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(b) GruO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in references (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

2. Downgrading Instructions. Group 4, UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364

LtCol P. C. SCAGLIONE JR.  
1 - 15 September 1970  
LtCol H. W. STEADMAN  
16 - 30 September 1970

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 September 1970. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major W. L. BECKER	1 - 30 September 1970
Administrative Officer	Major D. S. JENSEN	1 - 30 September 1970
Operations Officer	Major N. R. VAN LEEUWEN	1 - 30 September 1970
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Captain C. N. KNOX	1 - 30 September 1970
Logistics Officer	Captain A. C. BLADES	1 - 30 September 1970
NATOPS Officer	Captain A. J. GARCIA	1 - 30 September 1970
Flight Surgeon	Lt USN(MC) R. A. MOYER	1 - 30 September 1970
Intelligence Officer	1stLt J. A. OWENS	1 - 30 September 1970
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt D. COOPER	1 - 30 September 1970
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj R. D. BRANDT	1 - 30 September 1970

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officer	49	1	0	50
Enlisted	175	0	0	175

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of September, the "Purple Foxes" flew 1486.4 hours. This effort represented 1728 tasks for 6262 sorties, including the transport of 15,692 troops/passangers and 443.3 tons of cargo. Two hundred and twenty seven missions were flown carrying four hundred and forty one casualties. This included 136 emergency, 149 priority and 161 routine evacues assisted.

HMM-364's helicopters were fired at eighteen times with seven aircraft taking a total of twenty seven hits. The first aircraft hit had one round impact in the avionics compartment and another go through the cabin section. Another aircraft had its aft blades hit by enemy fire while at a hover and resulting in a minor injury to the gunner. While at a hover the third aircraft to be hit, had one round impact in the cabin section and another in the ramp. The fourth aircraft was at a hover of 50' and had one forward blade hit by ground fire. The high aircraft for the month got five hits in the aft pylon that knocked out the #2 hydraulic boost. The sixth aircraft to be hit, resulted in damage to the ARC-74 and a forward rotor blade. On the last day of the month, the seventh aircraft was flying low level due to adverse weather conditions and received fire which damaged the airframes fuel cell and the number 1 generator.

The "Purple Foxes" maintained an average aircraft availability of 11 and an aircrew availability of 17. Forty-six Strike/Flight Awards, a Bronze Star, Navy Commendation Medal and four NAM "V's" were presented to members of the squadron. The high pilot for the month flew 112.1, with the high crew chief and gunner flying 84.1 and 117.8 hours respectively.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 September 1970 - Aircraft 154042 had the inside spar edge on the forward blade dented due to striking a branch in the zone.

3 September 1970 - Aircraft 153347 suffered skin damage on underside of the port fueling station on a recon insert.

7 September 1970 - Aircraft 154043 on a resupply mission punctured a hole in the belly when it set down on the cargo being dropped off.

14 September 1970 - Aircraft 153376 struck a tree in a zone, while on a medevac, causing blade damage to the aft blades.

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- 15 September 1970 - Lieutenant Colonel P. C. SCAGLIONE JR. relenquished command of this unit to Lieutenant Colonel H. W. STEADMAN at Change of Command ceremonies held in the squadron area.
- 19 September 1970 - Aircraft 154027 lost #1 engine and shot an emergency landing to the beach, No further damage occurred.
- 20 September 1970 - Aircraft 154815 had the #3 oil scavenger line severed which threw oil on the #1 engine causing a fire. The aircraft was set down without further incident.
- 21 September 1970 - Aircraft 154041 on a recon mission had a high Tg on #1 engine, loss of #1 nf and due to loss of N<sub>p</sub> the pilot executed an emergency landing. No damage was incurred
- 21 September 1970 - Aircraft 154042 severed the right main mounts scissors on a recon mission.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None