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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer	LtCol Louis A. GULLING	1-31 March 1968
Executive Officer	Major James W. WARNER	1-31 March 1968
Administrative Officer	Captain Robert W. WIEGAND	1-31 March 1968
Aviation Safety Officer	Captain Phillip R. HEMMING	1-31 March 1968
Flight Surgeon	Lt. Charles W. GREENWOOD	1-31 March 1968
Intelligence Officer	Captain Victor J. DEMARIA	1-31 March 1968
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major Lawrence P. REIMAN	1-31 March 1968
Logistics Officer	Major John A. CHANCEY	1-31 March 1968
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt Randall W. EAKIN	1-15 March 1968
NATOPS Officer	Captain Andrew B. ADAMS	1-31 March 1968
Operations Officer	Major James R. PARSONS	1-31 March 1968
First Sergeant	1stSgt Charles STROUD	1-31 March 1968

2. UNIT LOCATION

HMM-364 1-31 March 1968 Phu Bai, RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers	45	1	0	46
Enlisted	170	1	0	171

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None.

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364, with adverse weather and numerous fire incidents flew a total of 1107.1 flight hours. The majority of this time was obtained in support of Operation SCOTLAND and its various subordinate operations. This squadron supplied the hills of Khe Sanh with approximately 1100 tons of "C" Rations, water and other items essential to the continuing defense of our northern outpost; while lifting 4222 troops/passengers, and 155 med-evacs.
- 1 Mar 68 (O) HMM-364 flew 24 sorties, 15.1 flight hours, lifting 10 troops/passengers, and 12.0 tons of cargo in support of Operation LEMON (SCOTLAND), HUE CITY, Task Force X-Ray, and 3d MarDiv.
- 2 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 41 sorties, 27.0 flight hours, lifting 17 troops/passengers, and 8.1 tons of cargo, with one med evac sortie carrying 3 emergency, 6 priority, and 4 routine med-evacs, in support of Operation TANGO (SCOTLAND), 26th Marines, and MAG-36. Mission #71 was incomplete due to adverse weather.
- 3 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 43 sorties, 24.9 flight hours, lifting 123 troops/passengers, 17.0 tons of cargo, with one med evac sortie carrying 12 priority med evacs, in support of Operation DALLAS (SCOTLAND), and 3d MarDiv.
- 4 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 50 sorties, 29.7 flight hours, lifting 11 troops/passengers, 32.9 tons of cargo, in support of Operation BUICK (SCOTLAND), and 3d MarDiv. Mission #70, with 8 squadron aircraft from HMM-364 flew 50 sorties, 23.3 flight hours, lifting 11 troops/passengers, 32.9 tons of cargo in support of Operation BUICK. The flight encountered light .50 caliber fire, with no hits reported.
- 5 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 104 sorties, 40.9 flight hours, lifting 42 troops/passengers, and 63.0 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac sorties carrying 4 emergency, and 1 priority med evacs in support of Operation FALCON, (SCOTLAND), 3d MarDiv, and MAG-36. Mission #69, with 8 aircraft flew 104 sorties, 38.4 flight hours, lifting 28 troops/passengers, and 61.4 tons of cargo. The flight received light small arms fire on this resupply mission with one hit in the port stub wing of YK-8, and 500 rounds of 7.62 ammunition fired in return.

