Flying 98 sorties for 42.1 flight hours HMM-364 aircraft completed 38 tasks by carrying 85 troops/passengers and 0.5 tons of cargo. Also 6 Med-Evac sorties were carried out extracting 5 patients. Mission 85, 1505H to 1727H, 2 UH-34's flying 4.6 hours carried 18 troops/passengers in 8 sorties.

18 Nov (C) HMM-364 aircraft flew 38.9 hours for 51 completed tasks in 116 sorties, carrying 125 troops/passengers. 10 Med-Evac missions were flown in picking up 9 evacuees. Mission 70, 0905H to 1110H, in which 4 UH-34 aircraft flew 24 sorties in 8.4 hours while transporting 60 troops/passengers.

19 Nov (C) The Squadron compiled 60.6 flight hours in flying 142 sorties while completing 73 tasks, the UH-34's carried 101 troops/passengers and 9.3 tons of cargo. Med-Evac sorties numbered 21 evacuating 13 casualties. Mission 55, 0805H to 1352H, one (1) UH-34 from HMM-364 flew 12 sorties for 3.5 flight hours transporting 4 troops/passengers while carrying out 6 Med-Evac missions evacuating 18 personnel.

20 Nov (C) UH-34's from HMM-364 flew 60.8 hours with 449 sorties for 73 tasks. 101 troops/passengers along with 9.3 tons of cargo were carried today. Med-Evac sorties numbered 21 for 13 evacuees recovered. Mission 69, 0759H to 0921H, 9 UH-34's flew 46 sorties, in 12.0 flight hours while carrying 138 troops/passengers. 6 of 9 aircraft received small arms fire at 0830H at YD 685 295. The aircraft expended 220 rounds of M-60 ammunition, no hits were received by the aircraft. Three (3) RECON extractions were scheduled and flown.

21 Nov (C) 63.1 flight hours were compiled in completing 73 tasks in 449 sorties carrying 268 troops/passengers along with 16.9 tons of cargo. Mission 64, 1240H to 1655H, 3 UH-34's from HMM-364 flew 33 sorties for 11.5 flight hours, 38 troops/passengers were carried. RECON insertions were flown at YD 736 085, ZC 084 967, YC 988/967, YC 988 967, YD 554 237. One (1) RECON extraction was made at ZC 084 967. Enemy fire was received at ZC 989 968, no hits were recorded. Mission 22 and 33, 0700H to 1915H, 2 UH-34's flew 62 sorties while compiling 15.0 flight hours in carrying 90 troops/passengers. 2 Med-Evac missions flown

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evacuating 8 personnel. EG-24 received small arms fire at 1715H at AT 852 524 on mission 22, no hits were received but at 1845 at AT 910 578 on mission 33 received one (1) hit in the pylon section.

- 22 Nov (C) 88 tasks were completed in 121 sorties which took 27.8 flight hours. 2.05 tons of cargo were carried along with 288 troops/passengers. 10 evacuees were picked up in 9 Med-Evac sorties. A portion of mission 63 was cancelled due to low ceilings. Mission 67, 1305H to 1505H, 3 UH-34 aircraft completed 27 sorties, 6.1 flight hours, 40 troops/passengers. The flight received fire at YC 980 987, no hits were recorded. Mission 35/19, 0951H to 1920H, one (1) aircraft flew 7.5 hours in 22 sorties transporting 47 troops/passengers and 0.6 tons of cargo. EG-16 received small arms fire at 1126H at BT 028 562, no hits were recorded. Mission 70, 0630H to 2049H 2 UH-34's, compiled 72 sorties in 17.6 flight hours while carrying 98 troops/passengers and 1.5 tons of cargo. Small arms fire was received at 1835H at AT 918 568 again no hits were recorded.
- 23 Nov (C) During HMM-364's last day of flying the UH-34 aircraft it logged 31.2 flight hours, 98 sorties completing 36 tasks in carrying 99 troops/passengers and 5.5 tons of cargo. Mission 63B, 1506H to 1730H, 2 UH-34's flew 15 sorties in 4.8 flight hours during which time 19 troops/passengers and 1.8 tons of cargo were carried. EG-4 received small arms fire at 1730H at YD 325 524 with one (1) hit taken in the clam shell doors.
- 24 - 28 Nov (C) No flight operations were scheduled. HMM-364 was at this time making preparations for the arrival of their CH-46D aircraft. All UH-34 Maintenance personnel were transferred during this time. Also during this time the squadron pilots flew with HMM-362.
- 29 Nov (C) HMM-364's aircraft arrived in Vietnam, with all aircraft flying from LPH-8 to Phu Bai. While transporting their aircraft and equipment from LPH-8 the Squadron flew 37.9 flight hours, 82 sorties and carried 106 troops/passengers and 31.4 tons of equipment.
- 30 Nov (C) No flight operations were scheduled today.

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL

- (a) Personnel joined 192
- (b) Personnel dropped 168

2. ADMINISTRATION

- (a) Personnel promoted
 - (1) Officers 14
 - (2) Enlisted 2

3. CASUALTIES FOR MONTH

NONE

4. INTELLIGENCE

Covering the period of 1-24 Nov HMM-364 recorded 24 fire incidents during flight operations. Out of the 24 fire incidents 7 were hits on the aircraft. All hits resulted in minor damage and no casualties were sustained.

The intelligence unit conducted two information briefs for the enlisted members of the Squadron and intelligence briefs for all flight operations fraged to the Squadron. Liasion was made with the 3d MAR DIV G-2 and the 3d RECON BN S-2. 3d RECON BN conducted an orientation brief for all pilots on the particulars involved with RECON insertions/ extractions.

- (a) Ratio of fire incidents to flight hours 1 for every 54 hours
- (b) Ratio of hit to flight hours 1 for every 151 hours

5. LOGISTICS

(a) AOCF Resume

- (1) Total submitted 76
- (2) Total filled 47
- (3) Outstanding all outstanding AOCF's were transfered with the aircraft.

(b) ANFE Resume

- (1) Total submitted 22
- (2) Total filled 5
- (3) Outstanding All outstanding ANFE's were transfered with the aircraft

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6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

(a)	Total Flight Hours	1130.6
(b)	Total Tasks	1077
(c)	Total Sorties	3118
(d)	Total Troops/Passengers	3536
(e)	Total Tons of Cargo Lifted	204.9
(f)	Total Med-Evacs Carried	184

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