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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for Month of February 1969

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Encl:  (1) Part I Organizational Data  
 (2) Part II Narrative Summary  
 (3) Part III Significant Events

1. As directed by reference (a), the subject report is submitted as enclosures (1), (2), and (3).

2. Upon removal of the enclosures, this letter is down-graded to unclassified.

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## 1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol. R. L. ROBINSON	1-19Feb69
	LtCol. B. R. WILKINSON	20-28Feb69
b. Executive Officer	Maj. H. D. GRESS	1-28Feb69
c. Operations Officer	Maj. C. L. DAVIS	1-28Feb69
d. Administrative Officer	1stLt. J. L. DANIEL	1-28Feb69
e. Aviation Safety Officer	Maj. G. W. LEE	1-28Feb69
f. Intelligence Officer	1stLt. T. D. BLAKE	1-28Feb69
g. Material Control Officer	Capt. W. W. CREWS	1-28Feb69
h. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Maj. G. W. BROWN	1-28Feb69
i. Flight Surgeon	Lt. B. L. VANZANT	1-28Feb69

2. MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON THREE SIX SEVEN  
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First Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
Hue/Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam  
1-28 February 1969

3. Average Monthly Strength: 36 Officers; 145 Enlisted

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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 Feb 69 - A total of 5 tasks were accomplished with 12 sorties and 5.7 flight hours. One aircraft flew 10 sorties and 5.2 hours in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN.

HML-367 detachment flew 32 sorties and 5.2 hours, carrying 37 passengers, .50 tons of cargo, lifting 1 emergency med evac, while supporting Operation KENTUCKY.

2 Feb 69 - A total of 5 tasks were accomplished with 39 sorties and 10.4 flight hours. One aircraft flew 4 sorties and 3.0 flight hours in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN.

HML-367 detachment flew 64 sorties and 16.6 hours. Carrying 48 passengers, and .50 tons of cargo. Supporting Operations KENTUCKY and SCOTLAND II.

3 Feb 69 - A total of 13 tasks were accomplished with 44 sorties and 16.1 flight hours. One aircraft flew 31 sorties, 8.0 flight hours, and expended 10 2.75 rockets and 1000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN.

HML-367 detachment flew 76 sorties and 21.9 hours. Carrying 51 passengers, .50 tons of cargo and 1 emergency, 2 priority, and 1 routine med evacs. Supporting Operation SCOTLAND II.

4 Feb 69 - A total of 13 tasks were accomplished with 42 sorties and 11.8 flight hours. One aircraft flew 32 sorties, 6.6 flight hours, and expended 20 s.75 rockets and 1500 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN.

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HML-367 detachment flew 85 sorties and 19.5 hours. Carrying 76 passengers, .50 tons of cargo and 1 routine med evac. Supporting Operations KENTUCKY and SCOTLAND II.

5 Feb 69 - A total of 21 tasks were accomplished with 33 sorties and 13.7 flight hours. One aircraft flew 25 sorties and 8.0 flight hours in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN.

HML-367 detachment flew 72 sorties and 17.7 hours. Carrying 54 passengers, one ton of cargo and 1 priority med evac. Supporting Operations KENTUCKY, DEWEY CANYON, and DAWSON RIVER.

6 Feb 69 - A total of 13 tasks were accomplished with 15 sorties and 5.8 flight hours. One aircraft flew 14 sorties, 5.3 flight hours, and expended 10 2.75 rockets and 2000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN.

HML-367 detachment flew 123 sorties and 24.6 hours. Carrying 112 passengers, .75 tons of cargo, 2 priority and 1 routine med evac. Supporting Operations KENTUCKY and SCOTLAND II.

7 Feb 69 - A total of 10 tasks were accomplished with 36 sorties and 10.8 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 4 sorties and 2.1 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

8 Feb 69 - A total of 28 tasks were accomplished with 51 sorties and 22.4 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 23 sorties, 10.7 flight hours, and expended 24 2.75 rockets and 2000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN. Two aircraft flew 6 sorties and 1.6 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. One aircraft flew 2 sorties, 1.0 flight hours and dropped 8 "HTW" bombs in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON.

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HML-367 detachment flew 164 sorties and 39.9 flight hours. Carrying 185 passengers, 2.25 tons of cargo, 1 priority and 1 routine med evac, while supporting Operations KENTUCKY and SCOTLAND II.

