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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 364  
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Phu Bai, RVN  
1-31 October 1968

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer	LtCol M. V. STATZER	1-31 Oct 68
Executive Officer	Major K. P. PALMER	1-4 Oct 68
	LtCol D. L. ELAM	5-31 Oct 68
Operations Officer	LtCol D. L. ELAM	1-4 Oct 68
	Major K. P. PALMER	5-31 Oct 68
Administrative Officer	Major E. C. CUNNINGHAM	1-31 Oct 68
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major F. E. LACEY Jr.	1-31 Oct 68
Logistics Officer	Major J. C. MORRISON	1-31 Oct 68
NATOPS Officer	Major J. E. HARVIN Jr.	1-31 Oct 68
Aviation Safety Officer	Captain P. R. HAMMING	1-4 Oct 68
	Major E. W. GRAHAM	5-31 Oct 68
Flight Surgeon	Lt (MC) C. E. LINKOUS	1-31 Oct 68
Intelligence Officer	1stLt P. J. DUNEV	1-31 Oct 68
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt J. E. FLETCHER	1-31 Oct 68
First Sergeant	1stSgt C. STROUD	1-31 Oct 68

2. UNIT LOCATION

HMM-364 1-31 October 1968 Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officer	52	1	0	53
Enlisted	175	0	0	175

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

Lieutenant General Lewis W. WALT, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps on 31 October 1968

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

## 1. Daily Summary of Events

- 1 October 1968 (C) Flight Operations were not hampered by weather or enemy action, HMM-364 flew 194 sorties for 60.3 flight hours, lifting 251 troops/passengers, 33.9 tons of cargo. Four Med Evac missions carried 23 Emergency, 10 Priority, and 8 Routine evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, and HMM-364. One Enemy fire incident was reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 2 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 345 sorties for 77.8 flight hours, lifting 1,365 troops/passengers, 65.6 tons of cargo. Three Med Evac missions carried 5 Priority and 1 Routine evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Scotland II, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364.
- 3 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 278 sorties for 66.5 flight hours, lifting 168 troops/passengers, 86.0 tons of cargo, expending 50 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Three Med Evac missions carried 1 Emergency and 4 Routine evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Lancaster II, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364.
- 4 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 238 sorties for 62.3 flight hours, lifting 322 troops/passengers, 56.4 tons of cargo. One Med Evac mission carried 2 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operations and Units: Scotland II, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-39, MAG-36, and HMM-364.
- 5 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 194 sorties for 48.0 flight hours, lifting 535 troops/passengers, 27.2 tons of cargo, expending 25 rounds of .45 caliber and 70 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance, in support of the following Operations and Units: Scotland II, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-39, MAG-36, and HMM-364. Four aircraft of HMM-364 participated in Operation Scotland II conducted South-West of Khe Sahn.

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6 October 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 198 sorties for 59.6 flight hours, lifting 590 troops/passengers, 28.3 tons of cargo. Four Med Evac missions carried 32 Priority and 21 Routine evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Scotland II, Mamaluke Thrust, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364.

7 October

(C) HMM-364 flew 143 sorties for 54.6 flight hours, lifting 144 troops/passengers, 28.1 tons of cargo. Two Med Evac missions carried 1 Emergency and 10 Priority evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Scotland II, Talledega Canyon, Sussex Bay, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364. One Enemy fire incident was reported with no aircraft receiving hits.

8 October 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 261 sorties for 57.9 flight hours, lifting 479 troops/passengers, 66.6 tons of cargo. Two Med Evac missions carried 3 Routine evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Victory Dragon III, Scotland II, ROKMC, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364.

9 October 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 169 sorties for 43.4 flight hours, lifting 227 troops/passengers, 43.3 tons of cargo. One Med Evac mission carried 1 Emergency evacuee in support of the following Operations and Units: Scotland II, Mamaluke Thrust, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364.

10 October 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 177 sorties for 57.7 flight hours, lifting 269 troops/passengers, 44.2 tons of cargo. Two Med Evac missions carried 8 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operations and Units: Scotland II, Mamaluke Thrust, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364.

11 October 1968

(C) HMM-364 flew 171 sorties for 50.7 flight hours, lifting 579 troops/passengers, 23.9 tons of cargo, expending 125 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Five Med Evac missions carried 7 Emergency and 14 Routine evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Scotland II, Mamaluke Thrust, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364. One Enemy fire incident was reported with no aircraft receiving hits.

