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## PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Commanding Officer	1 Jun - 30 Jun 1968	Maj. D. W. HOFFERT
Executive Officer	1 Jun - 30 Jun 1968	Maj. J. L. HARRISON
Operations Officer	1 Jun - 30 Jun 1968	Maj. T. J. FALESKIE
Maintenance Officer	1 Jun - 30 Jun 1968	Capt. T. B. HILL
Administrative Officer	1 Jun - 30 Jun 1968	Capt. T. B. DICKSON
Logistics Officer	1 Jun - 30 Jun 1968	Capt. J. CLARK
Intelligence Officer	1 Jun - 30 Jun 1968	Capt. R. H. BURNHAM

## 2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

HMM-363, MAG-36, 1st MAW, FMFPac Phu Bai, RVN	1 Jun - 30 Jun 1968
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## 3. Average strength of squadron during period:

Officers: 48 (1 Navy)	Enlisted: 180
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4. Important visitors to the squadron: Major General Charles T. QUILTER, visited the squadron on 25 Jun 1968 to present awards to the officers and men of HMM-363.

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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, command and control, VIP chase, and admin/liaison missions. The events listed took place during the course of these operations.

1 Jun 1968

Capt. HILL led one section in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh lifting 25 U.S. passengers, 300 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 4 U.S. med-evacs. Another section, led by Lt. CULBRETH, flew command and control for the 3rd Marine Division carrying 40 U.S. passengers and 1,000 pounds of cargo. Lt. LANCASTER led a section flying 3 missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 20 U.S. passengers and 1,500 pounds of cargo.

Maj. FALESKIE and Lt. SMITH flew Quang Tri med-evac lifting 7 U.S. passengers, 500 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 23 U.S. med-evacs, and 2 ARVN med-evacs. VMO-6 aircraft flew escort.

At Phu Bai, one section, led by Capt. HIRE in the morning and Maj. HOFFERT in the afternoon, flew in support of Operation Houston for the 5th Marines. They lifted a total of 34 U.S. passengers and 800 pounds of cargo. Capt. CLARK led one section on med-evac at Phu Bai evacuating 1 VN Civilian and 1 Viet Cong wounded.

2 Jun 1968

Today HMM-363 flew almost all of its missions in support of the 3rd Marine Division and Task Force Hotel. At Phu Bai a section led by Capt. PRICE flew 1 med-evac mission evacuating 1 ARVN. Capt. PRICE also led a maintenance flight to MMAF in support of the squadron.

Capt. CLARK led one section in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh lifting 48 U.S. and 1 ARVN passenger, 2,000 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 17 U.S. med-evacs.

Lt. DUFFY led a section on two missions for the 3rd Marine Division lifting 60 U.S. passengers and 2,150 pounds of cargo. Maj. FALESKIE led another section also flying 2 missions for the 3rd Marine Division lifting 14 U.S. passengers, 2,700 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 1 U.S. med-evac. Capt. HIRE flew a VIP mission with Seaworthy carrying 1 U.S. passenger.

Quang Tri med-evac, led by Maj. HOFFERT and Lt. FISCHER, flew 8 missions lifting 1 U.S. passenger, 400 pounds of cargo and evacuating 18 U.S. med-evacs.

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Capt. MCCLUNG led a section in support of Operation Houston for the 5th Marines lifting 37 U.S. passengers, 2,600 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 3 U.S. med-evacs. Phu Bai med-evac, led by Capt. HIRE and Capt. COOPER flew 3 missions evacuating 5 U.S. med-evacs, 1 VN Civilian and carried 1 U.S. passenger. Lt. LANCASTER flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray.

Quang Tri med-evac, flown by Capt. PRICE and Capt. HILL, flew 12 missions lifting 4 U.S. and 4 VN Civilian passengers, and evacuating 15 U.S., 3 ARVN, and 4 VN Civilian med-evacs. Capt. WEST flew a VIP mission with Seaworthy aircraft also in support of the 3rd Marine Division.

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sahn lifting 22 U.S. passengers, evacuating 15 U.S. med-evacs, and expending 400 rounds of ammunition. Between the hours of 0800 and 1545 they received fire 4 times. It was a mixture of .30 Cal. and .50 Cal. intense fire from coordinates XD 9133 and XD 9034. No hits or injuries were reported and the mission was completed.