9 Feb 69 - A total of 28 tasks were accomplished with 52 sorties and 26.8 flight hours. One aircraft flew 23 sorties and 7.8 flight hours in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN. Two aircraft flew 12 sorties and 6.5 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

HML-367 detachment flew 84 sorties and 18.8 flight hours. Carrying 103 passengers, .75 tons of cargo, and 3 priority, 1 routine med evacs. Supporting Operations SCOTLAND II, DEWEY CANYON and MARSHALL MOUNTAIN.

10 Feb 69 - A total of 25 tasks were accomplished with 48 sorties and 27.5 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 16 sorties, 9.2 flight hours, expended 14 2.75 rockets and 6000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. One aircraft flew 20 sorties and 7.6 flight hours in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN.

11 Feb 69 - A total of 30 tasks were accomplished with 49 sorties and 22.8 flight hours. One aircraft flew 16 sorties, 7.4 flight hours, and expended 4 2.75 rockets and 500 7.62 rds. in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN. Two aircraft flew 12 sorties and 4.7 hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

HML-367 detachment flew 56.3 hours and 259 sorties. Carrying 288 passengers, 1.50 tons of cargo, and 1 emergency, 3 priority, 1 routine med evacs. Supporting Operations KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND II and MARSHALL MOUNTAIN.

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12 Feb 69 - A total of 39 tasks were accomplished with 89 sorties and 41.7 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 33 sorties, 13.2 flight hours, and expended 84 2.75 rockets and 4500 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN. Two aircraft flew 18 sorties, 10.2 flight hours, and expended 12 2.75 rockets and 3000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

HML-367 detachment flew 90 sorties and 23.9 flight hours. Carrying 57 passengers, 1.25 tons of cargo and 1 emergency med evac. Supporting Operation DEWEY CANYON.

13 Feb 69 - A total of 50 tasks were accomplished with 78 sorties and 34.9 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 42 sorties, 16.0 flight hours, and expended 90 2.75 rockets and 17,500 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN. Two aircraft flew 22 sorties, 13.8 flight hours, and expended 32 2.75 rockets and 2000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

HML-367 detachment flew 153 sorties and 35.6 flight hours. Carrying 137 passengers, 1.25 tons of cargo, 2 emergency, 2 priority and 1 routine med evacs. Supporting Operations KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND II and DEWEY CANYON.

14 Feb 69 - A total of 57 tasks were accomplished with 116 sorties and 44.2 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 54 sorties, 13.8 flight hours, and expended 80 2.75 rockets and 14,000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN. Two aircraft flew 20 sorties, 13.7 flight hours, and expended 28 2.75 rockets and 10,000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

HML-367 detachment flew 84 sorties and 24.5 hours. Carrying 83 passengers, 1.25 tons of cargo, 3 emergency and 4 priority med evacs. Supporting Operations DEWEY CANYON, SCOTLAND II, and MARSHALL MOUNTAIN.

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15 Feb 69 - A total of 31 tasks were accomplished with 52 sorties and 21.1 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 32 sorties, 12.4 flight hours, and expended 10,000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN. Two aircraft flew 4 sorties and 3.1 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. One aircraft flew 14 sorties, 3.5 flight hours, and lifted 16 passengers in support of Operation HENDERSON HILL.

HML-367 detachment flew 33 sorties and 6.7 hours. Carrying 68 passengers and .50 tons of cargo. Supporting Operations KENTUCKY and MARSHALL MOUNTAIN.

16 Feb 69 - A total of 6 tasks were accomplished with 12 sorties and 8.3 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 10 sorties and 7.6 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

17 Feb 69 - A total of 5 tasks were accomplished with 15 sorties and 8.8 flight hours. One aircraft flew 11 sorties and 4.0 flight hours in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN.

HML-367 detachment flew 73 sorties and 22.0 hours. Carrying 73 passengers, 1.25 tons of cargo, and 2 emergency, 1 priority med evacs. Supporting Operation DEWEY CANYON.

18 Feb 69 - A total of 32 tasks were accomplished with 59 sorties and 27.9 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 14 sorties and 8.8 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

HML-367 detachment flew 99 sorties and 28.3 hours. Carrying 80 passengers and one ton of cargo. Supporting Operation DEWEY CANYON.

