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1-29 February 1968

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer	LtCol Louis A. GULLING	1-29 Feb 1968
Executive Officer	Major James W. WARNER	1-29 Feb 1968
Administrative Officer	Major John D. FRISKE	1-12 Feb 1968
	Captain Robert W. WIEGAND	13-29 Feb 1968
Aviation Safety Officer	Major Lawrence P. REIMAN	1-9 Feb 1968
	Captain Phillip R. HEMMING	10-29 Feb 1968
Flight Surgeon	Lt. Charles W. GREENWOOD	1-29 Feb 1968
Intelligence Officer	Captain Robert C. MOORE	1-9 Feb 1968
	Captain Victor J. DEMARIA	10-29 Feb 1968
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major James R. PARSONS	1-9 Feb 1968
	Major Lawrence P. REIMAN	10-29 Feb 1968
Logistics Officer	Major Leonard R. DEMKO	1-5 Feb 1968
	Major John A. CHANCEY	6-29 Feb 1968
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt Randall W. EAKIN	1-29 Feb 1968
NATOPS Officer	Captain Robert W. WIEGAND	1-12 Feb 1968
	Captain Andrew B. ADAMS	13-29 Feb 1968
Operations Officer	Major Marvin E. PEACOCK	1-9 Feb 1968
	Major James R. PARSONS	10-29 Feb 1968
First Sergeant	1stSgt Charles STROUD	1-29 Feb 1968

2. UNIT LOCATION

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3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers	46	1	0	47
Enlisted	174	1	0	175

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None.

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Due to adverse weather conditions during the month of February the Squadron flight hour total was somewhat lower than anticipated, but the completion of those missions assigned remained paramount, as indicated by the increased totals of cargo and med-evacs carried. The number of specific operations which this squadron participated in continued to increase. This month including the following operations: NAPOLEAN, SCOTLAND, LANCASTER, HUE CITY, KENTUCKY, SIERRA-SIERRA, KANSAS, YANKEE-YANKEE, BRAZIL and RED APPLE.

- 1 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 88 sorties, 17.1 flight hours, carrying 333 troops/passengers, 11.2 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying three routine med evacs in support of 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions, and IIIMAF. Mission 85 with 5 squadron aircraft flew 40 sorties, 9.9 flight hours, carrying 216 troops/passengers, 8.4 tons of cargo. YK-15 received fire at 1505H from coordinates YD 773 224, with no hits reported. YK-23 received fire at 1500H from coordinates YD 773 224, with damage to the aft rotor blades. YK-6 received fire at 1530H from coordinates YD 788 228, and YD 780 225, with no hits reported. Mission 69, with one squadron aircraft, flew 9 sorties, 2.7 flight hours, carrying 53 troops/passengers, with one med evac mission carrying 3 routine med evacs. Fire was received with no hits reported at coordinates ZD 083008. Mission 84, with one CH-46D aircraft flew 10 sorties, 2.6 flight hours, carrying 55 troops/passengers, and 1.4 tons of cargo. Small arms automatic weapons fire was received on two occasions with minor damage to the aircraft.
- 2 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 32 sorties, 10.3 flight hours, carrying 63 troops/passengers, and 13.0 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying 11 emergency med evacs in support of 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions. Mission 80, with 2 CH-46D aircraft from this squadron flew 15 sorties, 6.4 flight hours, carrying 7.5 tons of cargo and 11 emergency med evacs. Small arms automatic weapons fire was received on three occasions from coordinates YD 773 221. Both aircraft received hits, continuing the mission.
- 3 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 72 sorties, 23.7 flight hours, carrying 18 troops/passengers, 12.2 tons of cargo in support of 1st Marine Division and IIIMAF. Mission 60, with 2 squadron aircraft flew 12 sorties, 3.6 flight hours, carrying 10 troops/passengers, in support of IIIMAF. Fire was received from coordinates YD 773 322 with 2 hits.

