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Commanding Officer	LtCol Louis A. GULLING	1-16Apr68
Executive Officer	LtCol Joseph R. DOBRATZ, Jr.	17-30Apr68
Administrative Officer	Major James W. WARNER	1-21Apr68
Aviation Safety Officer	Major Harold B. ROTH, Jr.	22-30Apr68
Flight Surgeon	Captain Robert W. WIEGAND	1-30Apr68
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Captain Phillip R. HEMMING	1-30Apr68
Intelligence Officer	Lt. Charles W. GREENWOOD	1-30Apr68
Logistics Officer	Major Lawrence P. REIMAN	1-30Apr68
Motor Transport Officer	Captain Victor J. DEMARIA	1-30Apr68
Operations Officer	Major John A. CHANCEY	1-30Apr68
NATOPS Officer	1stLt William R. CHOATE, Jr.	1-30Apr68
First Sergeant	Major James R. PARSONS	1-25Apr68
	Major Horace S. LOWREY, Jr.	26-30Apr68
	Captain Andrew B. ADAMS	1-30Apr68
	1stSgt Charles STROUD	1-30Apr68

2. UNIT LOCATION

HMM-364      1-30 April 1968      Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers	44	1	0	45
Enlisted	176	1	0	177

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None.

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364, sustaining numerous hits from enemy fire, and hampered on occasion by adverse weather flew 1203 flight hours, carrying 10,500 troops/passengers, and 1500 tons of cargo. The majority of hours flown, and troops and cargo lifted was in support of the various phases of Operation SCOTLAND, its subordinate operations, Operation PEGASUS, Operation DELTA, and the U. S. Army. This squadron also carried 344 med evacs during April.

- 1 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 67 sorties, 46.1 flight hours, lifting 197 troops/passengers and 33.5 tons of cargo in support of Operation CATAPULT (SCOTLAND), and HMM-364. This squadron flew 62 sorties, 44.3 flight hours, lifting 185 troops/passengers, 33.5 tons of cargo in support of Operation CATAPULT. Intense .50 caliber automatic weapons fire was received during this resupply mission, with squadron aircraft 153371 receiving one hit in the cockpit area, continuing to fly.
- 2 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 228 sorties, 49.3 flight hours, lifting 201 troops/passengers, and 104.6 tons of cargo, with two med evac missions carrying 1 emergency and 3 priority med evacs; supporting Operation SCOTLAND, 26th Marines, HMM-364 and MAG-36. HMM-364 flew 178 sorties, 41.3 flight hours, lifting 140 troops/passengers and 87.5 tons of cargo in support of Operation JOAN (SCOTLAND). Intense enemy .30 and .50 caliber automatic weapons fire was encountered this date, with no hits reported.
- 3 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 114 sorties, 41.1 flight hours, lifting 256 troops/passengers, and 29.1 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying 2 routine med evacs, in support of Operation HUMMING BIRD, 26th Marines, and MAG-36. The squadron flew 90 sorties, 33.5 flight hours, lifting 204 troops/passengers, and 25.3 tons of cargo in support of Operation HUMMING BIRD. Moderate .30 caliber small arms fire was encountered this date with no damage reported.
- 4 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 71 sorties, 34.6 flight hours, lifting 105 troops/passengers, and 35.4 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying 8 priority med evacs, in support of Operation MOAT and MAG-36. The squadron flew 68 sorties, 31.6 flight hours, lifting 105 troops/passengers and 35.4 tons of cargo in support of Operation MOAT. This resupply mission encountered light .50 caliber automatic weapons fire with two squadron aircraft, bureau numbers 152573 and 153371, each receiving one hit, continuing to fly.

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(C) HMM-364 flew 189 sorties, 61.4 flight hours, lifting 369 troops/passengers, and 88.8 tons of cargo, with 6 med evac missions carrying 5 emergency, 4 priority and 2 routine med evacs, supporting Operation ROSEMARY and MAG-36. The squadron flew 179 sorties, 59.2 flight hours, lifting 366 troops/passengers, 88.8 tons of cargo in support of Operation ROSEMARY. No fire incidents were reported.