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19 Feb 69 - A total of 4 tasks were accomplished with 14 sorties and 3.7 flight hours. No operations were supported due to Aircraft Availability.

HML-367 detachment flew 76 sorties and 18.8 hours. Carrying 52 passengers, .50 tons of cargo, and 1 routine med evac. Supporting Operation DEWEY CANYON.

20 Feb 69 - A total of 17 tasks were accomplished with 60 sorties and 27.2 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 22 sorties, 12.7 flight hours, and expended 28 2.75 rockets and 8000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

HML-367 detachment flew 66 sorties and 14.5 hours. Carrying 55 passengers and .50 tons of cargo. Supporting Operation DEWEY CANYON.

21 Feb 69 - A total of 13 tasks were accomplished with 50 sorties and 15.2 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 6 sorties and 4.0 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

HML-367 detachment flew 33 sorties and 10.4 hours. Carrying 45 passengers while supporting Operation DEWEY CANYON.

22 Feb 69 - A total of 12 tasks were accomplished with 33 sorties and 15.5 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 12 sorties, 8.4 flight hours, and expended 24 2.75 rockets and 1000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation DEWEY CANYON.

HML-367 detachment flew 80 sorties and 16.2 hours. Carrying 71 passengers and 1 emergency, 2 priority and 6 routine med evacs. Supporting Operations DEWEY CANYON.

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23 Feb 69 - A total of 19 tasks were accomplished with 38 sorties and 25.1 flight hours. One aircraft flew 13 sorties, 6.1 flight hours, and expended 38 2.75 rockets and 1000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation DEWEY CANYON.

HML-367 detachment flew 79 sorties and 17.9 hours. Carrying 63 passengers in support of Operations KENTUCKY and DEWEY CANYON.

24 Feb 69 - A total of 14 tasks were accomplished with 70 sorties and 23.4 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 20 sorties and 10.2 flight hours in support of Operation DEWEY CANYON.

HML-367 detachment flew 44 sorties and 10.5 hours. Carrying 34 passengers, .75 tons of cargo, 2 priority and 1 routine med evacs, while supporting Operation DEWEY CANYON.

25 Feb 69 - A total of 21 tasks were accomplished with 63 sorties and 32.1 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 8 sorties, 7.9 flight hours, and expended 36 2.75 rockets and 15,000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. One aircraft flew 20 sorties, 6.7 flight hours, and lifted 20 passengers in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON. Four aircraft flew 24 sorties, 14.0 flight hours, and expended 16 2.75 rockets and 6000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation DEWEY CANYON.

HML-367 detachment flew 88 sorties and 17.7 hours. Carrying 77 passengers, .25 tons of cargo, and 3 routine med evacs. Supporting Operations KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND II, and DEWEY CANYON.

26 Feb 69 - A total of 54 tasks were accomplished with 93 sorties and 44.5 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 6 sorties and 8.2 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Two aircraft flew 38 sorties, 13.7

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flight hours, and expended 125 2.75 rockets and 28,000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN. Two aircraft flew 32 sorties and 11.1 flight hours in support of Operation SCOTLAND II.

HML-367 detachment flew 46 sorties and 12.6 hours. Carrying 41 passengers and 3 routine med evacs. Supporting Operation DEWEY CANYON. 27 Feb 69 - A total of 15 tasks were accomplished with 34 sorties and 15.3 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 6 sorties and 4.0 flight hours in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. Two aircraft flew 7 sorties and 4.7 flight hours in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON EIGHT.

HML-367 detachment flew 63 sorties and 12.6 hours. Carrying 73 passengers and .25 tons of cargo. Supporting Operation DEWEY CANYON. 28 Feb 69 - A total of 15 tasks were accomplished with 35 sorties and 25.4 flight hours. Four aircraft flew 26 sorties, 19.0 flight hours and expended 22 2.75 rockets and 4000 rds. of 7.62 in support of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.

HML-367 detachment flew 61 sorties and 15.2 hours. Carrying 77 passengers, .75 tons of cargo, 1 emergency, 2 priority and 4 routine med evacs. Supporting Operation DEWEY CANYON.

