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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 364

Phu Bai, RVN

1 - 31 DECEMBER 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer	LtCol Louis A. GULLING	1-31 DEC 67
Executive Officer	Major James W. WARNER	1-31 DEC 67
Administrative Officer	Major John D. FRISKE	1-31 DEC 67
Aviation Safety Officer	Major Lawrence P. REIMAN	1-31 DEC 67
Flight Surgeon	Lt James D. HOMANNIS	1-31 DEC 67
Intelligence Officer	Captain Charles R. LOYD	1-3 DEC 67
	Captain Robert C. MOORE	3-31 DEC 67
Maintenance Officer	Major James R. PARSONS	1-31 DEC 67
Logistics Officer	Major Leonard R. DEMKO	1-31 DEC 67
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt Ernest J. KUN	1-14 DEC 67
	1stLt Randall W. EAKIN	15-31 DEC 67
NATOPS Officer	Captain Robert W. WIEGAND	1-31 DEC 67
Operations Officer	Major Marvin E. PEACOCK	1-31 DEC 67
First Sergeant	1stSgt Charles STROUD	1-31 DEC 67

2. UNIT LOCATION

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1 - 31 December 1967 Phu Bai, RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers	56	1	0	57
	176	1	0	177

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(C) HMM-364 conducted the first month of exclusive CH-46D operations in the Republic of Viet Nam. These operations ranged from the ROK area near Chu Lai, in the southerly extreme of I Corps, along the coastal plains northward to the DMZ, a distance of approximately 170 miles. The squadron participated in Operations OCEOLA, KENTUCKY, CITRUS, and AUBURN, while supporting the 1stMarDiv, 3dMarDiv, IIIMAF, and the ROK Marines. Typical examples of tasks assigned included personnel and cargo lifts, both tactical and administrative; reconnaissance team inserts and extractions; medical evacuations; and stand-by alert duties. The main hinderance to operations was several extended periods of inclement weather that reduced the number of missions normally completed.

- 1 Dec (C) No flight operations were conducted this date.
- 2 Dec (C) Flight operations were cancelled due to adverse weather.
- 3 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 30 sorties, accumulating 24.2 flight hours, carrying 20 troops and 13.9 tons of cargo in support of 3dMarDiv. Operations were somewhat curtailed by weather, but during the period 0615H to 1845H, one (1) CH-46D from HMM-364 flew 10 sorties 3.7 flight hours, carrying 3 troops and 7.4 tons of cargo.
- 4 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 120 sorties, 65.4 flight hours, carrying 645 troops and 2.7 tons of cargo. In support of LAMSON 152, HMM-364 aircraft flew 74 sorties, 16.5 flight hours, carrying 585 troops, inserting one (1) recon team at YD 572161 on mission 73, with six (6) aircraft. Two (2) squadron aircraft flew 10 sorties, 2.6 flight hours, carried 19 troops, and inserted two (2) recon teams on mission 66A-C. Three (3) recon insertions were fraged and three were flown.
- 5 Dec (C) Squadron aircraft flew 142 sorties, 53.4 flight hours, lifting 400 troops and 18.9 tons of cargo in support of the 1st and 3d Marine Divisions and MAG-16. During the period 1746H to 0855H, on mission 63A, four (4) CH-46D aircraft from HMM-364 flew 8 sorties, 5.8 flight hours, carrying 4 troops/passengers and 2.4 tons of cargo, receiving enemy fire, with 1 round entering the midsector of the fuselage. No injuries were sustained.
- 6 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 139 sorties, 55.2 flight hours, carrying 163 troops/passengers and 14.0 tons of cargo in support of IIIMAF, 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions, and MAG-16. Ten (10) emergency and 2 priority med evacs were flown. On mission 63, two (2)

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CH-46D aircraft from this squadron flew 2 sorties, covering 3.7 flight hours, carrying 8 troops/passengers in support of Sparrow Hawk Operations, including an emergency extraction, where enemy fire was received with no hits. On mission 67, two (2) squadron aircraft flew 17 sorties, 6.4 flight hours, carrying 31 troops and 9.0 tons of cargo. Two (2) priority med evacs were made in support of 1stMarDiv and enemy fire was reported but no hits taken.