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- 4 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 65 sorties, 21.8 flight hours, carrying 151 troops/passengers, 21.5 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac missions carrying 4 emergency and 5 priority med evacs in support of 1st Marine Division, IIIMAF and the ROK Marines. Mission 76, with 2 squadron aircraft flew 17 sorties, 4.0 flight hours, carrying 8 troops/passengers, 7.5 tons of cargo, receiving enemy fire at 1505H at coordinates ZD 077 987, with no hits reported and no fire returned.
- 5 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 69 sorties, 17.6 flight hours, carrying 138 troops/passengers, and 27.7 tons of cargo, with 4 med evac missions carrying 17 emergency and 4 priority med evacs in support of 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions, and IIIMAF. Mission 60H, with one CH-46D from this squadron, accompanied by a HU-1E Gunship from VMO-3, flying a med evac mission in support of 1st Marine Division, was evidently hit numerous times by enemy ground fire while heading into Hue City. Unable to complete the mission, the aircraft, on return flight, crashed and burned at 1700H, at coordinates YD 859 176. Five members of the crew were fatally injured, with the corpsman critically injured. Mission 66, with two CH-46D aircraft flew 40 sorties, 11.1 flight hours, carrying 18 troops/passengers, 26.9 tons of cargo, in support of 3d Marine Division. Enemy ground fire was received on three occasions with no hits reported and no fire returned.
- 6 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 69 sorties, 22.9 flight hours, carrying 242 troops/passengers, 31.0 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying one routine med evac in support of IIIMAF. Mission 69, with one squadron aircraft flew 2 sorties, 2.3 flight hours, carrying 9 troops/passengers, 1.0 tons of cargo. Small arms automatic weapons fire was received at 1750H at coordinates YD 980 147. No hits were received and no fire was returned.
- 7 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 61 sorties, 18.1 flight hours, carrying 88 troops/passengers, 29.5 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac missions carrying 26 emergency and 31 priority med evacs in support of 1st Marine Division and IIIMAF. Mission 60A with one CH-46D aircraft from this squadron flew 13 sorties, carrying 23 troops/passengers, 1.0 tons of cargo, and flying 4.3 flight hours. This mission also carried 25 emergency and 31 priority med evacs. Small arms fire was received from coordinates YD 784 218, with no hits reported and no fire returned.

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(C) HMM-364 flew 96 sorties, 25.8 flight hours, carrying 66 troops/passengers, and 68.3 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac missions carrying 6 emergency and 21 priority med evacs. Mission 80, with 3 squadron aircraft flew 30 sorties, 5.8 flight hours, carrying 4 troops/passengers and 25.1 tons of cargo. Small arms automatic weapons fire was received with no hits reported and 300 rounds of 7.62 fire returned, in support of 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions.

9 Feb 1968

(C) This squadron flew 151 sorties, 29.2 flight hours, carrying 165 troops/passengers, 94.0 tons of cargo, with 7 med evac missions carrying 12 emergency, 10 priority and 35 routine med evacs in support of 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions. Mission 82, with 2 squadron aircraft flew 21 sorties, 4.4 flight hours, carrying 43 troops/passengers, 10.4 tons of cargo, and 1 routine and 3 priority med evacs. Enemy fire was received on four occasions with one hit being received, entering the right side and exiting the left. The aircraft continued to fly, with 500 rounds of 7.62 ammunition being fired. Mission 60, involving one squadron aircraft flew 8 sorties, 1.4 flight hours, carrying 0.5 tons of cargo, 12 emergency and 7 priority med evacs. Enemy mortar fire was received with 4 hits on the aircraft. Two (2) in the forward red blade, and two (2) in the aft yellow blade. No fire was returned.

10 Feb 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 113 sorties, 29.7 flight hours, carrying 263 troops/passengers, 52.2 tons of cargo, with 3 med evac missions carrying 5 emergency, 6 priority, and 5 routine med evacs in support of 3d Marine Division and IIIMAF. Mission 78, with 4 squadron aircraft flew 39 sorties, 12.3 flight hours, carrying 33 troops/passengers in support of IIIMAF. Small arms fire was received with no hits reported and no fire returned. Mission 81, with 3 CH-46D aircraft from HMM-364 flew 29 sorties, 5.8 flight hours, carrying 11 troops/passengers, 17.1 tons of cargo, and 6 priority med evacs. Fire was received on two occasions with no hits being received and no fire returned. HMM-364 flew three (3) unscheduled recon inserts and three (3) emergency extractions.