4 Jun 1968

Capt. PRICE led a section on 2 missions in support of Task Force Hotel and the 3rd Marine Division lifting 19 U.S. passengers, 7,200 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 15 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. COOPER also led a section flying 2 missions for Task Force Hotel. They lifted 22 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 11 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. MCCLUNG flew Quang Tri med-evac carrying 4 U.S. and 1 VN Civilian passengers, and evacuating 1 U.S. and 7 VN Civilian med-evacs.

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of the 5th Marines at Phu Bai lifting 50 U.S. passengers, 1,200 pounds of cargo and evacuating 2 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. JOHNSON flew a VIP mission with Scarface aircraft carrying 1 U.S. passenger, and Capt. CLARK flew a single plane admin/liasion mission to Da Nang carrying 5 U.S. passengers and 200 pounds of cargo.

Capt. HILL and Capt. SIMS flew Phu Bai med-evac with Scarface aircraft. They flew 3 missions lifting 2 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN Civilian passenger, and evacuating 2 U.S. and 2 VN Civilian med-evacs.

5 Jun 1968

Maj. HOFFERT led one section in support of Operation Houston for the 5th Marines lifting 42 U.S. passengers and 1,475 pounds of cargo. Lt.

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ENGLISH flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray with Scarface aircraft carrying 7 U.S. passengers and 500 pounds of cargo. Lt. MOORE flew a single aircraft mission to MMAF on squadron business lifting 6 U.S. passengers and 3680 pounds of cargo.

Phu Bai med-evac was flown by Capt. COOPER, Capt. HIRE, and Lt. DUFFY. They evacuated 5 U.S. and 2 VN Civilian med-evacs and carried 1 VN Civilian passenger.

Capt. CLARK led a section in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh lifting 38 U.S. passengers, 100 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 10 U.S. med-evacs.

Capt. MCCLUNG led a section in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 51 U.S. passengers, 2,800 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 1 U.S. med-evac. At 0800 while making a low level departure from Alpha-3 Capt. MCCLUNG received automatic weapons fire from a single NVA at coordinates YD 145705 resulting in 5 hits to YZ-1, BuNo. 150224. The aircraft was flown to Quang Tri without incident and no injuries were reported by the passengers or crew. Moderate automatic weapons fire was also received from coordinates YD 205721 and YD 210718 at approximately 1400 with no hits or injuries reported.

Quang Tri med-evac, led by Lt. SMITH and Lt. CULBRETH, flew 9 missions carrying 4 U.S. and 1 VN Civilian passenger, and evacuating 28 U.S., 2 ARVN, and 1 VN Civilian med-evacs. Capt. ABAJIAN flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division carrying 1 U.S. passenger.

6 Jun 1968

Maj. HARRISON led a section to Khe Sanh in support of Task Force Hotel lifting 17 U.S. passengers, 1,000 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 37 U.S. med-evacs. At 1130 Lt. LANCASTER, in the second aircraft, received small arms and mortar fire at coordinates XD899577 resulting in 3 hits to YZ-5, BuNo 150258. No injuries were reported and the damage did not effect the flying of the aircraft.

Quang Tri med-evac was flown by Capt. COOPER and Capt. PRICE. They lifted 2 U.S. passengers and evacuated 29 U.S. and 1 NVA med-evacs. Lt. DUFFY flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division carrying 9 U.S. passengers.

Lt. FISCHER led a section in support of Operation Houston for the 5th Marines lifting 54 U.S. passengers, 5 POW's, 1 U.S. med-evac, and 3,912 pounds of cargo. Lt. WICKERSHAM flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray lifting 1 U.S. passenger and 400 pounds of cargo. Capt. CLARK flew a single aircraft to MMAF on squadron business carrying 9 U.S. passengers.

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Phu Bai med-evac was flown by Lt. KESSLER and Capt. MCCLUNG evacuating 6 U.S., 1 VN Civilian, and 2 VC med-evacs.

7 Jun 1968

Two sections led by Capt. COOPER and Capt. HIRE launched in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh today. They lifted 102 U.S. passengers, 1 NVA POW, 1,100 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 37 U.S. and 1 NVA med-evacs. At 1530 the second aircraft in Capt. HIRE's flight, YZ-24, BuNo. 150230, piloted by Lt. STEVENSON crashed on take-off from loss of power at coordinates YD 899357. There were no injuries reported. A section led by Maj. HARRISON launched from Phu Bai with an aircraft recovery team of 3. At coordinates YD 015453 Maj. HARRISON's aircraft went down due to a power failure. There was one minor injury to Cpl. L. C. KLEINHANS. The second aircraft, piloted by Capt. AMEY, joined Capt. HIRE's section to continue the Khe Sanh mission lifting 3 U.S. passengers, 1 VIP, and evacuating 4 U.S. med-evacs.