6 Apr 68

(C) HMM-364 flew 200 sorties, 50.9 flight hours, lifting 622 troops/passengers, and 45.6 tons of cargo, with four med evac missions carrying 13 emergency, 11 priority, and 22 routine med evacs in support of Operation PEGASUS (FINCH) and KENTUCKY, and MAG-36. Mission #69 was incomplete due to adverse weather at Khe Sanh. The squadron flew 99 sorties 26.5 flight hours, lifting 319 troops/passengers and 49.6 tons of cargo in support of Operation PEGASUS. The squadron flew 99 sorties, 24.4 flight hours, lifting 303 troops/passengers and 4.0 tons of cargo in support of Operation KENTUCKY. During Operation PEGASUS, mortars and enemy small arms were encountered with no hits reported.

7 Apr 68

(C) HMM-364 flew 118 sorties, 39.6 flight hours, lifting 139 troops/passengers, and 54.2 tons of cargo, with two med evac missions carrying one emergency, 10 priority, and 9 routine med evacs, in support of Operation ROUNDTABLE (NIAGRA), and MAG-36. The squadron flew 117 sorties, 37.7 flight hours, lifting 139 troops/passengers and 54.2 tons of cargo in support of Operation ROUNDTABLE. Squadron aircraft encountered moderate enemy small arms, automatic fire with no hits reported.

8 Apr 68

(C) HMM-364 flew 146 sorties, 51.8 flight hours, lifting 354 troops/passengers, and 81.5 tons of cargo, with four med evac missions carrying 19 emergency, 2 priority and 8 routine med evacs in support of Operation NIAGRA, and MAG-36. The squadron flew 139 sorties, 44.4 flight hours, lifting 341 troops/passengers and 80.3 tons of cargo in support of Operation NIAGRA. Squadron aircraft received mortars in the zones, and light to moderate enemy .30 caliber automatic weapons fire, with one aircraft, bureau number 152573, making a forced landing at coordinates XD 809 407, due to extensive battle damage, and 3 WIA's. Aircraft later recovered.

9 Apr 68

(C) HMM-364 flew 133 sorties, 41.8 flight hours, lifting 265 troops/passengers, and 22.1 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac missions carrying 4 emergency, 2 priority and 5 routine med evacs, in support of Operation ZEITGEIST (NIAGRA), MAG-36, and HMM-364. The squadron flew 127 sorties, 36.0 flight hours, lifting 265 troops/passengers and 22.1 tons of cargo in support of Operation ZEITGEIST. During this resupply

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- (C) mission light to intense .30 caliber automatic weapons fire was encountered with squadron aircraft, bureau numbers, 153997, 153366 and 153398 receiving hits. Aircraft 153398 had three WIA's continuing to fly, Aircraft 153366, with extensive damage remained in the zone, with a later recovery.
- 10 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 111 sorties, 31.5 flight hours, lifting 123 troops/passengers and 48.4 tons of cargo, with three med evac missions carrying 3 emergency, 9 priority and 23 routine med evacs, in support of Operation PEGASUS and MAG-36. The squadron flew 110 sorties, 31.1 flight hours, lifting 123 troops/passengers and 48.4 tons of cargo in support of Operation PEGASUS.
- 11 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 50 sorties, 24.1 flight hours, lifting 102 troops/passengers, 10.7 tons of cargo, with two med evac missions carrying 1 emergency, 3 priority and 2 routine med evacs, in support of Operation PEGASUS, 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions and MAG-36. The squadron flew 47 sorties, 17.1 flight hours, lifting 86 troops/passengers and 9.0 tons of cargo in support of Operation PEGASUS.
- 12 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 103 sorties, 27.8 flight hours, lifting 161 troops/passengers, and 26.5 tons of cargo, with 2 med evac missions carrying 2 priority and 2 routine med evacs, in support of Operation PEGASUS and MAG-36. This squadron flew 102 sorties, 34.1 flight hours, lifting 161 troops/passengers and 26.5 tons of cargo in support of Operation PEGASUS. Mortars and .50 caliber automatic weapons fire were encountered by Squadron aircraft with no hits reported.
- 13 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 16 sorties, 5.9 flight hours, lifting 80 troops/passengers and .4 tons of cargo, with two med evac missions carrying 5 emergency and 2 priority med evacs in support of 1st Medical Battalion and MAG-36.
- 14 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 195 sorties, 42.2 flight hours, lifting 257 troops/passengers, and 76.3 tons of cargo, with six med evac missions carrying 18 emergency, 2 priority and 34 routine med evacs in support of Operation PEGASUS, 3dMarDiv, 1st Force Recon Battalion, 1stMarDiv and MAG-36. The scheduled recon TAOR was cancelled due to adverse weather. The squadron flew 178 sorties, 34.2 flight hours, lifting 198 troops/passengers and 75.2 tons of cargo in support of Operation PEGASUS. Light .30 caliber automatic weapons fire was encountered, with aircraft, bureau number 153363, receiving moderate battle damage, continuing to fly.