11 Feb 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 183 sorties, 56.9 flight hours, carrying 761 troops/passengers, 65.6 tons of cargo, with 4 med evac missions carrying 14 emergency med evacs in support of 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions, IIIMAF, and OPERATIONS SCOTLAND and LANCASTER. Mission 80, with 2 squadron aircraft, flew 7 sorties, 2.3 flight hours, carrying 40

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(C) troops/passengers, in support of IIIMAF. YK-12 received very heavy small arms fire, receiving extensive hits, one of which wounded the pilot. After regaining control of the aircraft, both aircraft returned to alpha med to attain medical attention for the wounded aviator. Mission 25, with 2 CH-46D aircraft from this squadron flew 54 sorties, 13.3 flight hours, carrying 130 troops/passengers, 26.6 tons of cargo, and 10 emergency med evacs in support of 1st Marine Division. Intense automatic weapons fire was received with no hits reported.

- 12 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 120 sorties, 43.9 flight hours, carrying 486 troops/passengers, and 53.9 tons of cargo in support of 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions, and I Corps ARVN Forces. Mission 79, with 2 squadron aircraft flew 38 sorties, 13.7 flight hours, carrying 8 troops/passengers, 31.1 tons of cargo, in support of 1stMarDiv. Small arms automatic weapons fire was received at 1330H and 1805H from coordinates YD 880 250 and YD 923 210, respectively. No hits were received and no fire was returned. Mission 70C, with 2 squadron aircraft, flew 19 sorties, 4.9 flight hours, carrying 171 troops/passengers, 1.8 tons of cargo, in support of OPERATION NAPOLEAN. Small arms automatic weapons fire was received with no hits received.
- 13 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 62.4 flight hours, 81 sorties, carrying 18 troops/passengers, 77.1 tons of cargo, in support of IIIMAF. Mission 73, with 2 squadron aircraft flew 60 sorties, 16.2 flight hours, carrying 10 troops/passengers, 71.1 tons of cargo, in support of IIIMAF. Both aircraft received fire on three occasions from coordinates YD 872 221, YD 822 187 and YD 855 220. No hits were received and 210 rounds of return ammunition were fired.
- 14 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 56 sorties, 15.2 flight hours, carrying 126 troops/passengers, 29.8 tons of cargo, with one (1) med evac mission carrying 1 emergency and 2 routine med evacs in support of IIIMAF and 1st Marine Division. One recon insert and one recon extraction was made this date at coordinates YD 075 468 and YD 012 452, respectively.
- 15 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 202 sorties, 37.2 flight hours, lifting 296 troops/passengers, while carrying 95.9 tons of cargo, with fifteen med evac missions evacuating 61 emergency, 7 priority and 4 routine med evacs in support of 3rd Marine Division and IIIMAF. This squadron flew 130 sorties, 29.8 flight hours, lifting 230 troops/passengers 73.8 tons of cargo, with 1 med evac mission evacuating 1 emergency and 1 priority med evac in support of OPERATION KENTUCKY.

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16 Feb 1968

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(C) HMM-364 flew 51 sorties, 13.9 flight hours, lifting 137 troops/passengers, while carrying 14.3 tons of cargo, with four med evac missions evacuating 10 emergency, 16 priority and 6 routine med evacs in support of 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions and IIIMAF.

17 Feb 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 109 sorties, 28.7 flight hours, lifting 72 troops/passengers, while carrying 58.3 tons of cargo, with 15 med evac missions carrying 44 emergency, 14 priority, and 3 routine med evacs in support of 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions, and IIIMAF. Mission 81, with 2 squadron aircraft flew 4 sorties, 1.0 flight hours, carrying 4.0 tons of cargo in support of IIIMAF.