- 7 Dec (C) HMM-364 aircraft flew 35 sorties, 18.2 flight hours, carrying 76 troops/passengers, 1.2 tons of cargo in support of 1st and 3d Marine Divisions, IIIMAF and MAG-16. On mission 63A, two (2) CH-46D aircraft from HMM-364 flew 2 sorties, covering 1.4 flight hours, carrying 2 troops/passengers, in support of Bald Eagle Operations. Enemy fire was received, resulting in YK-24 receiving one (1) .30 caliber hit. Four (4) med evac missions carried 32 routine med evacs in support of 1stMarDiv and MAG-16.
- 8 Dec (C) This squadron flew 56 sorties, 29.0 flight hours, carrying 56 troops/passengers and 9.9 tons of cargo in support of IIIMAF, 1st and 3d Marine Divisions, and MAG-16.
- 9 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 125 sorties, 32.1 flight hours, carrying 635 troops/passengers and 43.5 tons of cargo in support of IIIMAF, 1st and 3d Marine Divisions, and MAG-16. On mission 71, five (5) squadron aircraft flew 60 sorties, 12.2 flight hours, and carried 543 troops/passengers in support of Operation OCEOLA. No enemy fire was encountered.
- 10 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 63 sorties, 13.5 flight hours, carrying 40 troops/passengers, and 2.5 tons of cargo, with 52.0 hours of standby operation in support of 3dMarDiv. Six (6) med evac missions carried 9 priority and 1 routine med evacs in support of IIIMAF, 1stMarDiv and MAG-16.
- 11 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 54 sorties, 16.3 flight hours, carrying 107 troops/passengers and 13.5 tons of cargo, with 28.0 hours of operational standby in support of IIIMAF, 1st and 3d Marine Divisions, and MAG-16. Mission 26, consisting of two (2) squadron aircraft flew 24 sorties, 4.2 flight hours, carrying 31 troops and 7.0 tons of cargo, in support of Operation PITT. Mission 24 and 54A composed of one (1) CH-46D from HMM-364 flew 12 sorties, 3.5 flight hours, carrying 27 troops/passengers, making two recon insertions. Three (3) recon extractions were also made with no enemy fire reported. This squadron also stood 140.0 hours of operational standby during the period 101800H and 120700H in support of Bald Eagle and OCEOLA Operations.

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- 12 Dec (C) This squadron flew 118 sorties, 27.6 flight hours, carrying 583 troops/passengers and 16.0 tons of cargo in support of 1stMarDiv. One (1) med evac mission carried 29 routine med evacs in support of Operation KENTUCKY. On mission 71C, two (2) squadron aircraft flew 26 sorties, 64.5 flight hours, carrying 50 troops and 14.7 tons of cargo. One (1) med evac mission carried 29 med evacs in support of Operation KENTUCKY, with air bursts received resulting in minor damage to YK-14. On mission 74A, four (4) squadron aircraft flew 73 sorties, 14.0 flight hours, carrying 531 troops/passengers and 2.5 tons of cargo in support of Operation OCEOLA.
- 13 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 27 sorties, 8.5 flight hours, carrying 36 troops/passengers and 14.0 tons of cargo in support of 1st Marine Division. Two (2) aircraft RON at Quang Tri in support of Operation OCEOLA. Squadron flight operations were curtailed by weather. Mission 71B/C, consisting of two (2) squadron aircraft flew 27 sorties, 8.5 flight hours, carrying 36 troops/passengers and 14.0 tons of cargo in support of Operation OCEOLA. Enemy fire was encountered with minor damage and the aircraft continued the mission.
- 14 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 80 sorties, 30.5 flight hours, carrying 219 troops/passengers and 31.9 tons of cargo, with 7 med evac missions carrying 4 emergency and 45 routine med evacs in support of IIIMAF, 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions, the ROK Marine Corps and MAG-16. On mission 68A/C, two (2) squadron aircraft flew 28 sorties, 9.5 flight hours, carrying 85 troops/passengers and 14.9 tons of cargo. One (1) med evac mission carried 4 emergency med evacs in support of Operation KENTUCKY. On this mission the aircraft involved received fire in the zone including mortars or rockets, with no hits recorded. Mission 68C again received fire from small arms and automatic weapons later, with the pilot and 3 passengers being wounded.
- 15 Dec (C) The squadron flew 112 sorties, 34.3 flight hours, carrying 343 troops/passengers and 46.5 tons of cargo, with six (6) med evac missions carrying 32 routine evacuees in support of IIIMAF, 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions and the ROK Marine Corps. On mission 58D, two (2) squadron aircraft flew 32 sorties, 10.7 flight hours, carrying 56 troops, 16.3 tons of cargo and four (4) med evac missions carried 31 routine evacuees in support of 3dMarDiv. Enemy fire was encountered twice on this date, with no damage. In support of the 1st MarDiv and the ROK Marine Corps, three (3) squadron aircraft flew 64 sorties, 15.0 flight hours, carrying 230 troops/passengers and 20.1 tons of cargo, making one recon extraction. In support of 3dMarDiv, one (1) squadron aircraft flew 17 sorties, 2.7 flight hours, carrying 51 troops/passengers