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- 15 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 114 sorties, 34.9 flight hours, lifting 232 troops/passengers, and 19.5 tons of cargo, with two med evac missions carrying 2 priority and 1 routine med evacs in support of Operation PEGASUS, 4thMar, and MAG-36. The squadron flew 108 sorties, 33.8 flight hours, lifting 232 troops/passengers and 19.5 tons of cargo in support of Operation PEGASUS.
- 16 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 235 sorties, 70.4 flight hours, lifting 1342 troops/passengers, and 36.9 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying 3 priority and 1 routine med evacs, in support of Operation PEGASUS, 26th Marines, 1st Force Recon Battalion and MAG-36. HMM-364 flew 231 sorties, 76.3 flight hours, lifting 1239 troops/passengers, and 36.9 tons of cargo in support of Operation PEGASUS. Light enemy .50 caliber fire was encountered with squadron aircraft, bureau number 153397, receiving one hit continuing to fly.
- 17 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 153 sorties, 49.1 flight hours, lifting 762 troops/passengers, and 9.2 tons of cargo, with two med evac missions carrying 2 emergency, and 2 priority med evacs, in support of Operation PEGASUS, and MAG-36. The squadron flew 116 sorties, 34.0 flight hours, lifting 451 troops/passengers and 5.4 tons of cargo in support of Operation PEGASUS. Squadron aircraft received light enemy .50 caliber automatic weapons fire with no hits reported.
- 18 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 162 sorties, 52.6 flight hours, lifting 710 troops/passengers, 33.8 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying one emergency med evac, in support of Operation PEGASUS, 26thMar, 1st and 3rdMarDiv, MAG-36 and 5thMar. HMM-364 flew 112 sorties, 33.3 flight hours, lifting 375 troops/passengers and 31.8 tons of cargo in support of Operation PEGASUS. Light small arms fire was reported with no hits.
- 19 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 245 sorties, 58.8 flight hours, lifting 1010 troops/passengers, 75.0 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying 1 priority and 7 routine med evacs in support of 5thMar, 1stMar, 1stAirCav, and Operation BAXTER GARDEN. The squadron flew 92 sorties, 17.7 flight hours, lifting 584 troops/passengers and 5.7 tons of cargo in support of Operation BAXTER GARDEN. Light mortar fire was received in the zones, and light to moderate .30 caliber automatic weapons fire, with squadron aircraft, bureau numbers 153362 and 153364 receiving minor damage and no casualties.
- 20 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 47 sorties, 20.8 flight hours, lifting 376 troops/passengers, with four med evac missions carrying 10 emergency, 28 priority, and 7 routine med evacs, in support of