Quang Tri med-evac was flown by Capt. MCCLUNG and Lt. FISCHER. They carried 4 U.S. passengers and evacuated 16 U.S. and 1 ARVN med-evacs. Capt. SCHOLLE flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division carrying 2 U.S. passengers and evacuating 5 U.S. med-evacs.

Capt. CLARK led a section in support of the 5th Marines at Phu Bai carrying 10 U.S. passengers. Lt. SMITH flew a single aircraft to MMAF on squadron business lifting 1 U.S. passenger and 500 pounds of cargo.

Phu Bai med-evac was flown by Maj. HOFFERT and Lt. SMITH. They carried 1 U.S. and 5 VN Civilian passengers and evacuated 4 U.S. and 4 VN Civilian med-evacs.

8 Jun 1968

Capt. CLARK led a section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 26 U.S. and 5 ARVN passengers and 400 pounds of cargo. Lt. CUNNINGHAM flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray.

Phu Bai med-evac was flown by Capt. AMEY, Lt. DUFFY, and Lt. SMITH. They evacuated 2 U.S. and 2 ARVN med-evacs. At approximately 1630, Lt. SMITH, while on med-evac mission 51D crashed at coordinates ZD 122013 due to suspected tail rotor failure. YZ-20, BuNo. 144645 caught on fire and burned. The aircraft was a total loss. Lt. SMITH received 1st and 2nd degree burns of the face and arms while the Aerial Gunner, L/Cpl. E. L. AVERY received a broken leg and 2nd degree burns of one arm and one leg. Two others received minor injuries.

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Capt. PRICE led one section in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh lifting 41 U.S. passengers, 500 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 10 U.S. med-evacs.

Maj. HARRISON and Capt. DICKSON flew Quang Tri med-evac lifting 7 U.S. and 1 VN Civilian passenger, and evacuating 3 U.S. and 2 ARVN med-evacs. Lt. ENGLISH flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division carrying 7 U.S. passengers.

Lt. KESSLER flew a single aircraft mission in support of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines lifting 19 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 3 U.S. med-evacs.

9 Jun 1968

The 5th Marines were supported today by a section led by Capt. PRICE. They lifted 69 U.S. passengers, 3,600 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 11 U.S. med-evacs.

Phu Bai med-evac was flown by Maj. HARRISON, Capt. COOPER, and Lt. KESSLER. They flew 7 missions evacuating 7 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN Civilian med-evacs. Capt. WEST flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray carrying 1 U.S. passenger.

Capt. HIRE led one section in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 15 U.S. and 2 ARVN passengers, and evacuating 4 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. WICKERSHAM flew a VIP mission also in support of the 3rd Marine Division.

Quang Tri med-evac was flown by Capt. AMEY and Lt. DUFFY. They lifted 3 U.S. passengers and evacuated 6 U.S., 17 ARVN, and 4 VN Civilian med-evacs.

10 Jun 1968

One section, led by Lt. CULBRETH, flew in support of Operation Houston for the 5th Marines lifting 23 U.S. passengers, 875 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 12 U.S. med-evacs.

Phu Bai med-evac was led by Maj. HOFFERT and Capt. AMEY. They flew 6 missions lifting 1 ARVN and 3 VN Civilian passengers, and evacuating 5 U.S., 3 ARVN, and 3 VN Civilian med-evacs.

Lt. DUFFY and Lt. KESSLER flew 8 missions on Quang Tri med-evac. They carried 13 U.S. passengers and evacuated 12 U.S. and 5 ARVN med-evacs. Lt. JOHNSON flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division evacuating 3 U.S. med-evacs.

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Capt. AMEY led a section in support of Operation Houston for the 5th Marines today lifting 29 U.S. passengers, 500 pounds of cargo and evacuating 5 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. ABAJIAN flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray carrying 1 U.S. passenger. Capt. COOPER flew a single aircraft mission for squadron business.

