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Encl: ✓(1) Part I Organizational Data  
 ✓(2) Part II Narrative Summary  
 ✓(3) Part III Significant Events

1. As directed by reference (a), the subject report is submitted as enclosures (1), (2), and (3).

2. Upon removal of the enclosures, this letter is down-graded to unclassified.

  
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## 1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol. R. L. ROBINSON	1-31 Dec68
b. Executive Officer	LtCol. J. B. BELL	1-8 Dec68
	Maj. H. D. GRESS	9-31 Dec68
c. Operations Officer	Maj. W. J. GASH	1-31 Dec68
d. Administrative Officer	1stLt. J. L. DANIEL	1-31 Dec68
e. Aviation Safety Officer	Maj. C. L. DAVIS	1-31 Dec68
f. Intelligence Officer	1stLt. T. D. BLAKE	1-31 Dec68
g. Material Officer	Capt. W. W. CREWS	1-31 Dec68
h. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Maj. H. D. GRESS	1-8 Dec68
	Maj. W. W. WARFIELD	9-31 Dec68
i. Flight Surgeon	Lt. D. L. JOHNSON	1-31 Dec68

## 2. MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON THREE SIX SEVEN

Marine Aircraft Group Three Six  
First Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
Hue/Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam  
1-30 December 1968

## 3. Average Monthly Strength: 40 Officers; 149 Enlisted

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1 Dec 68 - A total of 66 sorties were flown over 31.4 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 18 sorties during 8.0 hours for Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Two aircraft flew 22 sorties during 9.0 flight hours in support of MEADE RIVER. Scarface 36-40 and 36-3 flew armed escort during an extract and during resupply. One aircraft flew 11 sorties during 4.4 flight hours in support of SCOTLAND II.

2 Dec 68 - A total of 119 sorties were flown over 46.4 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 34 sorties during 12.2 hours for Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. One aircraft flew 17 sorties during 6.4 flight hours in support of HENDERSON HILL. Two aircraft flew 16 sorties over 6.3 flight hours in support of MEADE RIVER. Scarface 36-39 and 36-17 provided armed escort for a troop lift.

Two aircraft flew 28 sorties over 10.2 hours and expended 4,700 rounds and 35 rockets in support of SCOTLAND II/DAWSON RIVER. Scarface 36-38 and 36-13 provided armed escort during a troop drop and troop pickup. They were then diverted to aid the Scarface aircraft on PRAIRIE FIRE.

One aircraft flew 20 sorties over 7.7 hours in support of DAWSON/NAPOLEAN SALINE. Scarface 36-3 conducted some visual reconnaissance and carried passengers to and from the Battleship New Jersey.

3. Dec 68 - A total of 93 sorties were flown over 48.7 hours. Two aircraft flew 14 sorties during 7.8 hours for Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Two aircraft flew 18 sorties during 9.8 hours and expended 4,000 rounds and 45 rockets in support of KENTUCKY/SCOTLAND II. Scarface 36-37 and 36-52 flew armed escort for an Army H-54 and delivered ordnance for Sandbox 14.

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Two aircraft accrued 31 sorties over 14.6 hours in support of MEADE RIVER. Scarface 36-41 and Scarface 36-40 were diverted for an emergency insert before working assigned mission as armed escort for resupply.

4 Dec 68 - A total of 110 sorties were flown over 46.7 hours. Two aircraft flew 4 sorties during 2.0 hours for Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

Three aircraft flew 34 sorties over 21.4 hours in support of SCOTLAND II. Scarface 36-38 and 36-13 flew armed escort during several troop lifts and expended 1500 rounds and two rockets in the process. Scarface 36-41 was used for VIP's carrying 20 paxs.

Two aircraft flew 46 sorties over 16.0 hours in support of MEADE RIVER. Scarface 36-39 and 36-20 spent full time on resupply as armed escort and received no fire. One aircraft flew 12 sorties and 3.2 hours in support of HENDERSON HILL. Scarface 36-64 was used for VIP only.