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and 10.1 tons of cargo. On mission 58E, two (2) aircraft from HMM-364 flew 2 sorties involving 1.6 flight hours, carrying 4 troops/passengers and one (1) med evac mission carried 1 routine evacuee in support of IIIMAF. Enemy fire was received, YK-32 receiving one hit, with the aircraft continuing the mission. YK-26, an HMM-364 aircraft parked in a revetment at Quang Tri, was damaged extensively during a mortar attack.

- 16 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 123 sorties, 37.2 flight hours, carrying 424 troops/passengers and 30.8 tons of cargo in support of IIIMAF and 3dMarDiv. In support of the 1stMarDiv and ROK Marine Corps, four (4) squadron aircraft flew 57 sorties, 15.3 flight hours, carrying 123 troops/passengers and 5.7 tons of cargo. In support of 3dMarDiv, one (1) aircraft from HMM 364 flew 12 sorties, 2.3 flight hours, carrying 35 troops/passengers and 2.2 tons of cargo. One (1) recon insertion and two (2) recon extractions were made with no enemy fire encountered this date.
- 17 Dec (C) The squadron flew 127 sorties, 44.0 flight hours, carrying 718 troops/passengers and 1.0 tons of cargo in support of IIIMAF 1st and 3d Marine Divisions and the ROK Marine Corps, with a 24.0 hour standby in support of Bald Eagle Operations. On this date, mission 71, composed of six (6) squadron aircraft flew 32 sorties, 11.1 flight hours, carrying 278 troops/passengers in support of Operation LAMSON 159. Mission 75/76, consisting of two (2) squadron aircraft flew 20 sorties, 6.1 flight hours, carrying 112 troops/passengers and 1.0 tons of cargo in support of Operation CITRUS. Enemy fire was received with no hits reported and no fire returned. In support of IIIMAF, and the ROK Marine Corps, four (4) CH-46D aircraft from HMM-364 flew 87 sorties, 21.2 flight hours, carrying 318 troops/passengers and 5.3 tons of cargo.
- 18 Dec (C) HMM-364 aircraft flew 80 sorties, 27.4 flight hours, carrying 175 troops/passengers and 9.6 tons of cargo in support of IIIMAF and 3dMarDiv. Mission 66, consisting of two (2) squadron aircraft flew 9 sorties, 3.0 flight hours, carrying 11 troops/passengers in support of 3dMarDiv, with enemy fire being received and returned with no hits on the aircraft. One (1) emergency extraction was made with UH-1E and fixed wing support.
- 19 Dec (C) This squadron flew 99 sorties, 65.0 flight hours, carrying 277 troops/passengers and 33.6 tons of cargo in support of IIIMAF, 3rdMarDiv. Missions 63, 69, and 70 D, E, F and G, consisting of two (2) squadron aircraft flew 33 sorties, 11.4 flight hours, carrying 101 troops/passengers and 14.0 tons of cargo. Three (3) recon insertions were made by these aircraft, and two (2) extractions, with no enemy fire being recorded. In addition, one (1) CH-46D from HMM-364 flew 19 sorties, 4.4 flight hours, carrying 28 troops/passengers and 8.3 tons of cargo. Mission

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64/72, composed of two (2) squadron aircraft, flew 32 sorties, 9.6 flight hours, carrying 124 passengers/troops and 8.6 tons of cargo, making one (1) recon insertion and one (1) extraction. No enemy fire was reported.