Phu Bai med-evac was led by Maj. HARRISON and Capt. PRICE. They flew 5 missions lifting 2 U.S. passengers and evacuating 5 U.S. and 1 VN Civilian med-evacs.

Quang Tri med-evac was led by Lt. FISCHER and Lt. CULBRETH. They flew 12 missions lifting 8 U.S. passengers and evacuating 10 U.S., 21 ARVN, and 5 VN Civilian med-evacs. Lt. CUNNINGHAM flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division lifting 3 U.S. passengers.

12 Jun 1968

Today Maj. HARRISON led one section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 36 U.S. passengers, 6,200 pounds of cargo and evacuating 9 U.S. med-evacs. Phu Bai med-evac was flown by Maj. HOFFERT carrying 1 ARVN passenger and evacuating 2 ARVN and 2 VN Civilian med-evacs.

Quang Tri med-evac was led by Capt. MCCLUNG and Lt. FISCHER. They carried 2 U.S. passengers and evacuated 7 U.S. and 3 VN Civilian med-evacs. Lt. CALLIHAN flew a VIP mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division lifting 2 U.S. passengers and 2 VIP's.

Capt. AMEY led one section in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh lifting 41 U.S. passengers, 200 pounds of cargo and evacuating 12 U.S. med-evacs. Small arms fire was received 4 times during the day from coordinates XD 925287, XD 845604, XD 876358, and XD 925274 with no hits or injuries reported.

13 Jun 1968

Capt. PRICE led one section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 17 U.S. passengers, 7,870 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 8 U.S. and 3 VN Civilian med-evacs. Maj. HOFFERT led one section to Da Nang on squadron business lifting 4 U.S. passengers and 880 pounds of cargo.

Phu Bai med-evac was led by Maj. HARRISON, Capt. HIRE, and Lt. KESSLER. They evacuated 8 U.S., 2 ARVN, and 1 VN Civilian med-evacs.

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Capt. MCCLUNG led one section to Khe Sanh in support of Task Force Hotel lifting 40 U.S. passengers, 5 VIP's, 550 pounds of cargo and evacuating 3 U.S. med-evacs.

Lt. LANCASTER and Lt. DUFFY led Quang Tri med-evac carrying 5 U.S. passengers and 8 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. MOORE flew a VIP mission with Seaworthy aircraft in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 6 U.S. passengers.

14 Jun 1968

Lt. KESSLER led a section in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh today lifting 35 U.S. passengers, 1 VIP, 1,300 pounds of cargo and evacuating 1 U.S. med-evac.

Lt. FISCHER flew Quang Tri med-evac evacuating 2 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. SIMS flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division carrying 7 U.S. passengers, 100 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac.

Lt. DUFFY led a section in support of the 5th Marines. They lifted 45 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and 14 U.S. med-evacs. Phu Bai med-evac was flown by Maj. HARRISON, Capt. AMEY, and Capt. MCCLUNG. They carried 1 U.S. and 3 VN Civilian passengers, and evacuated 13 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN Civilian med-evacs.

15 Jun 1968

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Lt. FISCHER led one section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 77 U.S. passengers, 7,350 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 7 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. CALLIHAN flew a VIP mission with Scarface aircraft in support of Task Force X-Ray carrying 4 U.S. passengers and 350 pounds of cargo. Maj. HOFFERT led a section on a liaison trip to the USS Princeton carrying 11 U.S. passengers.

Phu Bai med-evac was led by Maj. HARRISON and Capt. PRICE. They carried 2 U.S. passengers and evacuated 1 U.S., 2 VN Civilian, and 1 VC med-evac.

Capt. AMEY led a section to Khe Sanh in support of Task Force Hotel. They lifted 18 U.S. passengers, 500 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 29 U.S. med-evacs. At 1530 small arms fire was received at coordinates ZD 8734 with no hits or injuries reported.

Quang Tri med-evac was led by Capt. HIRE and Lt. CULBRETH. They carried 9 U.S. passengers, and evacuated 35 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 NVA med-evac. Lt. DUFFY led a section on a logistics/cargo mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 4 U.S. passengers and 1,300 pounds of cargo. Lt. HAGERMAN flew a VIP mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division with Seaworthy aircraft carrying 6 U.S. passengers.

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16 Jun 1968

Phu Bai med-evac was led today by Maj. FALESKIE and Maj. HOFFERT. They evacuated 3 U.S. med-evacs.