18 Feb 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 33 sorties, 7.2 flight hours, lifting 11 troops/passengers, while carrying 8.5 tons of cargo, with 3 med evac missions carrying 31 emergency and 8 routine med evacs in support of IIIMAF. Mission 81, with 4 CH-46D aircraft from HMM-364 flew 33 sorties, 7.2 flight hours, carrying 11 troops/passengers and 8.5 tons of cargo, in support of IIIMAF. YK-23 received automatic small arms fire at 1700H at coordinates YD 813 217, with one hit being received in the starboard stub-wing. No injuries were received and no rounds fired in return.

19 Feb 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 28 sorties, 11.8 flight hours, lifting 10 troops/passengers while carrying 5.8 tons of cargo, in support of MAG-36, 1stBn, 5thMar, OPERATION HUE CITY, and E Co., 2dBn, 5thMar.

20 Feb 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 61 sorties, 13.0 flight hours, lifting 71 troops/passengers, while carrying 41.3 tons of cargo in support of MAG-36, IIIMAF, 12th Marines, 3d Marine Division, and 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Mission 72 was incomplete due to adverse weather. Mission 72, with 3 squadron aircraft flew 48 sorties, 7.3 flight hours, carrying 50 troops/passengers, 35.4 tons of cargo, in support of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Enemy small arms fire was received at 1715H at coordinates YD 790 138. No hits were received and no fire was returned.

21 Feb 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 51 sorties, 13.3 flight hours, lifting 34 troops/passengers, while carrying 29.7 tons of cargo, with 5 med evac missions carrying 8 emergency, 18 priority and 8 routine med evacs in support of OPERATION HUE CITY, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Air Wing, 1st Marine Division and IIIMAF. Mission 69 was cancelled due to heavy enemy small arms interference. Mission 69, with two (2) squadron

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(C) aircraft flew 9 sorties, 2.1 flight hours, carrying 1 passenger, in support of OPERATION HUE CITY. Fire was received while on the northern outskirts of the city, from many locations. At 1130H, a leak in the number 2 engine fuel line was detected, resulting from intense enemy small arms fire. The entire aircraft was flooded with fuel spray. The aircraft was abandoned after an emergency landing at YD 733 244. YK-6 recovered the crew while under intense enemy fire. No injuries were sustained and 800 rounds of return fire were expended. Upon attempting to recover the downed aircraft, it was determined that a fire had erupted in the aircraft and no further recovery attempt was initiated.

- 22 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 25 sorties, 8.0 flight hours, lifting 108 troops/passengers, while carrying 1.9 tons of cargo, with one (1) med evac mission carrying 1 emergency and 2 routine med evacs in support of OPERATIONS SCOTLAND and HUE CITY, 1st Force Recon Battalion, Mobile Construction Battalion, 1st Marine Division, MAG-36 and IIIMAF. Mission 78 was incomplete due to adverse weather. Mission 60 (Sparrow Hawk), with 2 squadron aircraft, flew 6 sorties, 2.0 flight hours, carrying 37 troops/passengers and .2 tons of cargo in support of OPERATION HUE CITY.
- 23 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 143 sorties, 29.9 flight hours, lifting 22 troops/passengers, and carrying 104.6 tons of cargo in support of OPERATION HUE CITY, Task Force X-Ray, VMO-3, MAG-36, 1st Marine Division and IIIMAF. Mission 69 was not completed due to adverse weather. Mission 74, with 2 squadron aircraft flew 6 sorties, 1.3 flight hours, carrying 4 troops/passengers, and 4.5 tons of cargo in support of OPERATION HUE CITY and Task Force X-Ray. Intense enemy fire was received by both aircraft at 1010H from coordinates YD 760 195. YK-17 was the first aircraft hit, with two rounds being taken. YK-16 was then hit in the aft pylon severing electrical wiring. No injuries were received and 800 rounds of return fire were expended. YK-17 recovered the crew of the supporting HU-1E Gunship when it was shot up and made an emergency landing.
- 24 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 40 sorties, 19.6 flight hours, carrying 22 troops/passengers and 22.7 tons of cargo in support of OPERATION KENTUCKY, OPERATION SIERRA-SIERRA (SCOTLAND), 4th Marines, 26th Marines, and Task Force X-Ray.
- 25 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 66 sorties, 31.0 flight hours, lifting 31 troops/passengers, 30.0 tons of cargo, with 3 med evac missions carrying 6 emergency and 1 routine med evac in

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) support of OPERATIONS RED APPLE (SCOTLAND), LANCASTER, HUE CITY, and 3d Marine Division, IIMAF, Task Force X-Ray, and MAC-36. Mission 78 was incomplete due to adverse weather.

