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Encl: (1) MAG-36 Command Chronology for October 1969
(2) H&MS-36 Command Chronology for October 1969
(3) MABS-36 Command Chronology for October 1969
(4) HMM-161 Command Chronology for 16-31 October 1969
(5) HMM-262 Command Chronology for 16-31 October 1969
(6) HML-367 Command Chronology for October 1969
(7) HMH-462 Command Chronology for 1-20 October 1969

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1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosures (1) through (7) are herewith submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanders and Staff of MAG-36 and attached squadrons

MAG-36

CO	1-16 October 1969	COL	NOAH C. NEW
CO	17-31 October 1969	COL	OWEN V. GALLENTINE
XO	1-31 October 1969	LTCOL	WILLIAM R. RICE
ADJ	1-20 October 1969	1STLT	ROBERTO P. MAURICIO
ADJ	21-31 October 1969	2NDLT	DAVID L. HARRIS
S-1	1-23 October 1969	MAJOR	HOWARD D. GRESS
S-1	24-31 October 1969	MAJOR	JOHN C. MCDONALD
S-2	1-31 October 1969	1STLT	JOHN W. BOWMAN
S-3	1-31 October 1969	MAJOR	LAMAR V. PHILLIPS
S-4	1-31 October 1969	MAJOR	ROBERT L. LEVAN
GSO	1-31 October 1969	LTCOL	OLIVER R. BARRITT
SplSerO	1-31 October 1969	1STLT	RONALD E. SORENSEN
FISCALO	1-31 October 1969	CAPT	ROBERT B. GAUNTNER
Chaplain	1-22 October 1969	LCDR	DONALD L. KRABBE
Chaplain	23-31 October 1969	LT	WILLIAM J. KLAPPS
DisbO	1-31 October 1969	1STLT	LARRY F. WAHLERS
FltSurg	1-31 October 1969	LT	WILLIAM A. HOLMAN
MTO	1-31 October 1969	1STLT	RICHARD A. DITTMAN
EmbO	1-31 October 1969	CWO-2	JOSEPH J. KOSINSKI
OrdO	1-31 October 1969	1STLT	LOUIS B. STEFAN
AMO	1-31 October 1969	MAJOR	CHARLES A. CAREY
CommO	1-7 October 1969	CAPT	LUIS A. JUAREZ
CommO	8-31 October 1969	CAPT	DAVID V. DOWNING
CivActO	1-31 October 1969	1STLT	STEPHEN ATTELL
ASO	1-9 October 1969	CAPT	LARRY J. KUESTER
ASO	10-31 October 1969	CAPT	WILLIAM D. KELLY
LegalO	1-31 October 1969	1STLT	JOHN G. JONES
SgtMaj	1-31 October 1969	SGTMAJ	BERNARDINO R. STABILE

H&MS-36

CO	1-15 October 1969	MAJOR	CHARLES A. CAREY
CO	16-31 October 1969	LTCOL	BOBBY R. WILKINSON
XO	1-31 October 1969	MAJOR	WALTER S. ZUCK

MABS-36

CO	1-31 October 1969	MAJOR	EDWIN W. LOCKARD
XO	1-31 October 1969	MAJOR	JOHN A. HELLREIGEL
ABO	1-16 October 1969	1STLT	RICHARD E. MILLER

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HMM-161

CO	16-31 October 1969	MAJOR	RICHARD W. CARR
XO	16-25 October 1969	MAJOR	RICHARD J. ADAMS
XO	26-31 October 1969	MAJOR	LLOYD G. POOL
OpsO	16-25 October 1969	MAJOR	LLOYD G. POOL
OpsO	26-31 October 1969	1STLT	JAMES N. BONNER

HMM-262

CO	16-31 October 1969	MAJOR	DONALD J. MESKAN
XO	16-31 October 1969	MAJOR	HOWARD M. WHITFIELD
OpsO	16-31 October 1969	CAPT	SIMON F. STOVER