Maj. FALESKIE also led a section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 11 U.S. passengers and 900 pounds of cargo.

Three sections led by Maj. HARRISON, Capt. PRICE, and Capt. MCCLUNG flew in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh today. They lifted a total of 96 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 18 U.S. med-evacs. Maj. HARRISON's section received small arms fire at 0830 from coordinates XD 9027 with no hits or injuries reported.

Lt. DUFFY and Capt. SIMS led Quang Tri med-evac lifting 4 U.S. passengers, and evacuated 3 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 1 VN Civilian med-evacs. Lt. COSIMANO flew a VIP mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division carrying 3 U.S. passengers and evacuating 1 U.S. Army med-evac.

17 Jun 1968

Quang Tri med-evac was led today by Maj. HARRISON and Capt. PRICE. They carried 4 U.S. passengers and 10 U.S., and 6 ARVN med-evacs. Lt. CUNNINGHAM flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division carrying 4 U.S. passengers, 300 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac.

Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh was supported by two sections led by Capt. AMEY and Lt. FISCHER. They lifted 98 U.S. passengers, 1375 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 14 U.S. med-evacs.

Phu Bai med-evac was flown by Capt. CLARK and Capt. COOPER. They lifted 1 VN Civilian passenger, 5 U.S., and 4 VN Civilian med-evacs. Capt. SCHOLLE also flew a VIP mission in support of Task Force X-Ray.

18 Jun 1968

Quang Tri med-evac was flown today by Lt. FISCHER and Capt. ABAJIAN. They flew 6 missions evacuating 21 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. WICKERSHAM flew a VIP mission also in support of the 3rd Marine Division.

Capt. AMEY and Capt. MCCLUNG led sections today in support of Khe Sanh. They lifted 58 U.S., 1 VIP, and 1 ARVN passenger, and 1,000 pounds of cargo. Also, they evacuated 81 U.S. med-evacs.

Phu Bai med-evac was flown by Maj. HOFFERT and Maj. FALESKIE with 4 U.S. passengers and 3 U.S. med-evacs being lifted. Lt. COSIMANO flew a VIP mission with Scarface aircraft also in support of Task Force X-Ray.

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19 Jun 1968

Today Phu Bai med-evac was flown by Capt. CLARK, Capt. HIRE, and Capt. SIMS. They lifted 3 U.S., 3 VN Civilian passengers, and 1 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 3 VN Civilian med-evacs. Lt. TOMEK flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray with Scarface aircraft.

Maj. HARRISON's section supported Operation Houston for the 5th Marines by lifting 50 U.S. passengers, 6,400 pounds of cargo, and 15 U.S. med-evacs.

Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. PRICE supported Khe Sanh today with two sections lifting 103 U.S. passengers, 3,400 pounds of cargo and 14 U.S. med-evacs.

Lt. DUFFY and Capt. SCHOLLE flew Quang Tri med-evac evacuating 61 U.S. and 2 ARVN med-evacs, and lifting 750 pounds of cargo. At 1245 Lt. DUFFY received artillery in the zone at coordinates YD 085623 with no hits or injuries reported. Lt. COSIMANO also flew a VIP mission with Seaworthy aircraft for the 3rd Marine Division.

20 Jun 1968

Maj. HOFFERT and Capt. CLARK flew Phu Bai med-evac today lifting 7 VN Civilian passengers, and 9 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 4 VN Civilian med-evacs. Lt. WICKERSHAM flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray with Scarface aircraft and lifted 7 U.S. passengers and 100 pounds of cargo.

Capt. HIRE and Capt. SIMS led sections in support of Khe Sanh lifting 73 U.S. passengers, 1,400 pounds of cargo, and evacuating 21 U.S. med-evacs. Maj. FALESKIE led a section in support of both Khe Sanh and the 5th Marines at Phu Bai. His section lifted 95 U.S., 2 ARVN, 2 NVA POW passengers, and 750 pounds of cargo.

Capt. AMEY led Quang Tri med-evac lifting 2 U.S. passengers and 1 U.S. med-evac. Lt. MOORE flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division lifting 5 U.S. passengers, and 4 U.S. med-evacs.