- 26 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 68 sorties, 39.1 flight hours, lifting 14 troops/passengers, 41.6 tons of cargo in support of OPERATION KANSAS CITY (LANCASTER), 3d Marine Division, MAC-36 and IIMAF.
- 27 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 77 sorties, 37.7 flight hours, lifting 83 troops/passengers, and 36.8 tons of cargo, with no med evacs in support of OPERATIONS HUE CITY and YANKEE-YANKEE (LANCASTER), supporting also the 26 th Marines, Task Force X-Ray, 3rd Marine Division, and IIMAF.
- 28 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 73 sorties, 30.0 flight hours, lifting 55 troops/passengers and 40.9 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac missions carrying 16 emergency and 5 routine med evacs, in support of OPERATION BRAZIL (SCOTLAND), Task Force X-Ray, OPERATION HUE CITY, IIMAF and MAC-36. Mission 71A and B with 8 squadron aircraft, flew 71 sorties, 28.7 flight hours, lifting 43 troops/passengers, 38.5 tons of cargo in support of OPERATIONS HUE CITY and BRAZIL. Mortar and enemy small arms fire was received on four occasions while resupplying HILL 881 (South), and HILL 861, resulting in minor damage to aircraft. No injuries were received.
- 29 Feb 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 80 sorties, 35.9 flight hours, carrying 18 troops/passengers, and 37.9 tons of cargo in support of OPERATION OML (SCOTLAND), OPERATION HUE CITY, Task Force X-Ray, 3d Marine Division, and MAC-36.

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PART IIISIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL

	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Personnel joined	8	8	16
b. Personnel dropped	20	12	32

2. ADMINISTRATION

	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Personnel promoted	1	2	3

3. CASUALTIES FOR MONTH

a. Officers

HODGEN, Donald A. Major, 076494/7562, USMC - WIA
 DEMKO, Leonard R. Major, 079209/7562, USMC - KIA
 BURKE, John J. Captain, 091577/7562, USMC - KIA

b. Enlisted

SHELTON, James D. Sergeant, 1934094/6320, USMC - KIA
 CONNER, Gerald W. Corporal, 2220397/6311, USMC - DOW
 COPELAND, Norman O. Corporal, 2149681/6320, USMC - KIA
 VENHOUS, John R. Corporal, 2214127/6320, USMC - WIA

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. During the month of February, HMM-364 flew 798 hours, mainly in support of the HUE CITY OPERATION and Task Force X-Ray. The Squadron also flew resupply missions to Hill 881 (South), Hill 861, and Khe Sanh. There were a total of 89 fire incidents, resulting in 24 hits. Squadron gunners were credited with three (3) confirmed enemy killed.

b. The numerous spot reports and inflight sightings reported by the pilots and crews were valuable in revealing enemy activities and movement of supporting elements in and around the Hue City battle area. The increased enemy activity in the Hue, Phu Bai area again proved the value of the aircrew as an important source of current information for the Intelligence Unit.

5. LOGISTICS

a. AACP RESUME

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(1) AACP's submitted: 142
(2) AACP's completed: 105
(3) AACP's pending: 37

b. ANFE RESUME

(1) ANFE's submitted: 115
(2) ANFE's completed: 77
(3) ANFE's pending: 38

6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

a. Total flight hours 798.0
b. Total tasks 1114
c. Total sorties 2602
d. Total troops/passengers 4485
e. Total tons of cargo lifted 1232.1
f. Total med-evacs carried 728

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