5 Dec 68 - A total of 135 sorties were compiled over 41.0 hours. PRAIRIE FIRE did not fly this day. Four aircraft flew 90 sorties over 19.5 hours in support of MEADE RIVER. Scarface 36-37 and 36-40 provided armed escort for resupply and for one med evac. They expended 500 rounds and 8 rockets. Scarface 36-41 and 36-20 also spent time as armed escort for resupply and they carried two pax.

Two aircraft flew 24 sorties over 8.3 hours and expended 2000 rounds and 22 rockets in support of HENDERSON HILL. Scarface 36-33 and 36-65 provided armed escort for the priority extract of a recon team where they took fire and suppressed it. These aircraft also completed an insert. and later an extract of a recon team at a suspected rocket sight but took no fire.

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Two aircraft flew 16 sorties in 7.3 hours in support of DAWSON RIVER. Scarface 36-3 and 36-13 were diverted from assigned mission to locate emergency beeper which they were unable to locate. They carried two passengers while RTB to Phu Bai.

6 Dec 68 - A total of 180 sorties were flown over 69.2 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 24 sorties over 10.5 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Three aircraft flew 24 sorties during 17.2 hours in support of SCOTLAND II. Scarface 36-19 and 36-4 escorted a Hurricane aircraft and were then diverted for troop coverage where they expended 6,000 rounds and 37 rockets. Scarface 36-52 was used for VR's and carried 12 pax. Two aircraft flew 140 sorties in 16.3 hours in support of MEADE RIVER. Scarface 36-37 and 36-64 worked as gun cover for resupply and troop lifts and carried 3 pax.

Two aircraft flew 34 sorties during 14.0 hours in support of HENDERSON HILL. Scarface 36-3 and 36-13 were flying cover for resupply and took fire which they suppressed with 41 rockets and 4,000 rounds of 7.62. They also provided cover for the pickup of a priority med evac and served as a TAC(A) before their aircraft went down mechanically.

7 Dec 68 - A total of 156 sorties were flown over 63.2 hours. Two aircraft flew 10 sorties during 7.6 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

Five aircraft flew 61 sorties over 26.7 hours in support of SCOTLAND II. Scarface 36-41 and 36-33 worked full time on inserts and extracts. Scarface 36-6 and 36-44 carried 3 pax and completed one extract. Scarface 36-21 was used for VIP and carried 40 passengers.

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Two aircraft flew 70 sorties over 18.4 hours in support of MEADE RIVER. Scarface 36-38 and 36-49 were used as gun cover for an emergency resupply and troop lifts. They took heavy fire on numerous occasions and expended 18,000 rounds and 130 rockets trying to suppress it. They also assisted in coordinating the evacuation of the crew of an H-46 that was shot down. They also made one Admin flight.

8 Dec 68 - A total of 124 sorties were flown over 47.9 hours. Two aircraft flew 4 sorties during 7.9 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. They expended 1,000 rounds and 56 rockets.

Four aircraft flew 76 sorties during 25.6 hours in support of MEADE RIVER. Scarface 36-13 and 36-37 were used to cover inserts, extracts, and re-supply and took fire frequently. They returned fire with 6,500 rounds of 7.62 and 63 rockets. One resupply was an emergency and they escorted an emergency med evac.

Three aircraft flew 41 sorties over 12.8 hours in support of SCOTLAND II. Scarface 36-3 and 36-44 flew cover for inserts and extracts and flew two VR's. They were used as TAC(A) to prep one zone and they expended 5000 rounds and 43 rockets when fire was taken in another zone.

9 Dec 68 - A total of 107 sorties were flown over 54.1 hours. Two aircraft flew 12 sorties during 12.2 hours in support of PRAIRIE FIRE. They expended 6,500 rounds and 40 rockets.

Four aircraft flew 28 sorties over 15.0 hours in support of SCOTLAND II. Scarface 36-52 and 36-20 were used to cover inserts and extracts. They took fire during one insert and expended 6,000 rounds and 74 rockets to suppress it. Scarface 36-65 and 36-49 were used for an insert and they prepped the zone with 500 rounds and 6 rockets.

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Three aircraft flew 51 sorties during 17.3 hours in support of MEADE RIVER. Scarface 36-56 and 36-44 were cover for resupply and took fire at one time. They suppressed the fire with 8,000 rounds and 73 rockets.