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- 6 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 114 sorties, 53.1 flight hours, lifting 85 troops/passengers, and 53.9 tons of cargo, with one med evac sortie carrying 4 routine med evacs in support of Task Force X-Ray, Operation CASTLE (SCOTLAND), and 3dMarDiv. Mission #71 with 8 squadron aircraft flew 99 sorties, 38.2 flight hours, lifting 33 troops/passengers, and 48.5 tons of cargo, in support of Operation CASTLE. Intense enemy ground fire, with mortars in the zones, was received at Khe Sanh, with YK-22 receiving hits in the stub wings and aft pylon section from mortars, and automatic weapons fire in the aircraft cockpit.
- 7 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 118 sorties, 51.3 flight hours, lifting 149 troops/passengers, and 58.9 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac sorties carrying 3 emergency med evacs, in support of Operation BUXOM (SCOTLAND), and 3dMarDiv. Mission #69, with 8 aircraft flew 103 sorties, 39.3 flight hours, lifting 139 troops/passengers, and 54.4 tons of cargo, in support of Operation BUXOM. Intense enemy fire was received in the area of Hill 881S, Khe Sanh, with YK-14 reporting hits in the aft pylon, but continuing to fly.
- 8 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 73 sorties, 32.7 flight hours, lifting 30 troops/passengers, 20.8 tons of cargo, with 4 med evac sorties carrying 8 emergency, 4 priority, and 4 routine med evacs, in support of Operation FORTRESS (SCOTLAND), 26th Marines, and 3dMarDiv. Mission #72, with 6 squadron aircraft flew 73 sorties, 30.8 flight hours, lifting 30 troops/passengers, and 20.8 tons of cargo, in support of Operation FORTRESS, with four aircraft receiving light to moderate enemy ground fire and mortars in the zone. YK-12 received 2 hits from .30 caliber automatic weapons in the upper aft pylon, continuing to fly.
- 9 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 83 sorties, 36.2 flight hours, lifting 92 troops/passengers, and 25.3 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac sorties, carrying 11 routine med evacs, in support of Operation CARMEN (LANCASTER), 26th Marines, and MAG-36. Mission #73, with 7 squadron aircraft flew 64 sorties, 27.5 flight hours, lifting 89 troops/passengers and 19.8 tons of cargo in support of Operation CARMEN. Mortars were received in the zones, with no hits reported.
- 10 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 28 sorties, 17.4 flight hours, lifting 54 troops/passengers, 11.7 tons of cargo, with one med evac sortie carrying one emergency med evac, in support of Operation BUZZARD (SCOTLAND), and 26th Marines.

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- 11 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 83 sorties, 41.6 flight hours, lifting 205 troops/passengers, and 34.4 tons of cargo, with no med evacs, in support of Operation STOCKADE (SCOTLAND), 26th Marines, 3dMarDiv and MAG-36. Mission #73, with 7 squadron aircraft, in support of Operation STOCKADE, flew 79 sorties, 37.9 flight hours, lifting 180 troops/passengers and 34.2 tons of cargo, with YK-21 receiving 5 hits in the cockpit and engine compartment areas, from mortars, continuing to fly.
- 12 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 23 sorties, 15.2 flight hours, lifting 29 troops/passengers, and 6.1 tons of cargo in support of MAG-36 and IIIMAF.
- 13 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 83 sorties, 40.2 flight hours, lifting 56.7 troops/passengers and 4.8 tons of cargo in support of Operation FLY CATCHER (SCOTLAND), and MAG-36. Mission #73 was incomplete due to weather. Mission #73, with 7 aircraft, in support of Operation FLY CATCHER, flew 79 sorties, 29.8 flight hours, lifting 564 troops/passengers, and 3.5 tons of cargo. YK-1 received light small arms automatic fire with one hit in the cockpit, starboard side, continuing to fly.
- 14 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 97 sorties, 45.6 flight hours, lifting 165 troops/passengers, and 55.8 tons of cargo, with 3 med evac sorties carrying 19 emergency and 3 routine med evacs in support of Operation TURRET (SCOTLAND).
- 15 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 126 sorties, 48.7 flight hours, lifting 165 troops/passengers, and 55.8 tons of cargo, with one med evac sortie carrying 4 routine med evacs, in support of Operation DUNAWAY (SCOTLAND), 26th Marines, and MAG-36. Mission 68, with 8 squadron aircraft flew 108 sorties, 41.1 flight hours, lifting 136 troops/passengers and 55.3 tons of cargo, in support of Operation DUNAWAY. Squadron aircraft received light to moderate small arms ground fire on this resupply mission in the Khe Sanh area, with YK-18 sustaining hits in the cockpit, passenger compartment and rotors, while YK-14 and YK-21 sustained hits in the passenger compartment. All aircraft continued to fly.
- 16 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 93 sorties, 37.0 flight hours, lifting 287 troops/passengers, and 33.7 tons of cargo, with one med evac sortie carrying 1 priority med evac, in support of Operation WARBLER (SCOTLAND), 26th Marines, Operation FORD, 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions, and MAG-36.
- 17 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 128 sorties, 51.2 flight hours, lifting 240 troops/passengers, 56.6 tons of cargo, with 3 med evac missions carrying 3 emergency, 3 priority, and 1 routine med evacs, in support of Operation DRAWBRIDGE (SCOTLAND), and MAG-36. Mission 66, with 8

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squadron aircraft in support of Operation DRAWBRIDGE, flew 115 sorties, 43.9 flight hours, lifting 205 troops/passengers, and 56.1 tons of cargo. Light small arms fire in the Khe Sanh area resulted in YK-15 receiving one hit in the ramp, continuing to fly.