- 20 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 39 sorties, 15.5 flight hours, carrying 166 troops/passengers, 1 dog passenger and .3 tons of cargo. Two (2) med evac missions carried two (2) emergency and one (1) routine med evacs in support of IIIMAF and 3dMarDiv. On mission 62B, two (2) squadron aircraft flew 4 sorties, 3.6 flight hours, carrying 7 troops/passengers, 1 dog and 2 emergency med evacs, with an emergency Sparrow Hawk extraction of "Sandbox", at coordinates YD 526233. Enemy fire was received during the extraction and fire was returned. No hits were reported. Missions 23/24/18, consisting of one (1) squadron aircraft, flew 26 sorties, 6.8 flight hours, carrying 153 troops/passengers in support of Operation CITRUS. Enemy fire was received on five occasions with no hits reported.
- 21 Dec (C) Squadron aircraft flew 65 sorties, 30.5 flight hours, carrying 150 troops and 3.8 tons of cargo. One (1) med evac mission carried one (1) routine med evac in support of IIIMAF and 3dMarDiv. On mission 63C, two (2) squadron aircraft flew 14 sorties, 3.4 flight hours, carrying 25 troops/passengers and making four (4) recon overflights of the following areas: YD 7409, YD 7709, YD 830010, and YD 700149. Upon completion of the recon overflights, four (4) sorties were flown for gunner training, utilizing 600 rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition. On mission 68B, two (2) squadron aircraft flew 10 sorties, 3.5 flight hours, carrying 32 troops and 0.3 tons of cargo. One (1) med evac mission carried one (1) routine med evac. In support of 1stMarDiv, this squadron flew 34 sorties, 7.5 flight hours, carrying 70 troops/passengers and 1.0 tons of cargo.
- 22 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 69 sorties, 28.3 flight hours, carrying 207 troops/passengers and 11.8 tons of cargo in support of 3dMarDiv. Three (3) med evac missions carried 15 priority med evacs in support of 3dMarDiv and the ROK Marines. Mission 15, consisting of two (2) squadron aircraft flew 21 sorties, 11.8 flight hours, carrying 117 troops/passengers and 1.5 tons of cargo in support of Operation CHECKER. No enemy fire was reported. Mission 63, composed of two (2) HMM-364 aircraft flew 15 sorties, 7.0 flight hours, carrying 17 troops/passengers and making one (1) emergency recon extraction. Enemy fire was received with aircraft YK-10 receiving one round, and returning fire of 500 rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition. One (1) med evac mission carried one (1) emergency med evac. Mission 18, consisting of two (2) squadron aircraft flew 2 sorties, 2.9 flight hours, carrying 50 troops/passengers and 0.4 tons of cargo in support of 1st MarDiv. Enemy fire was received, with one hit reported.

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Mission 64, consisting of one (1) aircraft from HMM-364 flew 3 sorties, 0.3 flight hours, carrying 5 troops/passengers. One (1) med evac mission carried two (2) emergency med evacs making (1) emergency recon extraction at XD 762411. Enemy fire was received with no hit reported.

- 23 Dec (C) This squadron flew 101 sorties, 23.0 flight hours, carrying 135 troops and 15.1 tons of cargo, with one (1) med evac mission carrying one (1) emergency med evac in support of the 3dMarDiv. In support of IIIMAF, HMM-364 flew 7 sorties, 3.8 flight hours, carrying 27 troops, 1.7 tons of cargo. Three (3) recon extractions, and one (1) insertion were made in support of 3dMarDiv. Mission 64, composed of two (2) squadron aircraft flew 50 sorties, 10.2 flight hours, carrying 79 troops/passengers and 12.6 tons of cargo. Two (2) med evac missions carried one (1) emergency and two (2) routine med evacs, making one emergency extraction at XD 755415. Enemy fire was received with no hits reported.
- 24 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 16 sorties, 5.6 flight hours, carrying 29 troops/passengers in support of 3dMarDiv. Mission 64, consisting of two (2) squadron aircraft flew 9 sorties, 2.4 flight hours, carrying 24 troops/passengers, making one (1) emergency recon extraction at XD 712415, and another extraction at XD 847327. Enemy fire was received and fire was returned with no hits reported.
- 25 Dec (C) This squadron flew 50 sorties and 16.5 flight hours, carrying 123 troops/passengers, and 9.0 tons of cargo in support of 3dMarDiv. On mission 63, two (2) squadron aircraft flew 2 sorties, 2.0 flight hours, carrying 8 troops. One (1) med evac mission carried two (2) KIA's, made one (1) emergency recon extraction (night), at YD 0964, of 8 team members and 2 KIA pilots from Covey 156, whose plane was shot down while in support of the recon team. No enemy fire was received.
- 26 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 49 sorties, 21.8 flight hours, carrying 61 troops/passengers and 2.6 tons of cargo. Two (2) med evac missions carried 23 routine med evacs in support of 3dMarDiv and IIIMAF. Missions 79/63/73, consisting of two (2) squadron aircraft flew 16 sorties, 4.6 flight hours, carrying 20 troops/passengers and two (2) med evac missions carried 10 routine med evacs making two (2) recon overflights. No enemy fire was received. Two (2) squadron aircraft flew 51 sorties, 3.2 flight hours, carrying 102 troops and 6.6 tons of cargo in support of 3dMarDiv.
- 27 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 38 sorties, 13.6 flight hours, carrying 91 troops and 1.1 tons of cargo in support of IIIMAF and 3dMarDiv. On mission 64, two (2) CH-46D aircraft from HMM 364 flew 12 sorties, 2.6 hours, carrying 27 troops in support of 3dMarDiv and made one (1) recon extraction at YD 848086.