21 Jun 1968

Quang Tri med-evac was flown today by Capt. CLARK and Capt. SCHOLLE. They flew a total of 4 missions lifting 5 U.S. passengers, and evacuating 5 U.S., and 5 ARVN med-evacs. Also in support of the 3rd Marine Division, Lt. COSIMANO flew a VIP mission with Seaworthy aircraft.

Lt. CULBRETH led a section in support of Khe Sanh which lifted 66 U.S.,

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1 VIP passenger, 820 pounds of cargo, and 18 U.S. med-evacs.

Phu Bai med-evac was led by Maj. HARRISON, Capt. DICKSON, and Capt. PRICE. A total of 7 missions was flown lifting 3 U.S., 1 VN Civilian passengers, and 6 U.S., 2 ARVN, and 2 VN Civilian med-evacs. Lt. DUFFY flew a VIP mission also in support of Task Force X-Ray carrying 1 U.S. passenger.

22 Jun 1968

Capt. COOPER, Capt. HIRE, and Lt. CULBRETH led Phu Bai med-evac running 8 missions lifting 2 U.S., 2 ARVN, and 9 VN Civilian passengers, and evacuating 4 U.S., 10 ARVN, and 2 VN Civilian med-evacs. Capt. SCHOLLE also supported Task Force X-Ray with a VIP mission carrying 1 U.S. passenger and 50 pounds of cargo.

Capt. AMEY led one section in support of Operation Houston for the 5th Marines. They carried 39 U.S. passengers, 1 VC POW, and 3,500 pounds of cargo. They also evacuated 9 U.S. med-evacs.

Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. CLARK supported Khe Sanh with 2 sections. They lifted 77 U.S. passengers, 400 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 7 U.S. med-evacs.

Capt. DICKSON and Capt. PRICE flew Quang Tri med-evac flying 13 missions. They lifted 16 U.S., and 3 VN Civilian passengers, 200 pounds of cargo, and 15 U.S., 4 ARVN, 3 VN Civilian, and 1 NVA med-evacs. Lt. JOHNSON also supported the 3rd Marine Division with a VIP mission lifting 9 U.S. passengers and 1 U.S. med-evac.

23 Jun 1968

Maj. HARRISON, Maj. FALESKIE, and Capt. MCCLUNG led Phu Bai med-evac today. They lifted 1 U.S. and 1 ARVN passenger, and evacuated 6 U.S., 6 ARVN, and 2 VN Civilian med-evacs. Lt. FISCHER also supported Task Force X-Ray with a VIP mission.

Capt. COOPER and Lt. CULBRETH flew Quang Tri med-evac for the 3rd Marine Division lifting 4 U.S. passengers, and 9 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. TOMBE flew a VIP mission, also for the 3rd Marine Division, lifting 16 U.S. passengers.

Two sections, led by Capt. AMEY and Capt. HIRE supported Khe Sanh by lifting 96 U.S. passengers, 1,650 pounds of cargo, and 27 U.S. med-evacs.

24 Jun 1968

Capt. DICKSON and Capt. PRICE led sections in support of Task Force

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Hotel at Khe Sanh today. Together they lifted 84 U.S. passengers, 1,800 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 32 U.S. med-evacs.

Quang Tri med-evac, led by Lt. FISCHER and Lt. STEVENSON, flew 8 missions lifting 4 U.S. passenger and 14 U.S. med-evacs. At 1545 Lt. STEVENSON's aircraft came under intense .50 Cal. fire at coordinates YD 062401 with no hits or injuries reported. Also in support of the 3rd Marine Division, Lt. RUCK flew a VIP mission lifting 12 U.S. passengers, 100 pounds of cargo, and 3 U.S. med-evacs.

Phi Bai med-evac was flown by Capt. CLARK and Capt. SCHOLLE today. They carried 3 U.S. and 2 VN Civilian passengers, and evacuated 4 U.S., 2 ARVN, and 1 VN Civilian med-evacs. Capt. MCCLUNG flew a VR mission for the 5th Marines and a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray with a Scarface aircraft.

Maj. HOFFERT led a section in support of the 5th Marines lifting 20 U.S. passengers and 5,630 pounds of cargo. Lt. JOHNSON flew a VIP mission with Scarface aircraft in support of III MAF.

25 Jan 1968

Quang Tri med-evac, led by Capt. HIRE and Capt. SIMS, flew 9 missions today. They lifted 9 U.S. passengers, 500 pounds of cargo, 20 U.S. and 1 ARVN were evacuated. Lt. JOHNSON flew a VIP mission, also in support of the 3rd Marine Division, carrying 9 U.S. passengers, 800 pounds of cargo, and 6 U.S. med-evacs.