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- 12 October 1968 (C) Flight Operations during the afternoon and evening were hampered by weather, resulting in HMM-364 flying only 94 sorties for 28.9 flight hours, lifting 279 troops/passengers, 3.3 tons of cargo, in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, Owen Mesa, 1st MARDIV, MAG-36, MAG-16, and HMM-364. One Enemy fire incident was reported with 1 aircraft (YK-26) taking 3 hits.
- 13 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 132 sorties for 43.9 flight hours, lifting 277 troops/passengers, 17.4 tons of cargo, expending 20 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. One Med Evac mission carried 1 Emergency, 4 Priority, and 4 Routine evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, Scotland II, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364. One Enemy fire incident was reported with one aircraft (YK-1) receiving one hit.
- 14 October 1968 (C) Flight Operations were considerably curtailed due to below minimum weather throughout ICTZ area, resulting in HMM-364 flying only 13 sorties for 5.9 flight hours, lifting 1 troop/passenger, 0.1 tons of cargo. One Med Evac mission carried 1 Emergency evacuee in support of the following Operation and Units: Owen Mesa, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-39, MAG-36, and HMM-364.
- 15 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 121 sorties for 33.0 flight hours, lifting 350 troops/passengers, 14.0 tons of cargo. Four Med Evac missions carried 3 Emergency, 26 Priority, and 4 Routine evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, Scotland II, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364.
- 16 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 73 sorties for 23.6 flight hours, lifting 249 troops/passengers, 16.5 tons of cargo. Three Med Evac missions carried 73 Emergency, and 19 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, Scotland II, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364. One Enemy fire incident was reported with one aircraft (YK-2) receiving one hit.
- 17 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 96 sorties for 30.0 flight hours, lifting 207 troops/passengers, 25.6 tons of cargo. One Med Evac mission carried 1 Emergency and 2 Priority evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Scotland II, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364. One Enemy fire incident was reported with no aircraft receiving hits.

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- (C) HMM-364 flew 57 sorties for 21.4 flight hours, lifting 64 troops/passengers, 13.0 tons of cargo, expending 200 rounds .50 caliber ordnance. Two Med Evac missions carried 1 Emergency, and 2 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operations and Units: Scotland II, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364. One Enemy fire incident was reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 19 October 1968 (C) Flight Operations in the Northern ICTZ were hampered due to weather, resulting in HMM-364 flying 138 sorties for 39.8 flight hours, lifting 527 troops/passengers, 24.0 tons of cargo. One Med Evac mission carried 7 Emergency, 27 Priority, and 3 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, and HMM-364. Two Enemy fire incidents were reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 20 October 1968 (C) Flight Operations in the Northern ICTZ were hampered due to weather, resulting in HMM-364 flying 44 sorties, 21.3 flight hours, lifting 70 troops/passengers, 1.2 tons of cargo, expending 600 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance, in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, and HMM-364.
- 21 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 193 sorties for 45.2 flight hours, lifting 239 troops/passengers, 43.2 tons of cargo. Two Med Evac missions carried 1 Emergency and 1 Routine Evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, Scotland II, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364.
- 22 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 125 sorties for 36.9 flight hours, lifting 243 troops/passengers, 24.1 tons of cargo, expending 200 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Three Med Evac missions carried 7 Emergency, 3 Priority, and 3 Routine evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, Scotland II, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364. Two Enemy fire incidents were reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 23 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 172 sorties for 46.7 flight hours, lifting 267 troops/passengers, 13.8 tons of cargo, expending 250 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. One Med Evac mission carried 4 Priority evacuees in support of the following Operations and Units: Scotland II, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364.

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- 24 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 173 sorties for 57.1 flight hours, lifting 417 troops/passengers, 17.2 tons of cargo, expending 100 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. One Med Evac mission carried 1 Emergency evacuee, in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, Scotland II, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364.
- 25 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 99 sorties for 30.8 flight hours, lifting 108 troops/passengers, 32.8 tons of cargo. One Evac mission carried 4 Routine evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, Victory Dragon III, ROKMC, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, and HMM-364.
- 26 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 138 sorties for 38.8 flight hours, lifting 294 troops/passengers, 28.5 tons of cargo. One Med Evac mission carried 1 Emergency evacuee, in support of the following Operation and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, and HMM-364.
- 27 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 138 sorties for 33.5 flight hours, lifting 437 troops/passengers, 4.4 tons of cargo, expending 25 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Two Med Evac missions carried 3 Emergency evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, Scotland II, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364. Three Enemy fire incidents were reported with two aircraft (YK-2 received 10 shrapnel holes) (YK-27 received 3 shrapnel holes) receiving hits, and one crew member receiving a minor neck wound.
- 28 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 219 sorties for 52.5 flight hours, lifting 356 troops/passengers, 1 dog, 48.9 tons of cargo. Three Med Evac missions carried 3 Emergency, 6 Priority, and 2 Routine evacuees, in support of the following Operations and Units: Mamaluke Thrust, Scotland II, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39, and HMM-364.