Scarface 36-41 was VIP aircraft and carried 33 pax. They took a mortar round in one zone and had to return to it for an emergency med evac.

10 Dec 68 - A total of 144 sorties were flown over 59.6 hours. Two aircraft flew 27 sorties during 7.9 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Four aircraft flew 38 sorties over 20.7 hours in support of SCOTLAND II. Scarface 36-13 and 36-38 flew cover on inserts and extracts and were used as TAC(A) on two occasions. On two inserts 36-13 took fire and it was suppressed with 5,000 rounds and 75 rockets. Scarface 36-37 and 36-45 were also used on inserts and extracts and as TAC(A) one time. They took fire expending 1,000 rounds and 65 rockets.

Two aircraft flew 32 sorties over 12.1 hours in support of HENDERSON HILL. Scarface 36-3 and 36-42 flew support for resupply and extracts and also served as TAC(A) three times for inserts. They expended 1,000 rounds and 31 rockets while accomplishing their mission.

11 Dec 68 - A total of 166 sorties were flown over 59.6 hours. Two aircraft flew 16 sorties during 8.6 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Three aircraft flew 64 sorties over 18.2 hours in support of KENTUCKY. Scarface 36-52 and 36-42 flew support for a troop lift and expended 6,000 rounds and 52 rockets. Scarface 36-3 was VIP aircraft and carried 80 passengers plus one routine med evac. Two aircraft flew 38 sorties during 13.5 hours in support of MEADE RIVER. Scarface 36-19 and 36-5 flew cover for a med evac resupply, and troop extracts. They took fire one time and suppressed it.

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12 Dec 68 - A total of 142 sorties were flown over 56.7 hours. Two aircraft flew 28 sorties during 9.4 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Three aircraft flew 61 sorties during 21.9 hours in support of SCOTLAND II. Scarface 36-37 and 36-24 flew gun cover on inserts and extracts. They were shot out of one zone but expended 400 rounds and 72 rockets trying to suppress the fire. Scarface 36-50 was VIP aircraft and carried 67 pax. One aircraft flew 29 sorties over 7.9 hours in support of MEADE RIVER. Scarface 36-52 flew one VR and carried 22 passengers.

13. Dec 68 - A total of 104 sorties were flown over 33.9 hours. Two aircraft flew 12 sorties during 6.7 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Three aircraft flew 58 sorties during 17.7 hours in support of Operation SCOTLAND II. Scarface 36-56 and 36-5 were diverted from assigned mission for covering emergency extract. They took heavy automatic weapons fire and suppressed it. They then flew gun cover for resupply, and again took heavy fire which was suppressed. They expended 15,000 rounds and 126 rockets while successfully completing their mission. Scarface 36-52 was used for a VR and carried 16 passengers.

14 Dec 68 - A total of 50 sorties were flown over 21.1 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 4 sorties during 2.8 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Six aircraft were detached to Quang Tri. Two aircraft flew 28 sorties during 10.3 hours in support of KENTUCKY. Scarface 36-37 and 36-68 flew gun cover for resupply.

Six UH-1E's launched from HML-367 at Phu Bai and flew to Quang Tri to establish a detachment of "Huey Slicks" which were to be operationally committed to MAG-39. The detachment was to perform VIP, O&C, Admin/Liason

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Med Evac and Light Transport missions.

The detachment, lead by Maj. William J. GASH, flew 4.9 hours with 6 sorties 6 tasks, and carried 18 passengers and one ton of cargo. When the detachment arrived at Quang Tri in the late afternoon, they completed the construction of a tent to stow their gear and were then billeted for the night.

15 Dec 68 - A total of 40 sorties was flown over 13.2 hours. There was no PRAIRIE FIRE scheduled. Two aircraft flew 20 sorties during 4.1 hours. Scarface 36-37 and 36-5 flew a troop lift and several inserts. During a emergency extraction they received an intense volume of fire and expended 3,000 rounds and 52 rockets to surpress it.

