

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 363  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Squadron Commander and Staff, with inclusive dates of duration in assigned billets:

Commanding Officer	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1967	LtCol R. LEWIS, Jr.
Executive Officer	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1967	Maj R. P. ECKMANN
Operations Officer	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1967	Maj E. J. MURPHY
Administrative Officer	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1967	2ndLt G. J. MAREK
Logistics Officer	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1967	Capt F. T. GRASSI
Maintenance Officer	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1967	Maj H. H. GAST
Safety Officer	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1967	Capt J. B. BARR
Intelligence Officer	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1967	1stLt J. E. STROUPE

2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

HMM-363, MAG-16, 1stMAW, FMFPac	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1967
Marble Mt. Air Facility	1 Aug - 31 Aug 1967

3. Average strength of squadron during period:

Officers: 43 (1 Navy)                      Enlisted: 157 (1 Navy)

4. Important visitors to the squadron: None

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PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

Normal daily flight operations during this reporting period consisted of Med-Evac, Resupply, Aerial Recon and Admin/Liaison missions. The events listed took place during the course of these operations.

1 August 1967

At 1715H, YZ-65 encountered intense enemy fire from BT 272273 while on an emergency med-evac mission. The helicopter was hit in the tail rotor. The crew returned 200 rounds of 7.62 fire to the enemy and the mission was completed.

At 1930H, YZ-79, while on a med-evac mission to BT 186535, encountered intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire from BT 185535. The helicopter was hit five times. Among the areas hit were the fuel cell and the oil cooler. Because of the damage, the mission was aborted. No crewmen were reported injured.

At 1935H, YZ-82 successfully completed the above med-evac mission although enemy fire came from the same position. The helicopter sustained three hits in the wind screen and the clamshell door. The crew was uninjured and returned 100 rounds of 7.62 fire.

2 August 1967

At 1600H, YZ-67 encountered light enemy small arms fire originating from BT 183552 during a resupply mission. The helicopter sustained one hit in the tail rotor. The mission was completed.

3 August 1967

Routine flight operations were conducted with no incidents reported.

4 August 1967

At 1830H, YZ-65, while on a courier mission, encountered light enemy small arms fire enroute to a friendly position. The suspected origin of the enemy fire was BT 010518. No damage was reported.

5 August 1967

At 0900H, YZ-84 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 054638 while on a med-evac mission. The helicopter was hit in the fuel cell. No fire was returned and the mission was completed.

At 1000H, YZ-83, while on a med-evac mission, encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 015585 and was hit in the tail cone. The crew

returned 100 rounds of 7.62 and the mission was completed.

At 1300H, YZ-66 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 064634 while on a med-evac mission. The crew expended 100 rounds of suppressing fire. No damage was reported and the mission was completed.

At 1750H, YZ-66 encountered moderate enemy small arms fire from AT 997346 while on a med-evac mission. No damage was reported. The crew expended 100 rounds of 7.62 suppressing fire and the mission was completed.

6 August 1967

At 0215H, YZ-81 encountered light enemy small arms fire from AT 837822 while on a successful med-evac mission. No damage was reported and no fire was returned.

At 0815H, YZ-61 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 030632 while on a successful med-evac mission. No damage was reported and no fire was returned.

At 1150H, YZ-61 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 011572 while on a successful med-evac mission. No damage was reported and no fire was returned.

At 2000H, YZ-83 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 002308 while on a successful med-evac mission. No damage was reported.

7 August 1967

At 1130H, YZ-80 encountered intense enemy small arms fire from AT 965598 while on a med-evac mission. The helicopter was hit in the radio compartment and the crew chief received shrapnel injuries. The crew expended 20 rounds of 7.62 at the enemy. No further damage was reported and the mission was completed.

At 1730H, YZ-83 encountered enemy small arms fire from AT 990580 while on a successful med-evac mission. The crew expended 100 rounds of 7.62 and suppressed the enemy fire. No damage to the helicopter or injuries to the crew was reported.

At 1900H, YZ-83 encountered moderate enemy small arms fire from AT 986575 while on a successful med-evac mission. No damage was reported.

At 1930H, YZ-83 encountered light enemy small arms fire while on a successful med-evac mission. The crew expended 50 rounds of 7.62 fire.