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- (C) HMM-364 flew 107 sorties for 36.8 flight hours. 388 Troops/passengers and 12.2 tons of cargo were carried. One Med Evac mission carried 1 Routine evacuee. Operations and units supported were Mameluke Thrust, Scotland II, Maui Peak, 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36, MAG-39 and HMM-364.
- 30 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 139 sorties for 41.3 flight hours. 551 troops/passengers and 11.1 tons of cargo were carried. Three Med Evac missions carried 10 Routine evacuees. Operations and units supported were Henderson Hill, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36 and HMM-364.
- 31 October 1968 (C) HMM-364 flew 71 sorties for 17.6 flight hours. 172 troops/passengers and 6.8 tons of cargo were carried. Operations and units supported were Henderson Hill, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16, MAG-36 and HMM-364.
2. HMM-364 flew 4,711 sorties for 1,325.8 flight hours during the month of October with an average availability of 8 aircraft. 10,425 troops/passengers, 1 dog and 860.9 tons of cargo were carried in support of the various operations which included, Mameluke Thrust, Scotland II, Lancaster II, Maui Peak, Victory Dragon III, Owen Mesa, Henderson Hill, Sussex Bay, and Talledega Canyon.

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## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL

	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Personnel Joined	13	17	30
b. Personnel Dropped	9	7	16

2. ADMINISTRATION

	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Personnel Promoted	1	3	4
b. Personnel Reduced	0	0	0

3. CASUALTIES FOR THE MONTH

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERVICE NO.</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>KIA/WIA</u>
CARTER, Clifford R.	SSgg	1686646	USMC	WIA

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. The Squadron Intelligence Section received and recorded Intelligence information on a daily basis from adjacent headquarters and higher headquarters, through pilot debriefs, spot reports and Intelligence documents.

b. During this report period, there were 14 instances of hostile fire directed against the unit aircraft, 3 aircraft sustained small arms hits resulting in minor damage, and 1 WIA.

c. The Phu Bai Combat Base received no incoming rounds during the month of October .

d. A narrative summary of this section's activities during the report period are as follows: Attend briefings at higher headquarters, conduct liaison with adjacent units, brief and debrief pilots, present a weekly update of general enemy situation at weekly AOM's kept the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer abreast of the daily situation, and routed messages of Intelligence value to the appropriate sections and personnel.

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## 5. LOGISTICS

### a. AOCF Resume

- (1) AOCF's submitted.....206
- (2) AOCF's completed.....173
- (3) AOCF's pending.....33 against 11 aircraft

### b. ANFE Resume

- (1) ANFE's submitted.....12
- (2) ANFE's completed.....8
- (3) ANFE's pending.....4 against 4 aircraft

## 6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

### a. Major Operations supported:

(1) Sixty-one aircraft of HMM-364 flew 1209 sorties, 333.5 flight hours lifting 3412 troops/passengers, 1 dog, 158.3 tons of cargo, 22 Med Evac missions, carried 46 Emergency, 75 Priority, 40 Routine evacuees expended 945 rounds .50 caliber ordance in support of operation Mameluke Thrust.

(2) Seventy-Six aircraft of HMM-364 flew 2272 sorties, 541.9 flight hours lifting 4,744 troops/passengers, 497.6 tons of cargo, 25 Med Evac missions carried 85 Emergency, 40 Priority, 55 Routine evacuees, in support of Operation Scotland II.

(3) Four aircraft of HMM-364 flew 23 sorties, 6.5 flight hours, lifting 27 troops/passengers, 1 Med Evac mission carried 1 Emergency evacuee in support of Operation Owen Mesa.

(4) Nine aircraft of HMM-364 flew 189 sorties, 44.7 flight hours, lifting 722 troops/passengers, 16.4 tons of cargo, 2 Med Evac missions carried 8 Routine evacuees, in support of Operation Henderson Hill.

(5) Two aircraft of HMM-364 flew 28 sorties, 10.0 flight hours, lifting 204 troops/passengers, 1.8 tons of cargo, in support of Operation Maui Peak.

(6) Five aircraft of HMM-364 flew 128 sorties, 30.2 flight hours, lifting 315 troops/passengers, 45.9 tons of cargo, 1 Med Evac mission carried 4 Routine evacuees, in support of Operation Victory Dragon III.

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(7) Two aircraft of HMM-364 flew 58 sorties, 17.9 flight hours, lifting 78 troops/passengers, 9.0 tons of cargo, 2 Med Evac missions carried 10 Priority and 1 Routine evacuees in support of Operation Talledega Canyon.

(8) Two aircraft of HMM-364 flew 25 sorties, 13.9 flight hours, lifting 12 troops/passengers, 3.8 tons of cargo, in support of Operation Sussex Bay.

(9) Ten aircraft of HMM-364 flew 268 sorties, 58.8 flight hours, lifting 164 troops/passengers, 85.4 tons of cargo. 3 Med Evac missions carried 1 Emergency, and 4 Routine evacuees, in support of Operation Lancaster II.

- b. Total flight hours.....1,325.8
- c. Total tasks.....1,063
- d. Total sorties..... 4,711
- e. Total troops/passengers.....10,425 + 1 dog
- f. Total tons of cargo lifted.....860.9
- g. Total Med Evacs carried.....381

7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

The following squadron aircraft received Battle Damage during the month of October 1968.

154794, 153955, 153987, 153334, 154018, 153333, 153989, 154790,  
153397, 153993

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