One section, led by Maj. HARRISON, launched in support of Task Force Hotel at Khe Sanh. They lifted 122 U.S. passengers, 1,000 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 28 U.S. med-evacs. At 1110 at coordinates XD 8727 .30 Cal. automatic fire was received with no hits or injuries reported.

Phi Bai med-evac launched on 6 missions and was led by Maj. HOFFERT, Maj. WALSH, and Capt. AMBY. 2 VN Civilian passengers were lifted, and 9 U.S. and 5 ARVN med-evacs were evacuated. Lt. RUCK flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray carrying 1 U.S. passenger, 2 VC and 1 NVA POW's.

Maj. GUDBERG led a section in support of the 5th Marines. They moved 3 U.S. passengers and 250 pounds of cargo.

26 Jan 1968

Two sections led by Capt. HILL and Capt. MCCLUNG launched to Khe Sanh in support of Task Force Hotel. They lifted 31 U.S. passengers, 1,275 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 22 U.S. med-evacs. At 1500, Capt. HILL's aircraft came under small arms fire at coordinates XD 850418 with no hits or injuries reported.

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Quang Tri med-evac was flown today by Capt. CLARK and Lt. DUFFY. Three U.S. passengers were lifted and 53 U.S. med-evacs and 2 Marine Scout dogs were evacuated. Lt. CULBRETH flew a VIP mission, also in support of the 3rd Marine Division, lifting 1 U.S. and 5 VN Civilian passengers, 500 pounds of cargo, and 1 U.S. med-evac.

Maj. HARRISON led a section in support of Operation Houston for the 5th Marines lifting 9 U.S. and 8 ARVN passengers, 700 pounds of cargo, and 11 U.S. med-evacs. Maj. HOFFERT flew a single aircraft to MAAF on an admin mission carrying 2 U.S. passengers.

Maj. FALESKIE and Capt. DICKSON flew Phu Bai med-evac lifting 1 VN Civilian passenger and 1 U.S. and 2 VN Civilian med-evacs. Lt. STEVENSON flew a VIP mission with a Scarface aircraft for Task Force X-Ray.

27 Jun 1968

Operation Houston was supported today by one section led by Capt. MCCLUNG. Thirty three U.S. passengers and 11,800 pounds of cargo was lifted, and 9 U.S. and 1 VN Civilian were evacuated.

Capt. COOPER led Phu Bai med-evac lifting 1 VN Civilian passenger and 1 VN Civilian med-evac. Lt. CUNNINGHAM flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray carrying 7 U.S. passengers.

Maj. FALESKIE led a section to Khe Sanh in support of Task Force Hotel. They lifted 51 U.S. passengers, 2 VIP's, 500 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 5 U.S. med-evacs.

Quang Tri med-evac was flown by Capt. AMEY and Lt. FISCHER. They evacuated 18 U.S. and 1 ARVN med-evacs and lifted 5 U.S. passengers and 500 pounds of cargo. Lt. HAGERMAN flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division lifting 15 U.S. passengers, 100 pounds of cargo and 2 U.S. med-evacs.

28 Jun 1968

Quang Tri med-evac was flown today by Capt. HILL and Capt. MCCLUNG. They lunched on 12 missions lifting 16 U.S. passengers and 23 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. CACCIOLA also supported the 3rd Marine Division with a VIP mission lifting 7 U.S. passengers and 300 pounds of cargo.

Capt. HIRE and Capt. COOPER led two sections to Khe Sanh in support of Task Force Hotel. They lifted 24 U.S. passengers, 900 pounds of cargo and 25 U.S. med-evacs.

Maj. HOFFERT led a section in support of the 5th Marines today lifting 14 U.S. and 2 VN Civilian passengers, 1,200 pounds of cargo, and 16 U.S. and 2 VN Civilian med-evacs.

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Maj. HARRISON and Capt. CLARK flew Phu Bai med-evac launching on 3 missions and lifting 2 VN Civilian passengers, and 4 ARVN and 1 VN Civilian med-evacs. Lt. ROSE flew a VIP mission with Scarface aircraft carrying 1 U.S. passenger and 400 pounds of cargo.