HML-367

CO	1-14 October 1969	LTCOL	BOBBY R. WILKINSON
CO	15-31 October 1969	LTCOL	WARREN G. CRETNEY
XO	1-31 October 1969	MAJOR	CHARLES M. LIVELY
OpsO	1-15 October 1969	MAJOR	JOHN M. COYKENDALL
OpsO	16-31 October 1969	MAJOR	MALCOLM T. HORNSBY

HMH-462

CO	1-13 October 1969	LTCOL	RONDELL K. WOOD
CO	14-20 October 1969	MAJOR	PETER F. LOTTSFELDT
XO	1- 4 October 1969	MAJOR	JACK L. MAXWELL
XO	5-13 October 1969	MAJOR	PETER F. LOTTSFELDT
XO	14-20 October 1969	MAJOR	THOMAS W. AMIS
OpsO	1-20 October 1969	MAJOR	THOMAS W. AMIS

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

UNIT	LOCATION	DATE
MAG-36	HUE/PHU BAI	1-31 October 1969
H&MS-36	"	"
MABS-36	"	"
HMM-161	"	16-31 October 1969
HMM-262	"	"
HML-367	"	1-31 October 1969
HMH-462	"	1-20 October 1969

3. Strength at End of Month

a. Due to Phase II of the Redeployment Plan an average of the month's strength cannot be given. Submitted is the total as of 31 October 1969.

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UNIT	MAR OFF	MAR ENL	NAV OFF	NAV ENL
H&MS-36	35	327	0	0
MABS-36	18	526	1	20
HMM-161	40	164	1	0
HMM-262	44	145	1	0
HML-367	38	124	0	0
TOTAL	175	1286	3	20

4. Important Visitors

a. 16 October - Guest at Change of Command Ceremony MAG-36

MajGen W. G. THRASH CG 1st MAW
MajGen NGO QUANG TRUONG CG 1st ARVN Division
MajGen E. B. WHEELER Deputy Commander XXIV Corps
BrigGen R. H. SPANJER Asst. Wing Commander
BrigGen R. FULLER Asst. CG 3rdMarDiv

b. 30 October - Visit Commanding Officer

Col H. L. JENSEN, 1st MAW Inspector Designate

c. 31 October - Guest at HMM-161 Awards Ceremony

LtGen H. W. BUSE, CG FMFPac
BrigGen L. H. WILSON Asst Chief of Staff FMFPac
LtGen M. ZAIS CG XXIV Corps
LtGen H. NICKERSON CG III MAF
MajGen W. G. THRASH CG 1st MAW
MajGen E. B. WHEELER Deputy Commander XXIV Corps
BrigGen R. H. SPANJER Asst. Wing Commander

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the first 8 days of the month, flight operations were curtailed due to inclement weather. Flight operations were in support of ProvMAG-39, the 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, MAG-16, U. S. Army, the Republic of Korea Marines and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. Missions consisted of: Day & Night Medevacs, Inserts & Extracts, Command & Control, Armed Helo, Combat Troops/Cargo and Logistic Troops/Cargo.

During the month of October, ProvMAG-39 and its squadrons arrived at Phu Bai from Quang Tri and continued operations. Even with ProvMAG-39 using MAG-36's facilities the only problems encountered were billeting and office spaces. On the 16th of October, the Commanding Officer of ProvMAG-39, Colonel O. V. GALLENTINE, relieved the MAG-36 Commanding Officer, Colonel N. C. NEW, who was returning to CONUS.

VMO-6's Detachment Alpha consisting of 11 UH-1E aircraft and crews arrived at Phu Bai on 8 October from Quang Tri as an element of the Phase II Redeployment Plan. While awaiting transportation aboard the USS Cleveland (LPD 7), pilots and crews from VMO-6 augmented HML-367. Due to shortages within HML-367, eight pilots and four crew chiefs were assigned to HML-367 for temporary additional duty prior to the departure of VMO-6.

MAG-36 announced the stand down of HMH-462 on 12 October to commence preparations for embarking aboard the USS New Orleans (LPH 11). On 20 October, HMH-462 completed embarkation with 16 CH-53A aircraft and ADCON/OPCON was passed to the Commanding General, III MAF.

