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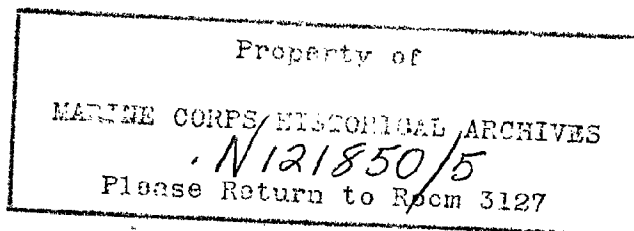
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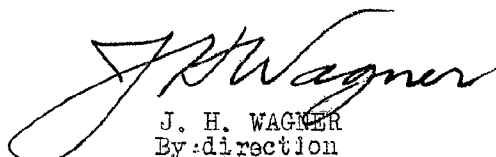
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COMMAND DIARY

1 May 1963 - 17 July 1963

Lieutenant Colonel H. F. BROWN
Commander

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PART A.

Organizational Data Sheet

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1. Reporting Unit: Task Element 79.3.3.6
2. Period Covered: 1 May 1963 to 17 July 1963
3. Date Submitted:
4. Commander: Lieutenant Colonel H. F. BROWN, USMC
5. Location: DaNang, Republic of Vietnam
6. Subordinate Units:
 - a. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 162
LtCol Reinhardt LEU, USMC, Commanding
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 - b. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261
LtCol Frank A. SHOOK, USMC, Commanding
(8 June 1963 - 17 July 1963)
 - c. Sub Unit #2, Marine Air Base Squadron 16
LtCol George H. LINNEMEIER, USMC, Commanding
(1 May 1963 - 4 July 1963)
 - d. Sub Unit #2, Marine Air Base Squadron 16
LtCol Earl W. CASSIDY, USMC, Commanding
(5 July 1963 - 17 July 1963)

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PART B.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. May 1963 - Five ill Vietnamese civilians and one injured Vietnamese civilian from Tra My (BT 015 970) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ARVN KIA from (YD 159 283) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. An 18 foot Boa Constrictor was lifted from Tra My (BS 015 970) to DaNang.

C-117D launched to Saigon for Commissary supplies and returned the same day.

2 May 1963 - BGen. G. S. J. BOWMAN and members of the Wing Staff arrived on a four day visit. The Quang Ngai Province Chief was lifted throughout the area to various outpost. One ARVN WIA from Cokava (YD 185 137), one ill ARVN from Tra My (BT 015 970) and five ill ARVN from Mang Buk (AS 998 420) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for Commissary supplies and returned the same day.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies, two AOCP, one ANFE, and one pri 5.

3 May 1963 - One ill Vietnamese civilian from Tam Ky (BT 307 187) was evacuated to Quang Ngai Hospital. One ARVN WIA from (YD 222 156) was evacuated to Hue Hospital.

Statistics for week 27 April 1963 to 3 May 1963 were as follows:

A/C Model	Flight Time	Sorties	Passengers	Cargo	Med Evacs	No. A/C Hits
UH-34D	504.9	1,095	2,666	284,265	52	15
O-1B	68.6	26	0	0	0	0
C-117D	28.6	10	85	86,610	0	0

Still pending are, thirty seven AOCP, seven ANFE, and seven VOCP. Still having trouble with receiving VOCP's. Still out for M-211 fitting, Disc. Conn. line since 6 Feb 1963.

4 May 1963 - One ARVN WIA from Tama (BS 339 507) was evacuated to Quang Ngai Hospital. Seven ARVN WIA and one ARVN KIA from Aloui (YC 830 996) and one ARVN KIA FROM (YD 222 145) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. Four ARVN WIA from (AT 940 945) and two ARVN WIA from (AS 910 933) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

5 May 1963 - 18 UH-34D's lifted 376 ARVN troops in three waves to LZ (AS 895 885). Three ARVN WIA from (YD 096 336) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Four ARVN WIA from (AS 912 762) were evacuated to Tra My (BS 015 970).

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6 May 1963 - 10 UH-34D's lifted 607 ARVN troops into two LZ's, LZ "Z" (AS 900 835) and LZ "B" (AS 952 303), in support of the 5 May 1963 operations. One ARVN WIA from (AT 876 865) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One U. S. Army Advisor KIA was evacuated from (ZC 020 572) to the Air Force flight line at DaNang for further evacuation to the U. S. Army Hospital at Nha Trang. Two ARVN WIA from Ha Tan (BS 384 704) were evacuated to Quang Ngai Hospital. Two ARVN WIA from (YD 149 137) were evacuated to Cokava (YD 185 137). One ARVN WIA from (AT 916 244) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies, seventeen AOCP, four ANFE, and twenty pri 5's. Still outstanding AOCP twenty five, eight ANFE and eighty eight pri 5's.

7 May 1963 - Four ill ARVN from Phuoc Chau #2 (AT 854 207) and thirteen ARVN WIA from Tra My (BS 015 970) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Two ARVN KIA and one ARVN WIA from (YD 165 265) were evacuated to Ba Loung (YC 861 821). One ill U. S. Advisor from (YC 877 845) was evacuated to DaNang Marine Dispensary.