- 18 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 93 sorties, 43.8 flight hours, lifting 55 troops/passengers, 52.0 tons of cargo, with one med evac sortie carrying one emergency, and 3 priority med evacs, in support of Operation SOPHIA (SCOTLAND), and 26th Marines. Mission #72, with 8 CH-46D aircraft in support of Operation SOPHIA flew 93 sorties, 38.9 flight hours, lifting 55 troops/passengers, and 52.0 tons of cargo. Small arms enemy fire was encountered in the Khe Sanh area with no hits reported.
- 19 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 61 sorties, 33.9 flight hours, lifting 162 troops/passengers and 28.3 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac sorties carrying 7 emergency, 2 priority, and one routine med evacs, in support of Operation TITMOUSE (SCOTLAND), and 26th Marines. Mission 72, with 7 squadron aircraft, flew 61 sorties, 27.7 flight hours, lifting 162 troops/passengers, and 28.3 tons of cargo in support of Operation TITMOUSE. Moderate to intense enemy small arms fire was encountered in the Khe Sanh area, with YK-21 receiving one hit in the aft yellow blade, continuing to fly.
- 20 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364, flew 132 sorties, 49.4 flight hours, lifting 219 troops/passengers, and 65.4 tons of cargo in support of Operation DUNGEON (SCOTLAND), 26th Marines, and MAG-36. Mission #72, with 8 squadron aircraft, flew 124 sorties, 42.9 flight hours, lifting 180 troops/passengers, and 60.8 tons of cargo in support of Operation DUNGEON. Light enemy small arms fire and mortars were encountered on this resupply mission with YK-23 receiving numerous shrapnel hits and YK-15 receiving hits in the aft pylon, both aircraft continuing to fly.
- 21 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 113 sorties, 46.9 flight hours, lifting 169 troops/passengers, and 59.3 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac sorties carrying 2 emergency, and 1 routine med evacs, in support of Operation GINA (SCOTLAND), and 26th Marines. Mission #74, with 8 squadron aircraft in support of Operation GINA, flew 106 sorties, 41.7 flight hours, and lifted 126 troops/passengers and 59.3 tons of cargo. Light to intense enemy ground fire was received along with mortars in the zone, but no hits were recorded.
- 22 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 95 sorties, 37.9 flight hours, lifting 95 troops/passengers, and 46.5 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac missions carrying 8 routine med evacs in support of Operation SAPSUCKER (SCOTLAND), 26th Marines, and MAG-36.

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- 23 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 141 sorties, 48.8 flight hours, lifting 162 troops/passengers, and 75.6 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac sorties carrying 4 emergency, and 3 priority med evacs, in support of Operation REDoubt (SCOTLAND), 26th Marines, and MAG-36.
- 24 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 103 sorties, 43.6 flight hours, lifting 64 troops/passengers, and 53.7 tons of cargo, with one med evac sortie carrying 2 priority med evacs, in support of Operation MELODY (SCOTLAND), 26th Marines, and MAG-36.
- 25 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 16 sorties, 16.3 flight hours, lifting 27 troops/passengers, 2.4 tons of cargo in support of MAG-36. The Khe Sanh resupply mission was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.
- 26 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 19 sorties, 21.6 flight hours, lifting 62 troops/passengers, 3.5 tons of cargo, in support of MAG-36. Mission #72 was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.
- 27 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 92 sorties, 29.2 flight hours, lifting 198 troops/passengers, and 28.0 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying 6 routine med evacs in support of Operation TAMMY (SCOTLAND) and MAG-36. Mission 72, with 6 squadron aircraft in support of Operation TAMMY, flew 40 sorties, 20.6 flight hours, lifting 40 troops/passengers, and 13.4 tons of cargo. Light small arms fire was received by the flight with YK-21 receiving a hit in the aft pylon, puncturing the oil cooler, causing a forced landing in the Garden Valley area of Khe Sanh; the crew being picked up immediately and the aircraft being recovered later.
- 28 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 123 sorties, 55.2 flight hours, lifting 325 troops/passengers, and 30.2 tons of cargo, with one med evac sortie carrying 3 priority med evacs in support of Operation OFFSPRING (SCOTLAND), and Operation COCKATOO (SCOTLAND).
- 29 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 100 sorties, 57.3 flight hours, lifting 141 troops/passengers, and 44.0 tons of cargo, in support of Operation CAUSEWAY (SCOTLAND), and MAG-36. Mission 71, with 8 squadron aircraft flying resupply in support of Operation CAUSEWAY encountered light to intense enemy ground fire from .50 and .30 caliber weapons, with hits recorded by YK-18, YK-15, YK-23, with YK-23 receiving one .50 caliber hit through the port lower window (cockpit), penetrating the ceramic bullet deflector, and inflicting a minor wound on the pilot. All aircraft continued to fly.