On 10 October, HML-367 lost one UH-1E as a result of enemy small arms fire. Three of the four aircraft crew members sustained fatal injuries and the remaining crew member received Bravo injuries.

Responsibility for Base Operations was passed to the U. S. Army on 23 October, less the Crash Crew element. The Marine Crash Crew will remain in place until adequate fire protection facilities can be provided for the Phu Bai Combat Base complex by another source.

On 31 October 1969, MAG-36 announced the stand down of H&MS-36 in preparation for embarkation aboard 3 LST's and 1 AKA in early November, commencing another step of Phase II Redeployment.

At 2400H on 31 October 1969, MAG-36 passed OPCON of its three remaining helicopter squadrons to the Commanding Officer MAG-16. This closed the final chapter of MAG-36's combat role in Vietnam. In accordance with Phase II of the Redeployment Plan, during November MAG-36 Headquarters and its support units will relocate and reform its units at MCAF, Futema, Okinawa.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Significant Events for the Month of October

1 October 1969 - HMM-161 & HMM-262 commenced operations at Phu Bai.

5 October 1969 - No Flight Operations this date due to inclement weather, Phu Bai Combat Base received 21.6 inches of precipitation.

8 October 1969 - VMO-6 arrived at Phu Bai to await the arrival of the USS Cleveland (LPD 7).

10 October 1969 - ProvMAG-39 Headquarters and its support unit relocated to Phu Bai.

12 October 1969 - HMH-462 stood down and commenced preparations to board the USS New Orleans (LPH 11) upon its arrival.

16 October 1969 - MAG 36 received OPCON of HMM-161 and HMM-262, and passed ADCON of HML-367 to MAG-16.

17 October 1969 - Col O. V. GALLENTINE took command of MAG-36 from Col N. C. NEW.

18 October 1969 - MAG-36 passed the Civic Action programs to the U. S. Army Units stationed at Phu Bai Combat Base.

20 October 1969 - HMH-462 completed its embarkation aboard LPH 11. MAG-36 passed ADCON/OPCON of HMH-462 to CG III MAF.

23 October 1969 - MAG-36 Base Operations passed to Army, control of the Air Base less Crash Crew facilities.

31 October 1969 - H&MS-36 stood down and commenced preparations to board the USS Sutter County (LST 1150), USS Park County (LST 1077), USS Pitkin County (LST 1082) and the USS Union (AKA 106).

2. Air Operations

a. MAG-36 accomplished the following during the month of October 1969.

	HELICOPTER	C-117
(1) Flight Hours	2820.0	57.6
(2) Sorties	7961	50
(3) Passengers Carried	10,604	610
(4) Tons of Cargo Carried	760.3	16.2
(5) Medical Evacuees Carried	101	

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b. MAG-36 Combat Statistics from 1 September 1965 to 31 October 1969 are as follows:

(1) Flight Hours	269,639.7
(2) Sorties	773,251
(3) Troops/Passengers	962,929
(4) Tons of Cargo	125,865.7
(5) Medical Evacuees	59,071
(6) Rounds Expended	14,186,549
(7) Rockets Expended	108,387

c. Downed Aircraft Statistics for October 1969:

	Operational	DEA
Forced to land	1	2
Recovered	1	1
Destroyed	0	1

d. Enemy Killed by Air:

Confirmed	30
Probable	16

3. Ground Operations Supported

OPERATIONS	UNITS TOR	FLT HRS	SORTIES	PAX	CARGO (TONS)
SOG	U. S. ARMY	146.2	253	0	0

4. Base Defense

a. 130 man-hours were spent on improvement and repairs of the defense perimeter.

b. Patrol activity:

Night Patrols - - - - - - - - -75Hrs
Day Patrols - - - - - - - - - -10Hrs

c. Ordnance expended:

Illumination - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -81mm Mortar, 6 rds
60mm Mortar, 9 rds
Popupflare, 22 rds
Trip flare, 2 rds

5. Intelligence

a. There were no rocket/mortar attacks against Hue/Phu Bai Combat Base during October 1969.