16 Dec 68 - A total of 24 sorties were flown over 16.2 hours. Two aircraft flew 10 sorties during 7.2 hours and expended 6,000 rounds and 70 rockets in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

The Quang Tri detachment flew 22.9 hours, with 126 sorties, 69 tasks and safely carried 163 passengers and .75 tons of cargo. They once again completed missions 101-106, and 109 supporting North Tide Six, Fancy Dan Six, 3rd, 4th, and 9th Marines. In addition they completed 6 med evacs and six VR's in support of Operations SCOTLAND II and DAWSON RIVER.

17 Dec 68 - A total of 42 sorties were flown over 22.4 hours. Two aircraft flew 18 sorties during 10.4 hours and expended 5000 rounds and 75 rockets in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

The Quang Tri detachment logged 24.8 hours with 109 sorties and 79 tasks. They safely carried 150 passengers and .45 tons of cargo in support of Operations DAWSON RIVER and KENTUCKY.

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18 Dec 68 - A total of 83 sorties were flown over 27.7 hours. Two aircraft flew 36 sorties over 12.5 hours and expended 6,000 rounds and 50 rockets in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

The Quang Tri detachment logged 31.8 hours accounting for 153 sorties and 117 tasks. They safely carried 205 passengers and 1.2 tons of cargo, in support of Operations KENTUCKY and DAWSON RIVER.

19 Dec 68 - A total of 64 sorties were flown over 27.3 hours. Two aircraft flew 30 sorties during 12.4 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

The Quang Tri detachment logged 28.9 hours accounting for 99 sorties and 59 tasks. They safely carried 101 passengers and one ton of cargo and also one med evac in support of Operations SCOTLAND II, DAWSON RIVER and KENTUCKY.

20 Dec 68 - A total of 86 sorties were flown over 36.5 hours. Two aircraft flew 24 sorties during 11.2 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Two aircraft flew 26 sorties during 11.0 hours in support of HENDERSON HILL. Scarface 36-18 and 36-22 flew cover during a troop lift and worked inserts and extracts. They took fire on one extract and suppressed it with 8,000 rounds and 122 rockets.

The Quang Tri detachment logged 27.2 flight hours accounting for 133 sorties and 97 tasks. They safely carried 150 passengers and 1.6 tons of cargo and one med evac in support of Operations DAWSON RIVER, SCOTLAND II and KENTUCKY.

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21 Dec 68 - A total of 66 sorties were flown over 35.4 hours. Two aircraft flew 18 sorties during 10.0 hours and expended 15,000 rounds and 86 rockets in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Two aircraft flew 26 sorties during 9.2 hours in support of TAYLOR COMMON. Scarface 36-18 and 36-42 were used for cover of resupply aircraft. They took fire while covering an emergency med evac and it was subdued with 5,000 rounds and 49 rockets. A building was completely destroyed in the process.

22 Dec 68 - A total of 20 sorties were flown over 20.6 hours. Two aircraft flew 2 sorties during 2.8 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Two aircraft flew 14 sorties over 13.6 hours in support of TAYLOR COMMON. Scarface 36-56 and 36-42 flew cover during inserts and extracts and resupply. They took fire during the resupply and suppressed it with 1500 rounds and 47 rockets. Scarface 36-56 was forced to land due to control problems but repairs were made and the aircraft flown back to Phu Bai.

The Quang Tri detachment logged 13.9 hours accounting for 39 sorties and 19 tasks. They safely carried 48 passengers and one med evac in support of Operations KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND II and DAWSON RIVER.

23 Dec 68 - A total of 26 sorties were flown over 18.7 hours. Three aircraft flew 10 sorties during 8.3 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

24 Dec 68 - The Squadron flew 48 sorties and 3.0 hours were in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Two aircraft flew 26 sorties and 9.6 hours in support of DODGE CITY. One aircraft flew 18 sorties and 5.5 hours for the 1st Marine Regiment.

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The Quang Tri detachment logged 26.5 hours accounting for 110 sorties and 43 tasks. They safely carried 88 passengers, 125 lbs of cargo and 2 med evacs in support of SCOTLAND II, KENTUCKY, and DAWSON RIVER.