At 2100H, YZ-83 encountered moderate enemy automatic tracer fire from AT 970575 while enroute to a med-evac zone. No damage was reported.

8 August 1967

Routine flight operations were conducted with no reported incidents.

9 August 1967

At 1425H, YZ-81 encountered intense enemy small arms fire and grenades from BT 025605 in a med-evac zone. The helicopter was hit once in the radio compartment. The crewmen fired 200 rounds of suppressing fire and when the crew chief's M-60 machine gun jammed, he pumped out 20 rounds of .45 with the co-pilot's sub-machine gun. The mission was completed successfully and with no further damage.

At 1645H, YZ-81 encountered moderate enemy automatic tracer fire from AT 902511 while flying a med-evac mission. The crew expended 100 rounds of 7.62 suppressing fire. No damage was reported.

10 August 1967

Routine flight operations were conducted with no reported incidents.

11 August 1967

At 1550H, YZ-66 encountered light enemy small arms and tracer fire from BT 120498 while on a med-evac mission. The crew returned 100 rounds of 7.62.

At 2035H, YZ-66 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 027602 while on a med-evac mission. No damage was reported.

12 August 1967

At 2030H, YZ-84 observed enemy muzzle flashes at AT 9758 while en-route to a med-evac zone.

13 August 1967

At 0700H, YZ-82 encountered intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire from AT 923502 while on a successful med-evac mission. The crew returned 100 rounds of 7.62. The helicopter was hit in the tail pylon; no further damage was reported.

At 1030H, YZ-71 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 108231 while approaching a med-evac zone. The mission was completed with no damage reported.

At 1850H, YZ-80 encountered light enemy fire from BT 015585 while approaching a med-evac zone and was hit in the aft fuel cell and in the

tail cone. No crew injuries were reported. The crew changed aircraft and completed the mission.

14 August 1967

At 0120H, YZ-80 encountered light enemy small arms tracer fire from BT 1330 while enroute to a med-evac zone. No damage was reported.

At 1100H, YZ-64 encountered light enemy small arms fire from AT 500880 while enroute to a resupply zone. No damage was reported and no suppressive fire was necessary.

At 2110H, YZ-65 encountered light enemy .50 caliber fire from AT 9148 while enroute to a med-evac zone. No damage was reported.

At 2150H, YZ-65 encountered more enemy .50 caliber fire from BT 0259 and climbed to evade the fire. No damage was reported.

15 August 1967

At 1130H, YZ-65 encountered light enemy small arms fire at BT 182565 on a med-evac mission. The helicopter sustained one hit which resulted in limited material damage. The co-pilot and crew chief were slightly wounded by shrapnel. The crew expended 50 rounds of 7.62 and the gunner claimed he eliminated the sniper. The mission was completed.

At 1730H, YZ-72 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 181567 while on a med-evac mission. The crew returned 50 rounds of suppressing fire. The helicopter was undamaged and the mission was completed.

At 1800H, YZ-72 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 070627 while departing a med-evac zone. No damage was reported.

16 August 1967

At 1530H, YZ-77 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 1434 while departing a resupply zone. No damage was reported.

17 August 1967

At 0835H, YZ-80 encountered moderate enemy automatic weapons fire from BT 070624 while departing a med-evac zone. The crew did not return fire and the helicopter was not hit.

18 August 1967

At 1135H, YZ-80 encountered light fire from AT 895504 while departing a med-evac zone. The crew did not return fire and the helicopter was not

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damaged.

At 1945H, YZ-82 encountered light enemy small arms fire from AT 992596 while enroute to a med-evac zone. No damage was reported.

19 August 1967

At 0800H, YZ-72 encountered light small arms fire from AT 868230 during a strike. No damage was reported to the helicopter and no fire was returned.

At 2100H, YZ-81 encountered intense enemy automatic weapons fire from BT 054635 while on a med-evac mission. The crew returned 100 rounds of 7.62. No hits were sustained and the mission was completed.

20 August 1967

At 1525H, YZ-68 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 047600 while approaching a med-evac zone. No hits were sustained.

At 1600H, YZ-65 encountered light enemy small arms fire from AT 985275 while enroute to a med-evac zone. The helicopter sustained two hits in the main rotor blades. No fire was returned.

At 1630H, YZ-72 encountered light enemy small arms fire from AT 918220 while approaching a resupply zone. No hits were reported and no fire returned. The mission was completed.

