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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer	Lt Col M. V. STATZER	1-31 Jan
Executive Officer	Major E. W. GRAHAM	1-31 Jan
Operations Officer	Major E. C. CUNNINGHAM	1-31 Jan
Administrative Officer	Capt M. J. GILDEA	1-31 Jan
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major O. C. BAKER	1-22 Jan
	Major R. D. SCHREIBER	23-31 Jan
Logistics Officer	Major R. D. SCHREIBER	1-22 Jan
	Major O. C. BAKER	23-31 Jan
NATOPS Officer	Capt J. A. CANTRELL	1-31 Jan
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt J. A. CANTRELL	1-31 Jan
Flight Surgeon	Lt (MC) C. E. LINKOUS	1-31 Jan
Intelligence Officer	1st Lt M. K. HICKERSON	1-31 Jan
Motor Transport Officer	1st Lt J. E. PLETCHER	1-26 Jan
	1st Lt D. V. ESMOND	27-31 Jan
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj P. H. STEPHENSON	1-31 Jan

2. UNIT LOCATION

HMM-364 1-31 January 1969 Marble Mountain Air Facility, DaNang  
Republic of Viet Nam

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officer	50	1	0	51
Enlisted	174	0	0	174

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None.

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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## 1. Daily Summary of Events

- 1 January 1969 (C) Flight operations were not hampered by weather or enemy action. HMM-364 flew 90 sorties for 27.0 flight hours, lifting 141 troops/passengers and 3.5 tons of cargo and expending 200 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Eleven Med Evac missions carried 4 Emergency, 25 Priority and 2 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. One fire incident was reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 2 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 52 sorties for 15.1 flight hours lifting 41 troops/passengers. Nine Med Evac missions carried 7 Emergency, 2 Priority and 11 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operations and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364.
- 3 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 141 sorties for 43.8 flight hours lifting 241 troops/passengers, 18.0 tons of cargo and expending 200 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Nineteen Med Evac missions carried 8 Emergency, 27 Priority and 15 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Two fire incidents were reported with (YK-26) receiving 2 hits and YK-5 receiving 3 hits and 1 WIA.
- 4 January 1969 (C) Low ceilings in the Danang area restricted flight operations with HMM-364 flying only 47 sorties for 12.9 flight hours and lifting 13 troops/passengers. Eleven Med Evac missions carried 11 Emergency evacuees in support of the following Units: 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Two fire incidents were reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 5 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 102 sorties for 35.8 flight hours, lifting 289 troops/passengers, 9.1 tons of cargo and expending 100 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Eighteen Med Evac missions carried 7 Emergency and 19 Priority evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. One fire incident was reported with (YK-8) receiving 3 hits.

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- 6 January 1969 (G) Low ceiling in the Danang area restricted flight operations with HMM-364 flying only 51 sorties for 15.5 flight hours, lifting 114 troops/passengers, 4.1 tons of cargo and expending 200 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Twenty Med Evac missions carried 2 Emergency, 4 Priority, and 13 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Two fire incidents were reported with (YK-7) receiving 21 hits.
- 7 January 1969 (G) Low ceilings in the Danang area restricted flight operations with HMM-364 flying only 33 sorties for 7.7 flight hours, lifting 27 troops/passengers and 2.5 tons of cargo. Three Med Evac missions carried 2 Emergency and 6 Priority evacuees in support of the following Units: 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364.
- 8 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 83 sorties for 21.7 flight hours, lifting 58 troops/passengers and 19.8 tons of cargo. Seven Med Evac missions carried 5 Priority and 9 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364.
- 9 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 173 sorties for 44.4 flight hours, lifting 658 troops/passengers and 16.3 tons of cargo. Fifteen Med Evac missions carried 7 Emergency, 20 Priority and 15 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364.
- 10 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 123 sorties for 37.7 flight hours, lifting 471 troops/passengers, 12.1 tons of cargo and expending 150 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Three Med Evac missions carried 1 Emergency, 12 Priority and 5 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. One fire incident was reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 11 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 139 sorties for 36.7 flight hours, lifting 123 troops/passengers, 13.2 tons of cargo and expending 500 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Thirty four Med Evac missions carried 30 Emergency, 40 Priority and 4 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. One fire incident was reported with one aircraft (YK-19) receiving one hit.