25 Dec 68 - A total of 4 sorties and 5.9 hours were flown. Two aircraft flew 2 sorties and 2.8 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

The Quang Tri detachment logged 23.1 hours accounting for 127 sorties and 59 tasks. They safely carried 131 passengers, .8 tons of cargo and 2 med evacs in support of SCOTLAND II and DAWSON RIVER.

26 Dec 68 - 40 sorties and 27.2 hours were flown this date. Two aircraft flew 20 sorties and 10.2 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE, expending 6000 rounds and 72 rockets. Six sorties and 7.4 hours were flown in support of the ROK Marines. While in direct support of the CG of the ROK Marines 3500 rounds and 62 rockets were expended.

The Quang Tri detachment logged 23.7 hours and accounted for 106 sorties and 45 tasks. They safely carried 150 passengers and .5 tons of cargo in support of Operations KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND II, and DAWSON RIVER.

27 Dec 68 - The Squadron flew 49 sorties and 29.9 hours. 16 sorties and 8.1 flight hours while expending 30 rockets and 3000 7.62 rounds in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Three aircraft flew 26 sorties and 13.5 hours in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON.

The Quang Tri detachment logged 26.0 hours and accounted for 112 sorties and 64 tasks. They safely carried 171 passengers, one ton of cargo and one med evac in support of Operations SCOTLAND II, KENTUCKY and DAWSON RIVER.

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28 Dec 1968 - A total of 51 sorties and 24 hours were flown this date. Two aircraft flew 14 sorties and 6.4 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Four aircraft flew 29 sorties and 15 hours in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON. While on this operation in support of the 1st Recon Battalion, Scarface 36-56 and 36-40 expended 2000 rounds of 7.62 and 22 rockets on suspected troop positions.

The Quang Tri detachment logged 25.6 hours accounting for 103 sorties and 58 tasks. They safely carried 149 passengers, .25 tons of cargo and 3 med evacs in support of Operations SCOTLAND II, KENTUCKY and DAWSON RIVER.

29 Dec 68 - The Squadron flew 32 sorties and 18.1 hours in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON. Two aircraft, Scarface 36-56 and 36-19 expended 8000 rounds and 122 rockets in direct support of this resupply mission.

The Quang Tri detachment flew 23.8 hours, logging 103 sorties and 50 tasks. The detachment carried 133 passengers and seven med evacs. The detachment flew in direct support of Operations SCOTLAND II and DAWSON RIVER.

30 Dec 68 - A total of 65 sorties and 26.2 flight hours were flown on this day. Two aircraft flew 20 sorties and 10 hours expending 2000 rounds and 45 rockets in support of PRAIRIE FIRE. One aircraft flew 15 sorties and 4.5 hours in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON.

The Quang Tri detachment flew 25.2 hours, logging 109 sorties and 42 tasks, carrying 121 passengers. Four aircraft launched and flew 103 sorties in support of SCOTLAND II.

31 Dec 68 - The Squadron flew 48 sorties and 28.9 hours. Two aircraft flew 12 sorties and 10.2 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

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Two aircraft flew 20 sorties and 8.1 hours for a resupply mission on Operation TAYLOR COMMON.

The Quang Tri detachment launched 5 aircraft. These aircraft flew 28.2 hours accounting for 113 sorties, 61 tasks and successfully lifted 105 passengers in support of Operations KENTUCKY and SCOTLAND II.

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a. The following personnel were promoted to their present rank during December:

Lance Corporal Donald C. LAKE Jr. 2270681/6241

Corporal Charles H. SIMPSON 2170869/6319

b. One (1) officer and thirty-two (32) enlisted were joined. The Squadron dropped four (4) officers and thirty-one (31) enlisted during December.

2. Administration. No outstanding administrative problems encountered.

3. Awards

a. 26 Air Medals were awarded under the Flight/Strike system to members of the Squadron.

b. Individual decorations were presented to:

First Lieutenant Thomas D. BLAKE 095702/7563 - Purple Heart

First Lieutenant Theodore C. ROBINSON III 0100633/7563 Purple Heart

Corporal Christopher D. CHESTER 2145541/6311 - Navy Commendation

Lance Corporal Richard C. McCLEVEY 2359791/6319 - Purple Heart

6. Civic Action. The command held a Christmas Party for the local orphanage. Members of the Squadron, Santa Claus, included, passed out toys, clothing, and school supplies to the children. The event was deemed a complete success by all.