8 May 1963 - Two UH-34D's received automatic weapons fire from (YD 175 275). Two other UH-34D's received automatic and small arms fire from (YD 120 120) and (YD 205 150). None of the aircraft were hit. Eleven ARVN WIA from (AS 918 711) were evacuated to Tra My (BS 015 970). One ARVN KIA from (AS 916 962) and eight ARVN WIA from An Diem (ZC 085 572) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

Weekly AOCP/ANFE status report:

UH-34D - 8 AOCP and no ANFE
O-1B - 1 VOCP and 1 ANFE

9 May 1963 - One Marine attached to Sub Unit Two, MABS-16 was wounded by an accidental discharge of his own weapon. The incident happened at Hue (YD 754 233). He was evacuated to the DaNang Marine Dispensary and further evacuated by fixed wing aircraft to the U.S. Army Hospital Nha Trang. Four ARVN WIA from (AS 960 820) and three ARVN WIA from Tra My (BS 015 970) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Another evacuation mission lifted two ill ARVN from (AS 926 727) and six ARVN WIA from (AS 927 762). Another evacuation mission lifted one ill ARVN from Nong Son (AT 876 399). All evacuees were flown to DaNang Hospital. Two more ill ARVN were evacuated to Hue Hospital.

KC-130 arrived with supplies, Nine AOCP, two ANFE, and nine Pri 5's.

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10 May 1963 - Two ARVN WIA from (AS 987 747), two ARVN WIA from (AS 970 769) and four ARVN WIA from (AS 930 940) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Three ARVN WIA from Tra My (BS 015 970) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ARVN WIA from (YD 094 145) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. While in the LZ the aircraft received small arms fire but received no hits. One ill ARVN from (YD 222 155) was evacuated to Cokava (YD 020 454). One ill ARVN from Thanh My (ZC 024 439) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Two ill ARVN from Nam Dong (YC 877 848) and one ARVN KIA and two ARVN WIA from Khe Tre (YC 918 893) were evacuated to Hue Hospital.

Statistics for week 4 May 1963 to 10 May 1963 were as follows:

<u>A/C Model</u>	<u>Flight Time</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C Hits</u>
UH-34D	532.2	1773	3,773	202,004	106	0
O-1B	34.3	21	0	0	0	0
C-117D	17.6	6	26	13,576	0	0

11 May 1963 - One ill ARVN from New Ro (ZC 042 233) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ill ARVN from (YD 094 415) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. Two ARVN WIA from (AS 960 790), and one ARVN WIA and two ARVN KIA from Ngotovek (YC 971 015) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Seven ARVN WIA from (AS 873 966) were evacuated to Tra My (BS 015 970).

12 May 1963 - One ARVN WIA from Cokava (YD 185 137) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. Three ARVN WIA from (AS 965 765) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies, five AOCF, three ANFE and one VOCP.

13 May 1963 - One ill ARVN and one ARVN WIA from Tra My (BS 015 970) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Another ill ARVN from (AS 897 885) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ill U.S. Advisor from Khe Sanh (XD 859 381) was evacuated to DaNang Marine Dispensary. Two UH-34D's received small arms fire from (AT 965 559) but received no hits.

14 May 1963 - One ill ARVN from Talon (BS 339 507) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ARVN WIA from Nam Dong (YS 877 848) and five ARVN WIA from HMM-162 Flight Line were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Two UH-34D's received small arms fire at (YC 552 818) but received no hits. Seven ill ARVN and two ARVN WIA from (AS 910 962) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

15 May 1963 - One ARVN WIA from Cokava (YD 185 137) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. Five ARVN WIA and one VC POW from (AS 923 746). The five WIA were evacuated to DaNang Hospital, the VC POW was lifted to Tra My (BS 015 970). Two ill ARVN from (AS 910 962) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

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Weekly AOCF/ANFE Status Report for 15 May 1963 is as follows:

UH-34D - 6 AOCF and 4 ANFE
 O-1B - 1 AOCF and 1 ANFE
 C-117D - 1 AOCF and no ANFE

16 May 1963 - One ill ARVN from (AS 900 766) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Two ill ARVN and five ARVN WIA from Beloung (YC 361 821) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. Two UH-34D's received automatic small arms fire from (YD 525 037) but received no hits.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies, two VOCK, two ANFE, six AOCF and seventeen Pri 5's.