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- 12 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 195 sorties for 57.4 flight hours, lifting 229 troops/passengers, 26.7 tons of cargo and expending 500 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Thirty-six Med Evac missions carried 27 Emergency, 38 Priority and 6 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Three fire incidents were reported with (YK-12 7/8) receiving 1 hit, (YK-11) receiving 1 hit and 1 WIA, and (YK-26) receiving 2 hits and 2 WIA.
- 13 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 75 sorties for 23.3 flight hours, lifting 46 troops/passengers, 25 tons of cargo and expending 150 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Thirty Med Evac missions carried 15 Emergency, 21 Priority and 6 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Three fire incidents were reported with (YK-19) receiving 1 hit.
- 14 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 170 sorties for 47.0 flight hours, lifting 302 troops/passengers, 27.2 tons of cargo and expending 50 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Thirty-four Med Evac missions carried 12 Emergency, 29 Priority and 40 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. One fire incident was reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 15 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 210 sorties for 42.3 flight hours, lifting 375 troops/passengers, 20.3 tons of cargo and expending 65 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Twenty-nine Med Evac missions carried 13 Emergency, 20 Priority and 9 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Two fire incidents were reported with no aircraft receiving hits.

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- 16 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 102 sorties for 30.4 flight hours, lifting 151 troops/passengers, 4.4 tons of cargo and expending 400 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Fifteen Med Evac missions carried 5 Emergency, 20 Priority and 14 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Five fire incidents were reported with one aircraft (YK-7) receiving one hit.
- 17 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 58 sorties for 15.4 flight hours, lifting 36 troops/passengers and 6.6 tons of cargo. Nine Med Evac missions carried 4 Emergency, 2 Priority and 3 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364.
- 18 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 141 sorties for 46.0 flight hours, lifting 524 troops/passengers, 5.1 tons of cargo and expending 270 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Eighteen Med Evac missions carried 7 Emergency, 5 Priority and 54 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Two enemy fire incidents were reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 19 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 86 sorties for 28.7 flight hours lifting 71 troops/passenger, 6.1 tons of cargo and expending 800 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Twenty-three Med Evac missions carried 12 Emergency, 22 Priority and 7 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Four enemy fire incidents were reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 20 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 144 sorties for 36.7 flights hours lifting 225 troops/passengers, 24.3 tons of cargo and expending 400 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Twenty-six Med Evac missions carried 24 Emergency, 16 Priority and 16 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Two enemy fire incidents were reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 21 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 217 sorties for 61.0 flight hours, lifting 452 troops/passengers and 33.5 tons of cargo. Twenty-two Med Evac missions carried 15 Emergency, 4 Priority and 20 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364.

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- 22 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 134 sorties for 34.4 flight hours, lifting 109 troops/passengers and 10.1 tons of cargo. Nineteen Med Evac missions carried 8 Emergency, 27 Priority and 10 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364.
- 23 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 132 sorties for 34.3 flight hours, lifting 136 troops/passengers and 8.7 tons of cargo. Fourteen Med Evac missions carried 9 Emergency, 14 Priority and 10 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. One enemy fire incident was reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
- 24 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 144 sorties for 43.1 flight hours, lifting 270 troops/passengers and 18.1 tons of cargo. Twenty-nine Med Evac missions carried 19 Emergency, 16 Priority and 33 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Three enemy fire incidents were reported with (YK-22) receiving 2 hits.
- 25 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 91 sorties for 24.6 flight hours, lifting 95 troops/passengers and 4.1 tons of cargo. Thirteen Med Evac missions carried 3 Emergency, 6 Priority and 16 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364.
- 26 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 80 sorties for 31.5 flight hours, lifting 131 troops/passengers and expending 400 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Twenty-four Med Evac missions carried 7 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. One enemy fire incident was reported and (YK-18) crashed and burned with 7 KIA.
- 27 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 131 sorties for 40.6 flight hours, lifting 108 troops/passengers, 9.7 tons of cargo and expending 400 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Twenty-two Med Evac missions carried 11 Emergency, 19 Priority and 10 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Two enemy fire incidents were reported with one aircraft receiving hits.