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- 28 Dec (C) HMM-364 flew 91 sorties, 25.3 flight hours, carrying 291 troops/passengers and 16.0 tons of cargo. Ten (10) med evac missions carried 9 emergency and 1 routine med evacs in support of 3dMarDiv. On mission 72, two (2) squadron aircraft flew 45 sorties, 12.4 flight hours, carrying 187 troops/passengers and 3.8 tons of cargo. One med evac mission carried one (1) emergency med evac in support of 3dMarDiv.
- 29 Dec (C) This squadron flew one (1) sorty, 0.5 flight hours in support of 3dMarDiv. Missions 71 and 75 were cancelled due to adverse weather.
- 30 Dec (C) HMM-364 aircraft flew 14 sorties, 6.4 flight hours, carrying 6 troops and 0.8 tons of cargo. Three (3) med evac missions carried five (5) emergency med evacs in support of 3dMarDiv. Missions 55A&B, composed of two (2) squadron aircraft flew 6 sorties, 2.8 flight hours, carrying one (1) corpsman on two (2) med evac missions which carried 3 emergency med evacs. Enemy fire was received at YD 515435, with both aircraft being hit. YK-30 sustained 4 hits and YK-12 received 12 hits. Fire was returned.
- 31 Dec (C) The squadron flew 13 sorties, 7.2 flight hours, carrying 33 troops/passengers and 5.7 tons of cargo in support of IIIMAF.

During the period 210001H to 302400H, four (4) HMM-364 aircraft in support of 1stMarDiv, IIIMAF, United States Air Force, the ROK Marine Corps and Operation AUBURN, flew 345 sorties, 77.9 flight hours, carrying 1,499 troops, 19.3 tons of cargo. Three med evac missions carried 17 emergency med evacs and 2 Viet Cong prisoners.

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. <u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) Personnel joined	15	0	15
(b) Personnel dropped	28	15	43

2. ADMINISTRATION

- (a) Personnel promoted
- (1) Officers - 5
- (2) Officers - 5

3. CASUALTIES FOR MONTH

- (a) Officers
- (1) Captain Achilles J. VERBECK, 080329, U. S. Marine Corps
- (2) Captain John W. BAILEY, 091905, U. S. Marine Corps
- (b) Enlisted - 0

4. INTELLIGENCE

The intelligence unit recorded enemy activity on a daily basis through squadron sources and adjacent and higher command. During the month of December, this squadron logged 891 hours of flight, with 29 fire incidents, 17 reconnaissance inserts/extracts, with 3 spot reports recording 1 air burst. Out of the 29 fire incidents, 14 squadron aircraft sustained hits, resulting in 2 WIA's in the squadron. One incident was recorded of Viet nameses giving information to a member of this squadron.

- (a) Ratio of fire incidents to flight hours 1 for every hours
- (b) Ratio of hits to flight hours 1 for every hours

5. LOGISTICS

- (a) AOCF Resume
- (1) Total submitted 200
- (2) Total filled 154

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- (3) Outstanding 46
- (b) ANFE Resume
 - (1) Total submitted 99
 - (2) Total filled 83
 - (3) Outstanding 16

6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

- (a) Total Flight Hours 891.0
- (b) Total Tasks.....1655
- (c) Total Sorties.....2851
- (d) Total Troops/passengers.....9346
- (e) Total Tons of Cargo Lifted..... 451.9
- (f) Total Med-Evacs Carried..... 330