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## A. PART ONE - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. Commanding Officer and Staff

- a. Walter C. KELLY, LtCol., Commanding Officer, 1-31 August 1967
- b. Frederick A. HUECKEL, Major, Executive Officer, 1-31 August 1967
- c. Robert S. CHARLES, Captain, Operations Officer, 1-31 August 1967
- d. Lonnie S. UNDERHILL, Captain, Logistics Officer, 1-31 August 1967
- e. James L. RIGGS, Captain, Maintenance Officer, 1-31 August 1967
- f. John E. CARROLL, Major, Aviation Safety Officer, 1-31 August 1967
- g. William T. LUNSFORD, Major, Aviation Safety Officer, 1-31 August 1967
- h. Robert E. ILZHOEFER, Captain, NATOPS Officer, 1-31 August 1967
- i. Joseph R. GRAY, Captain, Administration Officer, 1-31 August 1967
- j. John E. COCHRAN, Lieutenant, USN(MC), Medical Officer, 1-31 August 1967
- k. Henry E. EISENSEN, Captain, Intelligence Officer, 1-31 August 1967
- l. William K. WESTLING, Captain, Custodian, S&C, 1-31 August 1967

## 2. Task Organization

- a. Location - MCAF, Hue Phu Bai, RVN, 1-31 August 1967

## 3. Average Monthly Strength

Marine		Navy	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
47	176	1	3

## 4. Important Visitors

- a. None, during this period

## B. PART TWO - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of nine (9) medevac missions, two (2) being night medevacs.

2 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of ten (10) medevac missions.

3 August 1967 - Normal operations were conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of eight (8) medevac missions, four (4) being night medevac. No enemy fire was reported.

4 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of seven (7) missions, three (3) being night medevacs. No enemy fire reported.

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5 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area today. The squadron flew a total of fourteen (14) medevac missions. Captain NELSON, while lifting from LZ on an admin hop, experienced a loss of power due to internal breakdown of the engine. He landed the aircraft safely and no further damage or injuries occurred. No fire was taken by the squadron today.

6 August 1967 - Normal operations were conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of six (6) medevac missions today.

7 August 1967 - Normal operations in the Phu Bai area today. The squadron flew a total of nine (9) medevac missions, one (1) being a night medevac. No fire taken by the squadron today.

8 August 1967 - Normal operations in the Phu Bai area today. A total of nine (9) medevac missions were flown, three (3) being night medevacs.

9 August 1967 - Normal operations were conducted in the Phu Bai area today. The squadron flew a total of six (6) medevac missions. Light small arms fire was taken by Captain SIFUENTES while loading on a medevac. There were no hits or injuries received.

10 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area today. Captain CHARLES led an ARVN strike carrying 96 troops and receiving no hits or fire. The squadron flew a total of eight (8) medevac missions, four (4) being night medevacs.

11 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew six (6) medevac missions, three (3) being at night. No fire was received by the squadro today.

12 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. Captain O'CONNELL led an ARVN strike with no aircraft receiving fire. The squadron flew a total of nine (9) medevac missions, one (1) being a night medevac.

13 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. Six (6) medevac missions were flown today. LtCol. KELLY led an ARVN strike receiving no fire.

14 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area today. This squadron flew a total of ten (10) medevac missions, three (3) being night medevacs. No fire was reported today.

15 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. A total of five (5) medevac missions were flown by the squadron today. No fire reported.

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16 August 1967 - Normal operations in the Phu Bai area. Major CARROLL led two (2) five (5) plane strikes receiving fire on both but no hits or injuries were taken. Nineteen (19) medevac missions were taken, nine (9) being night medevacs.

17 August 1967 - Normal operations were conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of eight (8) medevac missions, three (3) being at night.

18 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of six (6) medevac missions. No fire was reported.

19 August 1967 - Normal operations were conducted in the Phu Bai area. A total of six (6) medevac missions were flown. Major CARROLL, while leading a strike, took automatic weapons fire. Major hits were recorded to the fuselage of Captain SIFUENTES aircraft. No injuries occurred. Captain Gray received fire in the Cumberland area while flying working birds. No hits were taken.

20 August 1967 - Normal operations were conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of nine (9) medevac missions, one (1) being a night medevac.

21 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. Eight (8) medevac missions were flown, four (4) being night medevacs. Captain BRACKINS took fire on a night medevac mission but received no hits. LtCol. KELLY led a six (6) plane strike carrying 130 troops and received no fire.

22 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. Ten (10) medevac missions were flown, four (4) being night medevacs. 1stLt. HARTFORD received numerous hits upon his aircraft while landing from shrapnel from a thrown hand grenade. No injuries occurred.