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- (C) Operation SAMURAI IV, I Corps ARVN and MAG-36. The squadron flew 45 sorties, 12.9 flight hours, lifting 376 troops/passengers in support of Operation SAMURAI. Light to moderate .30 caliber automatic weapons fire was received by the flight with squadron aircraft, bureau numbers 153361 and 153364, receiving minor battle damage, continuing to fly.
- 21 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 94 sorties, 28.0 flight hours, lifting 250 troops/passengers and 30.5 tons of cargo with one med evac mission carrying 2 emergency and 8 priority med evacs, in support of 5thMar, Operation BAXTER GARDEN, 1st Force Recon Battalion, 1stMar, 1stAirCav, MAG-36 and HMM-364. No fire incidents were reported.
- 22 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 95 sorties, 24.3 flight hours, lifting 375 troops/passengers, 23.3 tons of cargo, with two med evac missions carrying 2 priority med evacs, in support of Operations: BAXTER GARDEN, SCOTLAND II, SAMURAI IV; I Corps ARVN, 3dMarDiv, 1stMar Div, and MAG-36. The squadron flew 30 sorties, 5.8 flight hours, lifting 13.9 tons of cargo in support of Operation BAXTER GARDEN. The squadron flew 32 sorties, 9.9 flight hours, lifting 23 troops/passengers, and 8.9 tons of cargo in support of Operation SCOTLAND II. The squadron flew 28 sorties, 7.0 flight hours, lifting 290 troops/passengers, in support of Operation SAMURAI IV. Light enemy mortars were received in the zones, with no hits reported.
- 23 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 98 sorties, 38.5 flight hours, lifting 247 troops/passengers, and 40.6 tons of cargo, in support of Operation SCOTLAND II, 1st and 3rdMarDiv, and MAG-36. The squadron flew 60 sorties, 14.7 flight hours, lifting 170 troops/passengers, and 26.4 tons of cargo in support of Operation SCOTLAND II.
- 24 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 162 sorties, 52.5 flight hours, lifting 336 troops/passengers, and 76.7 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying 10 priority med evacs, in support of 3dMarDiv, 1st AirCav, MAG-36, and HMM-364.
- 25 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 67 sorties, 18.6 flight hours, lifting 463 troops/passengers, and 1.5 tons of cargo, with two med evac missions carrying 2 emergency med evacs, in support of Operation SAMURAI IV, 1st Force Recon Battalion, I Corps ARVN, MAG-36 and HMM-364. The squadron flew 61 sorties, 15.5 flight hours, lifting 455 troops/passengers, 1.5 tons of cargo, in support of Operation SAMURAI IV. On a night recon extraction, intense enemy .30 caliber small arms fire was received with no hits reported.

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- 26 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 149 sorties, 42.4 flight hours, lifting 137 troops/passengers, and 120.4 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying 3 routine med evacs in support of 1st AirCav, 1stMarDiv and MAG-36. Mission #65 was incomplete due to adverse weather. The Squadron flew 134 sorties, 36.8 flight hours, lifting 129 troops/passengers, 118.0 tons of cargo in support of 1st AirCav. Moderate .30 caliber automatic weapons fire was encountered with no hits reported.
- 27 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 113 sorties, 30.4 flight hours, lifting 449 troops/passengers, and 36.9 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying 3 routine med evacs, in support of Operation SCOTLAND II, 1st AirCav and 3dMarDiv. Mission #65 was cancelled due to adverse weather. The squadron flew 62 sorties, 18.4 flight hours, lifting 291 troops/passengers, and 3.0 tons of cargo in support of Operation SCOTLAND II. The squadron flew 51 sorties, 12.0 flight hours, lifting 157 troops/passengers and 2.0 tons of cargo in support of the 1st AirCav.
- 28 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 179 sorties, 45.1 flight hours, lifting 158 troops/passengers, 157.3 tons of cargo, in support of Operation SCOTLAND, 3dMarDiv, 1st AirCav, I Corps ARVN, MAG-36 and HMM-364. The squadron flew 8 sorties, 1.6 flight hours, lifting 26 troops/passengers in support of Operation DELAWARE/SAMURAI. The squadron flew 19 sorties, 6.4 flight hours, lifting 27 troops/passengers, and 21.3 tons of cargo in support of Operation SCOTLAND II. The Squadron flew 143 sorties, 30.8 flight hours, lifting 101 troops/passengers, and 134.2 tons of cargo in support of 1st AirCav. Light to intense .30 caliber automatic weapons fire was encountered with no hits reported.
- 29 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 87 sorties, 34.5 flight hours, lifting 156 troops/passengers, and 61.0 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying 8 routine med evacs in support of Operation SCOTLAND IX, 3dMarDiv, 1st AirCav and MAG-36. Mission #79 was cancelled due to adverse weather. The squadron flew 12 sorties 6.0 flight hours, lifting 48 troops/passengers, and 1.0 tons of cargo in support of Operation SCOTLAND IX. The squadron flew 70 sorties, 24.0 flight hours, lifting 106 troops/passengers, and 59.2 tons of cargo in support of 1st AirCav.
- 30 Apr 68 (C) HMM-364 flew 145 sorties, 54.4 flight hours, lifting 201 troops/passengers, and 137.5 tons of cargo, with one med evac mission carrying 2 emergency med evacs in support of Operation SCOTLAND IX, 3dMarDiv, 1stMarDiv, 1st AirCav and MAG-36. The squadron flew 6 sorties, 4.8 flight hours, lifting 97 troops/passengers, and 2.0 tons of cargo in support of SCOTLAND IX. The squadron flew 118 sorties, 37.8 flight hours, lifting 86 troops/passengers and 121.5 tons of cargo in support of the 1st AirCav. Light to moderate .30 and .50 caliber enemy fire was received, with aircraft, bureau number 153366, receiving minor battle damage, continuing to fly.