At 1700H, YZ-77 encountered light enemy small arms fire at BT 110395 while enroute to a landing zone. No damage was reported.

21 August 1967

At 0715H, YZ-81 encountered moderate enemy small arms fire from AT 996618 while departing a med-evac zone. The helicopter sustained a hit on the port side just below the transmission door. No further damage was reported and the crew was uninjured.

At 0900H, YZ-63 encountered moderate enemy automatic weapons fire from BT 013628 during the morning courier run. The helicopter was hit in the cabin door and the courier received a bullet wound in the leg. The crew returned 50 rounds of 7.62 and the mission was aborted.

At 1100H, YZ-80 encountered moderate enemy small arms fire from AT 997634 during a med-evac mission. The crew returned 100 rounds of 7.62. No damage was reported. The mission was completed after the med-evacs were moved to a more secure zone.

22 August 1967

At 1045H, YZ-82 encountered intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire from BT 025513 during a med-evac mission. The helicopter was hit five times with limited damage and the corpsman was wounded seriously in the chest. The crew chief and gunner returned 400 rounds of 7.62. The mission was completed.

At 1920H, YZ-78 encountered light enemy small arms fire from AT 960595 during a med-evac mission. The helicopter was hit in the tail pylon. The crew returned 50 rounds of 7.62 and the mission was completed.

At 2235H, YZ-77 encountered light enemy fire from AT 953645 when landing in a med-evac zone. The helicopter was hit in a main rotor blade pocket. No injuries were reported and the mission was completed.

23 August 1967

At 1930H, YZ-76 encountered light small arms fire from BT 090653 during the approach to a med-evac zone. No damage was reported. The mission was completed.

At 2055H, YZ-81 encountered light small arms fire from AT 997627 during a med-evac mission. The crew expended 50 rounds of 7.62. No damage was reported and the mission was completed.

24 August 1967

At 1950H, YZ-81 encountered light enemy automatic tracer fire from BT 137501 enroute to a med-evac zone. No damage was reported and the crew returned 75 rounds of 7.62.

25 August 1967

At 0915H, YZ-81 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 135560 departing a med-evac zone. No damage was reported. The crew expended 100 rounds of 7.62 and the mission was completed.

At 1000H, YZ-68 encountered light enemy small arms fire from AT 970370 enroute to a landing zone. No damage was reported.

26 August 1967

At 0950H, YZ-81 encountered moderate small arms fire from AT 845500 departing a med-evac zone. No damage was reported. The crew returned 400 rounds of 7.62 and the mission was completed.

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At 1500H, YZ-74 encountered moderate enemy small arms fire and automatic weapons fire from BT 115627 in a med-evac zone. No damage was reported. The crew returned 250 rounds of 7.62 fire and the mission was completed.

27 August 1967

At 1250H, YZ-81 encountered light enemy small arms fire from AT 921475 departing a med-evac zone. No damage was reported. The crew returned 200 rounds of 7.62 and the mission was completed.

At 1850H, YZ-81 encountered intense small arms and automatic weapons fire from BT 001600 during a med-evac mission. No damage was reported. The crew returned 500 rounds of 7.62 and the mission was completed.

At 1930H, YZ-76 encountered moderate small arms fire from AT 938675 approaching a med-evac zone. No damage was reported. The crew returned 50 rounds of 7.62 and the mission was completed.

At 2130H, YZ-76 encountered light small arms fire from AT 972602 orbiting a med-evac zone. No damage was reported. The crew returned 50 rounds of 7.62 and the mission was completed.

28 August 1967

At approximately 0130H, Marble Mountain came under heavy enemy rocket attack. The squadron suffered one (1) KIA and 41 WIA's from the incoming rounds. One aircraft was completely destroyed and four received limited damage.

At 0200H, YZ-73 spotted intense enemy rocket fire from BT 048645 while enroute to a med-evac zone. The information was reported and artillery was called in on the position.

29 August 1967

At 1725H, YZ-69 encountered light enemy small arms fire from BT 205555 while enroute to a landing zone. No damage was reported.