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- 28 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 98 sorties for 23.1 flight hours, lifting 332 troop/passengers and expending 1,800 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance. Seventeen Med Evac missions carried 7 Emergency, 6 Priority and 10 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operations and Units: Linn River, Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. Four aircraft of HMM-364 (YK-2), (YK-7), (YK-6) and (YK-16) received several hits from enemy fire while supporting Operation Linn River.
- 29 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 61 sorties for 22.6 flight hours, lifting 125 troops/passengers and 5.3 tons of cargo. Nine Med Evac missions carried 5 Emergency, 4 Priority and 7 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364.
- 30 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 94 sorties for 25.7 flight hours, lifting 115 troops/passengers. Fourteen Med Evac missions carried 6 Emergency, 6 Priority and 7 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364.
- 31 January 1969 (C) HMM-364 flew 127 sorties for 38.2 flight hours, lifting 159 troops/passengers and 20.0 tons of cargo. Thirteen Med Evac missions carried 12 Emergency, 3 Priority and 2 Routine evacuees in support of the following Operation and Units: Taylor Common, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and HMM-364. One enemy fire incident was reported with no aircraft receiving hits.
2. HMM-364 flew 3,510 sorties for 1005.6 flight hours during the period 1-31 January with an average availability of 5 aircraft, lifting 6265 troops/passengers and 329.3 tons of cargo in support of the Operations Taylor Common and Linn River.

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1. <u>PERSONNEL</u>	Officer	Enlisted	Total
a. Personnel Joined	10	9	19
b. Personnel Dropped	8	25	33
2. <u>ADMINISTRATION</u>			
a. Personnel Promoted	1	2	3
b. Personnel Reduced	0	1	1

3. CASUALTIES FOR THE MONTH

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>KIA/WIA</u>
MEYER, J. F.	1stLt.	095523	USMCR	KIA
STERLING, D. W.	1stLt.	0100702	USMCR	"
DOLAN, D. F.	LCpl	2410032	USMC	"
HANNIBAL, J. E.	LCpl	2318498	USMC	"
SCHICKEL, M. J.	LCpl	2300182	USMC	"
PEDDY, C. L.	Pfc	2278499	USMC	"
KAISER, R. D.	1stLt.	0100796	USMCR	WIA
BARTMAN, M. H.	Cpl	2270540	USMC	"
CLAUSEN, R. M. Jr.	LCpl	2258929	USMC	"
DABROWSKI, G. W.	LCpl	2294755	USMC	"

4. INTELLIGENCE

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

b. During this reporting period, there were 66 incidents of hostile fire being directed against this unit's aircraft, which resulted in 17 aircraft being hit with 4 crewmembers as WIA minor. There was also 1 incident in which one of this unit's aircraft crashed and burned with all 7 crewmembers KIA which was a result of possible enemy fire.

c. The HMM-364 Squadron area received negative incoming during this reporting period.

d. A narrative summary of this section's activity during the reporting period is as follows: Attending briefings at higher headquarters, conducting liaison with adjacent units, briefing and debriefing pilots, presenting a weekly update of the general enemy situation at the weekly AQM's, keeping the CO and XO abreast of the daily situation, and the routing of messages and documents of Intelligence value to the appropriate sections and personnel.

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5. LOGISTICS

NORS "G" Resume

- (1) AACP's submitted. . . . . 335 . . . . .
- (2) AACP's completed. . . . . 275
- (3) AACP's pending. . . . . 14 against 6 aircraft

a. NORS "N" Resume

- (1) NFE submitted. . . . . 19
- (2) NFE completed. . . . . 10
- (3) NFE pending. . . . . 5 against 3 aircraft

6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

a. Major Operations Supported

(1) One-hundred forty-eight aircraft of HMM-364 flew 2,426 sorties for 691.6 flight hours, lifting 4,978 troops/passengers and 278.4 tons of cargo; three hundred and fifty-nine Med Evac missions carried 177 Emergency, 347 Priority and 314 Routine evacuees and expended 3270 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance in support of Operation Taylor Common.

(2) Five aircraft of HMM-364 flew 71 sorties for 13.5 flight hours lifting 359 troops/passengers and expending 1800 rounds of .50 caliber ordnance in support of Operation Linn Haven,

- b. Total flight hours 1005.6
- c. Total tasks 941
- d. Total sorties 3510
- e. Total troops/passengers 6265
- f. Total tons of cargo lifted 329.3
- g. Total Med Evac carried 1093

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7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

The following Squadron aircraft received battle damage during the period  
1-31 January 1969.

- 153332, 153398, 153370, 153378, 153371, 153985, 154797, 154701,
- 154042, 153346, 153334, 154018, 153997

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a. None.	

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