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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commander and Staff

Commanding Officer	Lieutenant Colonel EARL W. TRAUT
Executive Officer	Major KENNETH D. VANEK
Operations Officer	Major CHARLES H. F. EGGER
Maintenance Officer	Major JAMES L. MCMANAWAY
Logistics Officer	Major JESSE R. GREER
Administrative Officer	Major CHARLES A. WIMMLER

2. Inclusive Dates and Location

1-31 March, Republic of Vietnam

3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
51	181	1	5

4. Important Visitors

None

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 Mar: Captain EVERETT on a logistics mission for the Special Forces to Bato and Gia Vuc received small arms fire from BS 678598. There were no hits.

On a resupply mission Major VANEK received small arms fire from AT 915570. There were no hits.

2 Mar: Captain SALMON on a resupply of ZC 099504 received small arms fire from ZC 102490. There were no hits.

3 Mar: Captain MCGINN on a night medevac mission at AT 915517 received small arms fire from BT 100390 and the aircraft suffered a hit. There were no injuries.

4 Mar: Captain MCGINN on a medevac at AT 934520 received small arms fire in the LZ from three different positions. There were no hits.

Captain CAUDLE on morning medevac had six missions at the following coordinates: AT 937534, AT 865675, AT 887522, BT 164414, AT 902391, and AT 043347. Small arms fire was received from AT 888560. There were no hits.

Lt CALEF on a night medevac mission at AT 866570 received small arms fire from AT 930605. There were no hits.

LtCol TRAUT led a division of TARBUSH aircraft to ZC 195838. The UH-34Ds transported 113 US in 5 trips to initiate Operation GULF.

5 Mar: Major MCLENNAN on morning medevac went to AT 932660, AT 920663, BT 043620, AT 943664, AT 935665, and AT 824858. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was received from AT 920663 and AT 965675. There were no hits.

Major VANEK on afternoon medevac went to the following LZs: Hill 55, Hoi An, BT 189589, AT 852672, and BT 050604. Small arms fire was received from AT 846555. The aircraft suffered a hit. There were no injuries.

6 Mar: LtCol TRAUT on a logistics mission at BT 001293 received small arms fire from AT 952362. There were no hits.

7 Mar: Captain EVERETT on a night medevac mission at AT 923563 received

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small arms fire going into the LZ. There were no hits.

8 Mar: Captain HAYMORE on a night medevac mission at AT 923563 received small arms fire from AT 9359. There were no hits.

Captain CHAPPLE on a logistics mission to BT 022288 received 50 caliber fire from BT 130378. The aircraft suffered a hit, but there were no injuries.

Major EGGER on mission 102 (Special Forces frag) received small arms fire at BS 897275. There were no hits.

On a logistics mission LtCol TRAUT received small arms fire from AT 832560. There were no hits.

Major MCLENNAN on an afternoon medevac received small arms fire in the LZ at AT 917490. There were no hits.

9 Mar: Captain FIELD on a medevac at BT 012610 received small arms fire from BT 008605. There were no hits.

Captain NAY on morning medevac missions at AT 905686 and BT 037347 received small arms fire from AT 905685 and AT 195515. There were no hits.

Captain PICONE on an emergency medevac mission at ZC 197315 found it necessary to return to Marble Mountain for another aircraft because the hoist did not work. After returning to the LZ, and though receiving small arms fire, the medevac was completed.

10 Mar: Captain EVERETT on a medevac mission at BT 118490 received small arms fire from BT 108485. There were no hits. 200 rounds of 7.62 were returned by the medevac aircraft.

It took 3 approaches, but Captain EVERETT on a medevac at AT 937557 got into the zone though receiving small arms fire. There were no hits.

Major HENDERSON on a medevac at BT 128480 received small arms fire from BT 125475. There were no hits.

11 Mar: Captain MELAND on a night medevac mission to AT 150534 received sniper fire from BT 15253. There were no hits.

Major MCLENNAN on medevac missions to AT 960677, BT 050603, AT 879396, and BT 012585 received small arms fire in the last zone. There were no hits.

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12 Mar: Captain CODY on morning medevac received small arms fire from AT 932517 and BT 095485 while on missions to the following LZs: BT 026269, Hill 55, An Hoa BAS, AT 951640, BT 095485, BT 019571, and AT 985655. The aircraft suffered one hit.

13 Mar: Captain HYATT on night medevac had several emergency medevacs at Hoi An and received automatic weapons fire from the immediate area. On mission 11 at AT 8247 an ARVN WIA was hit in the aircraft and became a KIA. There were no other injuries.

Captain MELAND had medevac missions at BT 437580, AT 873476, and AT 940600. In the last LZ fire was received, but there were no hits.

14 Mar: Major VANEK on hight medevac missions at AT 964618 and AT 901518 received small arms fire in the last LZ. There were no hits.