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b. Fire incidents by grid zone involving MAG-36 aircraft:

AT - - - - - - - - - - - - 11 FI/1 Hit
BT - - - - - - - - - - - - 1 FI/1 Hit
YD - - - - - - - - - - - - 12 FI/2 Hits
XD - - - - - - - - - - - - 2 FI/0 Hits
ZD - - - - - - - - - - - - 2 FI/0 Hits
Class Coord - - - - - - - 1 FI/0 Hits

6. Administration

a. Casualties:

	OFF	ENL
Hospitalizing injuries non-hostile USMC	0	18
Hospitalizing injuries non-hostile USN	0	0
WIA	1	0
KIA	1	2
MIA	0	0
Killed non-hostile USMC	0	0
Killed non-hostile USN	0	0

b. Civic Action:

(1) MAG-36 CAAOR (Civic Action) program was passed to the U. S. Army Units stationed at Phu Bai Combat Base on 18 October 1969.

(2) Although terminated, Civic Action continued to support the various schools and orphanages in the Hue/Phu Bai area.

(3) MAG-36 MedCap treated 20 Vietnamese and 10 Vietnamese received DentCap treatment.

23 October 1969 - Father J. PHUC of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish received 2 truck loads of rocket boxes for his school to construct desks and 150 lbs of assorted essentials (clothing, toys, soap, etc) to be distributed to the needy families.

27 October 1969 - One 6X6 truck load of scrap lumber and building materials was delivered to St. Joseph's School and Orphanage in An Tanh, Phu Loung.

28 October 1969 - Father J. PHUC of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish received one and one half 6X6 truck loads of scrap lumber and building materials to be used for the construction of a convent, to house the Sisters who will be teaching in his school. Father PHUC also received 2 wooden desks and one bookcase for use in his boarding house.

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c. Chaplain Services:

(1) On 1 October 1969, LCDR D. L. KRABBE, CHC, USN, reported to MAG-36 to assume duty as the Group Chaplain. Chaplain KRABBE reported from ProvMAG-39. He held the duty of Group Chaplain until 23 October 1969, on which date he departed for CONUS having completed his tour in RVN. The Catholic Chaplain assigned and the Protestant Chaplain, provided by XXIV Corps in the absence of a Protestant Chaplain at MAG-36, provided and conducted Divine Services for the personnel of both faiths. Divine Services were available for Latter Day Saints personnel at the 26th Support Group and for Jewish personnel at the XXIV Corps Chapel.

(2) The Catholic Chaplain conducted Divine Services at MCB-1, Phu Bai, each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening and at NSAD, Tan My, each Sunday morning. The Catholic Chaplain also conducted Divine Services for the outlying CAG units. Hospital visits were made to the MAG-36 personnel at the 85th Evacuation Hospital.

(3) A total 44 services were conducted aboard the MAG-36 compound with 936 personnel attending. Off base services totaled 10 with 207 in attendance.

(4) Three memorial services were conducted at MAG-36 with an attendance of 150. Two memorial services were conducted for the CAG with an attendance of 44.

7. Special Services

a. For the month of October 1969, fourteen Squadron/Section picnics were held.

b. On 31 October Special Services ceased operations and began embarkation of ProvMAG-39 and MAG-36's Special Service's property.

8. Logistics

a. The Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS) dispensed 509,004 gallons of JP-4 and 67,507 gallons of 115/145 AvGas for the month of October 1969.

b. Base Development. Due to Phase II Redeployment of MAG-36, all construction was terminated.

c. General Embarkation. MAG-36's embarkation units assisted ProvMAG-39 in its move from Quang Tri to Phu Bai. On 31 October 1969, ProvMAG-39 announced CADRE status. MAG-36 embarkation units immediately took over all of ProvMAG-39's equipment and commenced to stage the equipment at Tan My for further transporation to Okinawa.

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