30 - 31 August 1967

Routine flight operations were conducted with no reported incidents.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Promotions

- a. Officers: Two (2) to First Lieutenant
- b. Enlisted: Two (2) to Staff Sergeant  
One (1) to Corporal  
Two (2) to Lance Corporal

2. Awards

Air medals were awarded to 34 officers and 50 enlisted personnel. Twenty six (26) enlisted personnel received Air Crewman wings. One enlisted received a Gold Star in lieu of second award of Purple Heart.

3. Casualties

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1stLt	William H. ELMORE	092056	15Aug67	13 miles SE of Da Nang, Quang Nam Province; shrapnel wound left wrist
Cpl	Albert E. BECK	2153294	28Aug67	MMAF, abrasions right thigh and calf
Sgt	Alva L. BOHILL	2152126	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right thigh
LCpl	Dale F. BOZMAN	2245738	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right arm
LCpl	David F. CIANCIOLO	2109731	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right knee
LCpl	Terry S. COCHRANE	2119287	28Aug67	MMAF, Shrapnel wound penetrating, intra-cranial
Sgt	James C. COX	1957039	28Aug67	MMAF, abrasions right elbow
Cpl	John DIFRANCESCO	2154409	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating both legs
Sgt	Walter T. ECKENFELS	1880130	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound left inner thigh and left hip
Cpl	Clyde L. EDGELL	2162817	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating posterior hip
Sgt	Michael F. FITZGERALD	2077959	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating left buttock
LCpl	James F. GIBSON	2198678	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating both arms

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Sgt	Marcelo GONZALEZ	1828810	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right pelvis
LCpl	Richard GONZALEZ	2179939	28Aug67	MMAF, abrasions both knees
LCpl	Lawrence E. HANCOCK	2140860	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right lateral leg and right upper chest
SSgt	William P. HENDERSON	1870438	28Aug67	MMAF, abrasions and sprained right hand
LCpl	Gary W. HILL	2162219	28Aug67	MMAF, abrasions left hip
Cpl	John H. HILL	2163671	28Aug67	MMAF, abrasions forehead
Cpl	James D. JOLLIFF	2131242	28Aug67	MMAF, abrasions and sprained right foot
LCpl	Michael F. JORDON	2159029	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating upper back and left arm
Sgt	Ronald W. KIMBLER	1403218	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating left leg
Sgt	Raymond P. LINK	2073762	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating, intra-cranial and right hemothorax
Cpl	Frank H. MADERO	2168843	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right leg and thigh
LCpl	Royce W. MC FADDEN	2158943	7Aug67	Ban Quang Nam Province, GSW left lower arm
LCpl	Larry C. PATTERSON	2187903	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating left forearm
Sgt	Larry G. POWELL	1533022	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound through left leg
Cpl	Arnold E. PUTNAM	2138267	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating upper back
Cpl	Gerard A. ROY	2165910	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating upper back and left hand
SSgt	Joseph F. SACHARKO	1691194	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound lacerating right upper arm
Sgt	Ralph L. SHOEMAKER	1812611	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound through left arm

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Sgt	Arthur R. SMITH	1588360	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right forearm and hand
Cpl	Dewey E. STEELE	2175327	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right foot and left leg
LCpl	Gary A. SVICAROVICH	2177755	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right foot and left leg
Cpl	David P. TADEN	2133214	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right thigh
Cpl	Michael W. TRIPP	2136885	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating left foot
LCpl	Albert J. VALLIERE	2148204	28Aug67	MMAF, abrasions both knees
Sgt	Claude L. R. VIAR	2172702	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right chest and intra-cranial
LCpl	Billy P. WAGSTER	2144645	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right leg
Cpl	Gregory D. WELLS	2183281	15Aug67	13 miles SE of Da Nang, Quang Nam Province, shrapnel wound middle of back
Cpl	Gregory D. WELLS	2183281	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating lower back
LCpl	James H. WHITCOMB	2156341	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating left heel
LCpl	Timothy C. WILSON	2130558	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating right arm and left leg
Sgt	Peter WORRAIL	2127409	28Aug67	MMAF, shrapnel wound penetrating upper back
PFC	Dennis M. ZIMMERLE	2176332	28Aug67	MMAF, abrasions left shoulder

#### 4. Air Operations

a. Total flight hours:	1569.6
b. Total sorties:	4764
c. Total cargo tons:	103
d. Total med-evacs:	1244
e. Total Pax:	2621