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- a. On 20 February 1969 LtCol. B. R. WILKINSON assumed command of HML-367 from LtCol. R. L. ROBINSON.
- b. During the reporting period this Squadron joined seven (7) Officers, eleven (11) enlisted. Five (5) officers and Fourteen (14) enlisted men were transferred.
- c. The below listed personnel were promoted to rank indicated:
- |                          |              |                   |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Capt. Joseph F. KLINE    | 084694/7563  | To Major          |
| Capt. Gregory W. LEE     | 082447/7563  | To Major          |
| L/Cpl Larry D. ALEXANDER | 2210426/7113 | To Corporal       |
| L/Cpl Larry L. VINCENT   | 2223203/6341 | To Corporal       |
| PFC Cecil T. SEYMOUR     | 2453553/0141 | To Lance Corporal |
| PFC David J. COMSTOCK    | 2324165/6371 | To Lance Corporal |
- d. Lance Corporal Richard G. McCLEVEY 2359791 was listed as a casualty.

2. Awards

- a. There were six (6) Air Medals presented under the Flight/Strike system.
- b. The following individual decorations were presented:
- |                          |              |                         |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Cpl. Norman P. GUTZWILER | 2251344/6319 | Silver Star             |
| Cpl. Charles E. SCOTT    | 2348717/6341 | Navy Commendation Medal |
| Cpl. Robert E. NOWICKI   | 2150374/7041 | Purple Heart            |
| Cpl. Eugene Edwards      | 2244967/6311 | Purple Heart            |

3. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence

- a. During the month of February there was a slight increase in the number of enemy initiated fire incidents. The total number of individual aircraft receiving fire was 30. The total number of spot reports was five.
- b. Areas of most intense fire for this Squadron were south (ROK Resupply) and west (DEWEY CANYON/PRAIRIE FIRE Opns.).

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a. There were no Operational Aircraft Accidents during the month.

b. There were four Aircraft Incidents during the month.

(1) 10 Feb 69 - Engine cowling separated from aircraft immediately after take-off. Limited damage and no injuries.

(2) 18 Feb 69 - Main Rotor Blade struck wind sock on take-off while aircraft was IFR in dust. Limited damage and no injuries.

(3) 24 Feb 69 - Chip detector light illuminated during flight. Precautionary landing made. Post flight inspection revealed chips in 42° gear box. Limited damage and no injuries.

(4) 27 Feb 69 - Transmission chip detector light illuminated during flight. Precautionary landing made. Post flight inspection revealed metal chips on chip detector strainer. Limited damage and no injuries.

c. There were four DEA's during the month.

(1) 6 Feb 69 - One small arms round through main rotor blade, no injuries.

(2) 12 Feb 69 - One small arms round through main rotor blade, one small arms round through left side of aft tail pylon section. No injuries.

(3) 26 Feb 69 - One small arms round through main rotor blade. No injuries.

(4) 28 Feb 69 - Five small arms rounds in main rotor blades, three small arms rounds through tail boom, one small arms hit left rear skid. No injuries.

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d. There were no Ground Incidents during the month.

5. NATOPS - One pilot and three crew chiefs received their yearly checks during the month. One pilot received his Instrument Card during the month.

6. Maintenance

a. Maintenance for the month of February was performed as to expectations.

(1) Maintenance Control issued a total of 915 JCN's.

(2) Approximately 100 reports/documents were processed by the Maintenance Admin Section.

(3) Availability was 57% for the month.

(4) Three (3) aircraft received battle damage (VL-14, VL-5, VL-25).

7. Air Operations

Total Hours Flown	1096.1
Total Gun Hours	414.1
Total Slick Hours	682.0
Total Sorties	3456
Total Med Evacs	65
Total Pax Carried	2312
Total Cargo Carried	18.25 Tons
7.62 Rounds Expended	138,500
2.75 Rockets Expended	727
Armed Helo Sorties	725
Armed Helo Tasks	347
PRAIRIE FIRE Sorties	212
PRAIRIE FIRE Hours	127.5

8. Major Operations Supported

TAYLOR COMMON, VICTORY DRAGON SEVEN, VICTORY DRAGON EIGHT, DEWEY CANYON, DAWSON RIVER, KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND II, MARSHALL MOUNTAIN, HENDERSON HILL and PRAIRIE FIRE.

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