15 Mar: Captain NAY on an emergency medevac at AT 988609 received automatic and small arms fire in the LZ. The two US Marines were successfully taken to the G-4 hospital, though the aircraft suffered a hit.

16 Mar: Major WIMMLER on a medevac at AT 837838 received small arms fire from BT 025926. There were no hits.

Captain CAUDLE on morning medevac had ten missions. Small arms fire was received from AT 901527 and AT 012528. The aircraft suffered 5 hits. There were no injuries.

17 Mar: Captain FIELD had medevac missions at AT 840788, BT 019571, AT 886703, AT 945600, and BT 142581. Automatic and small arms fire from AT 948600 was received. There were no hits.

Lt CALEF on a convoy escort from Danang to Phu Bai received small arms fire from AT 940915. There were no hits.

20 Mar: Major VANEK on medevac missions at BT 002557, BT 042621, BT 090616, AT 807410, BT 043347, and BT 155540 received small arms fire from BT 060405. There were no hits.

21 Mar: Major VANEK on morning medevac missions at AT 840450, AT 915517, BT 075517, and AT 853594. Fire was received at BT 072512 and the aircraft suffered one hit. There were no injuries.

Major GREER on a logistics mission at AT 832567 received small arms fire from AT 835537. The aircraft received a hit on the oil cooler armor plating. There were no injuries.

22 Mar: Major WIMMLER on medevac missions at AT 875475, AT 833465, and

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AT 903515 received small arms fire from AT 890508. The aircraft suffered a hit, but there were no injuries.

Captain MCGINN on night medevac missions at AT 917583, BT 120635, and AT 142577 received sniper fire from BT 125613 and BT 120640. There were no hits. But then on a medevac mission to BT 014630 automatic weapons fire resulted in a forced landing due to hits in the engine oil lines. Captain John P. RAY suffered minor shrapnel injury to his eye. There were no other injuries.

24 Mar: Lt MONDRY in support of Operation NEWCASTLE received fire at AT 861520, AT 854509, and AT 863508 while on medevac missions at those coordinates. There were no hits.

Captain COADY on night medevac received small arms fire from BT 102510 while on a mission to BT 105508. There were no hits.

25 Mar: Major VANEK in support of Operations NEWCASTLE had medevac missions to the following coordinates: AT 949515, AT 946526, AT 840442, and AT 865501. Sniper fire was received from AT 949515 and AT 865501. There were no hits.

Captain HAYMORE had medevac missions to BT 105582, AT 822382, AT 962615, AT 940712, AT 845499, AT 844495, and BT 012630. Fire was received from AT 8848 and AT 9659. There were no hits.

26 Mar: Major GREER on medevac missions to BT 142578, BT 015585, and BT 007585 received small arms fire from the last LZ. There were no hits.

Captain MELAND on morning medevac received small arms fire from BT 134970 on a mission at the same coordinates. There were no hits.

27 Mar: Lt BURGESS on medevac missions to BT 019620, BT 103415, An Hoa, AT 865574, and BT 015650, received small arms fire from BT 018616. The aircraft suffered a hit. There were no injuries.

28 Mar: Captain SALMON had medevac missions to Dai Loc, AT 924501, BT 012571, AT 865574, and BT 104584. Sniper fire was received from AT 92450 and BT 012571. There were no hits.

Captain CAUDLE on night medevac had missions at AT 832358 and BT 050603. Small arms fire was received from AT 8548. There were no hits.

29 Mar: Major EGGER went on medevac missions to AT 915517, AT 955683, AT 874399, BT 019571, AT 873476, and BT 089679. Small arms

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fire was received in the last zone. There were no hits.

LtCol TRAUT had medevac missions to AT 912512, Hoi An, and BT 009616. In the last zone fire was received, but there were no hits.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

23 Mar: Captain RAY was wounded in action on a medevac mission at BT 014630.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING EVENTS

OPERATIONS

1.	Total Flight Hours	2,052.8
2.	Total Sorties Flown	5,873
3.	Total MEDEVACs	1,163
4.	Total Cargo Carried	316 tons
5.	Total Passengers Carried	3,956

INTELLIGENCE

1. 16 aircraft received 32 hits
2. 84 no hit fire incidents were reported
3. 3 WIAs
4. 35 spot reports on various sightings were reported

LOGISTICS

1.	AOCP Resume:	a. Total Submitted:	182
		b. Total Filled:	161
		c. Outstanding:	9
		d. Cancelled:	12
2.	ANFE Resume:	a. Total Submitted:	32
		b. Total Filled:	19
		c. Outstanding:	3
		d. Cancelled:	10
3.	AV-GAS Resume:	a. Total AV-GAS Cost:	$26,657.12
		b. Gallons Utilized	166,607
4.	AV-OIL Resume:	a. Total AV-OIL Cost:	$1,595.00
		b. Drums Utilized:	58

AWARDS

1. Air Medal: 481 submitted

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