7. Informational Services. A total of 37 acceptable Fleet Home Town News Releases were submitted during this month.

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a. During the month of December there was a decline in the number of enemy initiated fire incidents with 31 being noted as compared to 57 the previous month.

b. There was one (1) spot report for the month of December as compared to 13 last month.

9. Air Operations

Total Hours Flown	- 1487.7
Total Gun Hours	- 760.2
Total Slick Hours	- 727.5
Total Sorties Flown	- 4259
Total Med Evacs	- 30
Total Passengers Carried	- 2725
Total Cargo Carried	- 13.8 Tons
7.62 Rounds Expended	- 237,350
2.75 Rockets Expended	- 2,551
Smoke Grenades	- 186
Structures Destroyed	- 5
Structures Damaged	- 1
Confirmed KBA	- 10
Possible KBA	- 0
Armed Helo Sorties	- 1967
Armed Helo Tasks	- 692
Casualties	- 2
Prairie Fire Sorties	- 447
Prairie Fire Hours	- 229.1

14. Special Operations

a. KENTUCKY, NAPOLEON/SALINE, SCOTLAND II, HENDERSON HILL, DAWSON RIVER, PRAIRIE FIRE, MEADE RIVER.

16. NBC Warfare. No significant events.

17. Training.

a. General Military Subjects Training - A total of 406 hours of GMS Training was given to Squadron enlisted personnel.

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b. A total of 4,688 hours of Technical Training was administered during the month of December.

23 Maintenance

- a. Maintenance Control issued 1,010 JCN's for a total of 8,316 Maintenance Man Hours.
- b. Two (2) aircraft were received from PAR (VT-7 and VT-23).
- c. One (1) aircraft was struck (VT-9).
- d. The availability of aircraft for the month was 67%.
- e. 231 Reports/documents were processed by the Maintenance Administration Section.
- f. Four aircraft received battle damage VT-3, VT-18, VT-17 and VT-5.

27. Safety

- a. There were no aircraft accidents during the month of December.
- b. There was one ground accident during the month.
- (1) 2 Dec 68 - Aircraft being externaled by a CH-53 was dropped into the ocean. Alpha damage.
- c. There were three aircraft incidents during the month.
- (1) 10 Dec 68 - Aircraft Chip Detector Light illuminated and the pilot made a precautionary landing. Limited damage and no injuries.
- (2) 21 Dec 68 - Fuel truck backed into Starboard Horizontal Stabilizer. Limited Damage and no injuries.
- (3) During pull out of a Rocket Run pilot experienced minor control problems and made a precautionary landing to inspect aircraft for damage by DEA. No damage noted, aircraft flown to secure LZ for an inspection by Squadron Maintenance personnel. No damage and no injuries.

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d. There were five (5) DEA's during the month.

(1) 9 Dec 68 - Aircraft landed in zone to pick up passengers when an incoming mortar round exploded approximately 15 feet from the port side of the aircraft. Aircraft received small shrapnel hole in the tail section.

(2) 15 Dec 68 - Aircraft received four small arms rounds in starboard side of aft bulkhead into the fuel cell. No injuries.

(3) 15 Dec 68 - During an emergency extract two small arm rounds entered aircraft through the starboard cargo door and hit under the pilots seat causing limited damage to the aircraft and minor injuries to the pilot.

(4) 18 Dec 68 - Pilot discovered one bullet in a main rotor blade upon landing. No injuries.

(5) 28 Dec 68 - Aircraft received a small arm round in the 900 gear box subsequently causing the 900 gear box to separate from the aircraft. Aircraft made a 270° right turn and impacted with the ground. Total damage unknown pending STRAAD evaluation. Minor injuries to co-pilot.

28. NATOPS. Squadron received a quarterly Group NATOPS Inspection on 28 December. A few minor discrepancies were noted and immediate corrections were made.

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