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- 30 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 139 sorties, 28.1 flight hours, lifting 138 troops/passengers, and 64.0 tons of cargo, with 3 med evac sorties carrying 9 priority med evacs in support of Operation DEANMA (SCOTLAND) and Operation CAUSEWAY (SCOTLAND), and MAG-36.
- 31 Mar 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 60 sorties, 48.3 flight hours, lifting 58 troops/passengers, and 21.1 tons of cargo, with one med evac sortie carrying 8 priority med evacs in support of Operation COCKATOO (SCOTLAND), and MAG-36. Mission 72, with 8 squadron aircraft in support of Operation COCKATOO, flew 18 sorties, 5.9 flight hours, carrying 34 troops/passengers and 7.5 tons of cargo. YK-5 received intense enemy ground fire, with hits in the passenger cabin and the spar of a forward blade, causing a precautionary landing at Khe Sanh. The crew was recovered immediately, with the aircraft being recovered the following day.

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PART IIISIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL

	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Personnel joined	12	9	21
b. Personnel dropped	9	11	20

2. ADMINISTRATION

	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Personnel Promoted	1	0	1
b. Personnel Reduced	0	0	0

3. CASUALTIES FOR MONTH

a. Officers

Carson, E. L., Jr., First Lieutenant, 093879/7562, USMC, WIAE
 Hemming, P. R., Captain, 092084, 092084, USMC, WIA

b. Enlisted

James, E. S., Corporal, 2309776, USMC, WIAE
 IGL, L. A., Corporal, 2247438, USMC, WIA
 Cross, D. H., Corporal, 2248751, WIA

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. The Intelligence Unit of HMM-364 recorded enemy activity on a daily basis through squadron sources and adjacent and higher commands. During the month of March, this squadron logged 1107.1 flight hours. There were 32 fire incidents for this period, based on one incident reported for a daily flight of eight helicopters. While involved in resupply operation of Khe Sanh and surrounding outposts, use of enemy 12.7 mm and 14.5 mm weapons was extensive, and accounted for some of the heavier damage to the squadron aircraft. Operations in the local Phu Bai area were not supported by HMM-364, directly. The area of interest was focused on the KSCB and DMZ areas.

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6. LOGISTICS

a. AACP RESUME

- (1) AACP's submitted.....125
 (2) AACP's completed.....96
 (3) AACP's pending.....9

b. ANFE RESUME

- (1) ANFE's submitted.....105
 (2) ANFE's completed.....61
 (3) ANFE's pending.....18

7. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

- a. Total flight hours.....1107.1
 b. Total tasks.....1313
 c. Total sorties.....2598
 d. Total troops/passengers.....4222
 e. Total tons of cargo lifted.....1104.8
 f. Total med evacs carried.....155

8. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

a. The following squadron aircraft were damaged during the month of March 1968.

<u>Side Number</u>	<u>Bureau Number</u>	<u>Type Damage</u>	<u>Repaired By</u>
YK-1	153364	Enemy fire	364
YK-4	153366	Enemy fire	364
YK-5	153371	Enemy Fire	364
YK-8	153398	Enemy Fire	364
YK-12	153955	Enemy Fire	H&MS-36
YK-14	153369	Enemy Fire	364
YK-15	153362	Enemy Fire	364
YK-16	153995	Enemy Fire	PAR

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<u>Side Number</u>	<u>Bureau Number</u>	<u>Type Damage</u>	<u>Repaired By</u>
YK-17	153996	Enemy fire	364
YK-18	153997	Enemy fire	364
YK-20	153990	Flight Incident	364
YK-21	153994	Enemy fire	364
YK-22	153397	Enemy fire	364
YK-23	153987	Enemy fire	364
YK-24	153993	Enemy fire	364

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2. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

a. None.

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