29 Jun 1968

Capt. CLARK led a section in support of Operation Houston for the 5th Marines lifting 40 U.S. passengers and 950 pounds of cargo.

Lt. CUNNINGHAM flew Phu Bai med-evac evacuating 3 U.S. med-evacs. Capt. SIMS flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray carrying 2 U.S. passengers.

Capt. PRICE flew Quang Tri med-evac today launching on 6 missions. One U.S. passenger was lifted, and 23 U.S. med-evacs were evacuated. Lt. DYER flew a VIP mission for the 3rd Marine Division and carried 2 U.S. passengers.

Two sections, led by Capt. HIRE and Capt. DICKSON launched to support Task Force Hotel. They lifted 37 U.S. passengers, 100 pounds of cargo, and 27 U.S. med-evacs.

30 Jun 1968

Two sections, led by Capt. AMEY and Lt. FISCHER, launched in support of Task Force Hotel. They lifted 69 U.S. passengers, 500 pounds of cargo, and evacuated 25 U.S. and 6 ARVN med-evacs. At 1400 and 1630, Capt. AMEY's aircraft came under .30 Cal. automatic weapons fire from coordinates YD 270700 and XD 778440 respectively with no hits or injuries reported.

Capt. CLARK and Capt. ABAJIAN flew Quang Tri med-evac lifting 3 U.S. passengers and 5 U.S. med-evacs. Lt. RUCK flew a VIP mission in support of the 3rd Marine Division with Seaworthy aircraft lifting 4 U.S. passengers.

Capt. HIRE led a section in support of Operation Houston lifting 38 U.S. passengers and 4,600 pounds of cargo. They also evacuated 14 U.S. med-evacs.

Phu Bai med-evac, led by Maj. HOFFERT launched on one mission lifting 1 U.S. med-evac. Lt. COSIMANO flew a VIP mission for Task Force X-Ray and carried 5 U.S. passengers. Lt. STEVENSON flew a single aircraft admin mission to Da Nang carrying 6 U.S. passengers in support of MAG-36.

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## PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Promotions

- a. Officers: None
- b. Enlisted: One (1) to Sergeant  
One (1) to Corporal  
Two (2) to Lance Corporal

2. Awards

- a. Capt. Joe CLARK 088803/7561 was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Single Mission Air Medal.
- b. Maj. James L. HARRISON 065968/7561 was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Single Mission Air Medal.
- c. Maj. Duwayne W. HOFFERT 062272/7561 was awarded the Silver Star and a Single Mission Air Medal.
- d. 1stLt. Joseph G. RUZICKA 0101699/7561 was awarded the Purple Heart Medal.
- e. Capt. Joseph F. SCHOLLE 092234/7561 was awarded the Purple Heart Medal.
- f. 1stLt. Frank G. WICKERSHAM III 095154 was awarded the Purple Heart Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal.
- g. LCpl. Patricio B. MARES 2178860/6332 was awarded the Purple Heart Medal.
- h. Capt. Homer E. HIRE Jr. 089417/7561 was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal.
- i. A total of 136 Air Medals were awarded to the Officers of HMM-363.
- j. A total of 129 Air Medals were awarded to the Enlisted med of HMM-363.

3. Casualties

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
SSgt.	GREEN, James R.	1916104/6212	3Jun68	Injured playing Softball, Phu Bai
LCpl.	KLEINHANS, Lawrence C.	2173653/6332	7Jun68	100 meters S.E. Ca Lu, Quang Tri Province, Aircraft Accident.

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1stLt.	HAMMOND, Dennis E.	095273/7562	8Jun68	15 Nautical miles S.E. Phu Bai, A/C Accident.
1stLt.	SMITH, Joe B.	099998/7561	8Jun68	" " "
LCpl.	VERY, Eugene L.	2237643/2111	8Jun68	" " "
Cpl.	HATCHER, Garret N.	2190487/6332	8Jun68	" " "
LCpl.	VATIER, Gregory	2281952/6332	12Jun68	Phu Bai
LCpl.	KIDDER, Thomas L.	2310107/6381	22Jun68	Phu Bai, injured in Accident in Barracks.

#### 4. Air Operations

- a. Total Flight Hours: 1733.9
- b. Total Sorties: 5731
- c. Total Cargo, Tons: 67.7
- d. Total Med-Evacs: 1545
- e. Total Passengers: 3335

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