23 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. Captain RICHEY was forced down in the Hue Stadium because of a faulty rotor brake. No injuries received. Three (3) medevac missions were flown, two (2) being night medevacs.

24 August 1967 - Normal operations in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of six (6) medevac missions, three (3) being night medevacs. Sniper fire was taken by Captain FARRELL but received no hits.

25 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of nine (9) medevac missions.

26 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadro flew a total of nine (9) medevac missions, one (1) being a night medevac.

27 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. Four (4) medevac missions were flown by the squadron today.

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28 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. Captain HILL, while shutdown at the VIP pad at Dong Ha had his aircraft riddled by an artillery round. Damage to the aircraft was Charlie, but the crew received no injuries.

29 August 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. Nine (9) medevac missions were flown by the squadron four (4) being night medevacs.

30 August 1967 - Normal operations in the Phu Bai area. Nine (9) aircraft were damaged, three (3) Charlie and six (6) Echo, by a mortar attack during the night. Two (2) personnel were injured, neither one seriously. The squadron flew a total of six (6) medevac missions, two (2) being at night.

31 August 1967 - Normal operations were conducted in the Phu Bai area today. Two (2) medevac missions were flown. 1stLt. MURRAY received two (2) hits but no injuries from an airburst over the finger lakes area. Major HIECKEL led a strike with no fire being reported.

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## C. PART THREE - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. Personnel

a. The squadron experienced a decrease in personnel over the month, with sixty-two (62) people being joined and seventy-two (72) being detached. The total number of personnel on hand as of 31 August 1967 was fifty-one (51) officers and one hundred and seventy-four (174) enlisted men.

## 2. Administration

a. During the month, two (2) promotions to First Lieutenant, one (1) Staff Sergeant, one (1) Sergeant, one (1) Corporal, two (2) Lance Corporal, and one (1) Private First Class.

## 3. Awards

a. The following awards were presented during the month of August 1967:

(1) Distinguished Flying Cross

(a) GUNNISS, G. H., CAPT., 086268, USMC

(2) Air Medal

(a) Twenty (20) officers and enlisted personnel received their first Air Medal during this period.

(b) One hundred and ninety (190) additional Air Medals were also presented.

## 4. Casualties

a. The squadron experienced two (2) casualties during the month of August 1967.

(1) HART, J. D. JR., SSGT., 1612103, USMC

(2) HOOKS, R. T., PFC., 2129389, USMC

## 5. Civic Action

a. No significant events

## 6. Morale/Welfare Programs

a. No significant events

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7. Information services
  - a. Fifteen (15) Hometown News releases were written this month.
8. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence
  - a. A new technique for presenting intelligence information to the Pilots was introduced this month.
  - b. Intelligence section had an increase in spot reports by the Pilots due to newly generated interest in intelligence acquisition.
9. Air Operations
  - a. Flight hours - 1485.3
  - b. Flight/Sorties - 580/3209
  - c. Passengers - 4370
  - d. Cargo - 131.6 short tons
  - e. Medevacs - 218 missions
10. Special Operations
  - a. 1-31 August 1967 FREMENT
    - (1) This squadron participated in Operation Fremont in admin, logistics, and medevac missions.
  - b. 1-31 August 1967 CUMBERLAND
    - (1) This squadron supported Operation Cumberland in admin, logistics and medevac missions.
  - c. 1-31 August 1967 KINGFISHER
    - (1) This squadron participated in Operation Kingfisher by admin, and logistics missions.
  - d. 5-9 August 1967 RUSH
    - (1) This squadron supported Operation Rush by troop carrying, logistics, and medevac missions.
  - e. 5-31 August 1967 CHEROKEE
    - (1) This squadron supported Operation Cherokee with troop lift missions.

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11. Training
  - a. Sent two (2) enlisted personnel to Jungle, Environment Training School.
  - b. There were twenty-five (25) Crewman Training for Aerial Gunner.
  - c. Lectures were given to both officers and enlisted personnel on Carrier Operation in preparation for embarkation to the LPH Okinawa.
12. Ground Defense
  - a. Northern perimeter extended outward one thousand (1000) meters and new bunkers built.
  - b. Bunkers were completed in the new squadron area.
13. Logistics
  - a. No significant events
14. Motor Transport
  - a. No significant events
15. Maintenance
  - a. No significant events
16. Avionics
  - a. GySgt. SIAW reported in as the new NCOIC of Avionics.
17. Base Development
  - a. Numerous new huts were completed to accomadate the transferring of squadron personnel from the south to north side of the field.
18. Communications/Electronics
  - a. No significant events
- D. PART FOUR - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
  1. None

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