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PART III  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL

	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Personnel Joined	16	8	24
b. Personnel Dropped	7	4	11

2. ADMINISTRATION

	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Personnel Promoted	13	1	14
b. Personnel Reduced	0	0	0

3. CASUALTIES FOR MONTH

## a. Officers

KECKLER, Richard C., Captain, 093224/7562, USMC, WIA

## b. Enlisted

BAUMANN, Dane N., Lance Corporal, 2258321/7113, USMC, WIA  
 CARTER, Clifford R., Staff Sergeant, 1686646, USMC, WIA  
 DEMPSEY, Craig J., Corporal, 2249555/6242, USMC, WIA  
 GILREATH, Jerry L., Corporal, 2152278/6351, USMC, WIA  
 LABELLE, John P., Corporal, 2161980/6320, USMC, WIA  
 RAND, Gene R., Staff Sergeant, 1391153/6341, USMC, WIA  
 SHUPP, Stephen P., Corporal, 2304499/6320, USMC, WIA

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. The intelligence unit recorded enemy activity on a daily basis through squadron sources and, adjacent and higher commands. During the month of April, this squadron logged 1203.2 hours of flight. There were 42 fire incidents reported, with 14 aircraft sustaining hits, resulting in 8 wounded in action, six being minor in nature, and two being med evaced.

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5. LOGISTICS

## a. AOCF Resume

- (1) AOCF's submitted..... 170  
 (2) AOCF's completed..... 136  
 (3) AOCF's pending..... 14 against 5 A/C

## b. ANFE Resume

- (1) ANFE's submitted..... 189  
 (2) ANFE's completed..... 105  
 (3) ANFE's pending..... 52 against 17 A/C

6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

- a. Total flight hours.....12032  
 b. Total tasks.....1550  
 c. Total sorties.....3891  
 d. Total troops/passengers.....10,435  
 e. Total tons of cargo lifted.....1525.2  
 f. Total med evacs carried.....344

7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

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

<u>Side Number</u>	<u>Bureau Number</u>	<u>Type Damage</u>	<u>Repaired By</u>
YK-1	153364	Battle	HMM-364
YK-4	153366	Battle	PAR
YK-5	153371	Battle	HMM-364
YK-7	153985	Battle	HMM-364
YK-8	153398	Battle	HMM-364
YK-9	153363	Battle	HMM-364
YK-11	153361	Battle	HMM-364
YK-15	153362	Battle	HMM-364

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<u>Side Number</u>	<u>Bureau Number</u>	<u>Type Damage</u>	<u>Repaired By</u>
YK-16	152573	Battle	PAR
YK-19	153370	Battle	HMM-364
YK-22	153397	Battle	HMM-364
YK-1	153364	Flight Incident	HMM-364
YK-2	153399	Flight Incident	HMM-364
YK-7	153985	Flight Incident	H&MS-36
YK-24	153993	Flight Incident	HMM-364

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DOCUMENTATION

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2. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- a. None.

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