17 May 1963 - 16 UH-34D's lifted 715 Vietnamese Marines and equipment from (AS 900 766) to Tra My (BS 015 970). Five ill ARVN and two ARVN WIA from (AS 900 766) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ARVN from Ngoktavak (YC 971 016) and two ARVN WIA from Tra My (BS 015 970) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

Statistics for the week 11 May 1963 to 17 May 1963 were as follows:

A/C Model	Flight Time	Sorties	Passengers	Cargo	Med Evacs	No, A/C Hits
UH-34D	515.0	1,279	3,473	218,602	66	0
O-1B	57.5	20	0	0	0	0
C-117D	Down for maintenance					

18 May 1963 - One ARVN KIA from (YC 608 814) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. One ill ARVN from Tra My (BS 015 970) and two ARVN WIA from (BT 178 180) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

* 19 May 1963 - 12 UH-34D's lifted 728 Vietnamese Marines from (AS 900 766) to Tra My (BS 015 970). Five ARVN WIA from Tra My (BS 015 970) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

20 May 1963 - 10 UH-34D's lifted 514 ARVN troops from (AS 897 756) to Tra My (BS 015 970). The last aircraft to leave the LZ received small arms fire from (AS 903 759) and received one hit in the cockpit. Two ARVN WIA from (YD 204 153) were evacuated to Hue Hospital.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies, one VOCK, eight ANFE, eleven AOCF, and ten Pri 5's. VOCK's still outstanding: Fifteen. VOCK's still outstanding on deadline equipment: Four.

21 May 1963 - One ARVN WIA from (YD 165 265) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. Three ill ARVN from Tra My (BS 015 970) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Nine ARVN WIA and two ARVN KIA from (BT 258 296) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Two UH-34D's received small arms fire from (BT 088 202) but received no hits.

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22 May 1963 - 12 UH-34D's lifted 577 ARVN troops and one 105 Howitzer Battery from (AS 399 885) to Tra My (BS 015 970). Two ARVN WIA from (AS 899 885) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

Statistics for the week 18 May 1963 to 22 May 1963 were as follows:

A/C Model	Flight Time	Sorties	Passengers	Cargo	Med Evacs	No. A/C Hits
UH-34D	386.7	1,069	2,878	200,580	29	1
O-1B	36.3	18	0	0	0	0
C-117D	Down for maintenance					

23 May 1963 - 2 UH-34D's lifted 364 Vietnamese Civil Guard Troops at Spanish Beach (BT 030 836) for Helo assault training. On a supply mission one UH-34D received one hit in the auxiliary hydraulic system, in LZ (YC 611 808). The aircraft was repaired in the LZ and flown out. Two UH-34D's received small arms fire at (YC 572 845) but received no hits. One ill Australian Advisor from (YD 890 065) was evacuated to Hue Phi Bai (YD 882 156). Eight ill ARVN from (AS 908 965) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ill ARVN from OP-15 (YB 935 907) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

Three Pri 5's for VOCP still on order, one Pri 12 still on order and three Pri 12's on Mighty Mite Parts on order. KC-130 arrived with supplies, two VOCP, one ANFE, six AOCP, and ten Pri 5's.

25 May 1963 - One ARVN from (YC 611 809) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. One ARVN KIA from (YD 211 136), two ARVN WIA and two ARVN KIA from (YD 154 109) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. One ill ARVN from Van Trai (BT 468 068) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Two ARVN WIA and five ill ARVN from (BT 425 022) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. While at (BT 425 022) one UH-34D received eight hits in the left side of the tail pylon. One ARVN KIA from OP-15 (YC 935 907) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ARVN WIA from Belong (YC 861 821) was evacuated to Hue Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

26 May 1963 - No flights this date.

27 May 1963 - One ARVN WIA from (BT 611 508) and one ARVN WIA from (BT 611 808) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ill ARVN from Belong (YC 861 821) was evacuated to Hue Hospital.

KC-130 arrived with supplies, six AOCP, seven ANFE, six Pri 5's, and three VOCP. Outstanding: eleven AOCP, and twelve ANFE. VOCP outstanding on deadline equipment: four.

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28 May 1963 - Two ill ARVN from Cokava (YD 185 137) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. One ill ARVN from Tra My (BS 015 970) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

Special KC-130 arrived with supplies.

29 May 1963 - Routine Admin/Supply/Recon missions flown this date.

Statistics for week 23 May 1963 to 29 May 1963 were as follows:

<u>A/C</u> <u>Model</u>	<u>Flight</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Med</u> <u>Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C</u> <u>Hits</u>
UH-34D	292.4	747	2,398	145,442	42	9
O-1B	51.4	23	0	0	0	0
C-117D	8.4	5	0	0	0	0

30 May 1963 - One ARVN WIA from (YC 432 448) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. One ARVN WIA from (ZC 217 125) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Two UH-34D's received small arms fire at (YD 217 125) but received no hits. One ill ARVN from Ben Giang (YC 976 366) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

KC-130 arrived with supplies, three VOCP, four AOCP, two ANFE, and ten Pri 5's.

31 May 1963 - One ill ARVN from (YD 095 205) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. Two women VC POW were lifted from Khe Tre (YC 918 893) to Hue. One ill ARVN from Tra My (BS 015 970) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

1 June 1963 - Six ARVN WIA from Tien Phuoc (BT 113 137) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

2 June 1963 - One ill Vietnamese civilian from Nong Son (AT 823 394) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Three ARVN WIA and three ARVN KIA from Phuoc Lam (BT 073 061) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

3 June 1963 - One ARVN WIA from (YD 070 230) and four ARVN WIA from (YD 095 205) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. Two UH-34D's received small arms fire from (YD 144 077) but received no hits.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

A special KC-130 arrived at DaNang with personnel of HMM-261.

4 June 1963 - Two ARVN WIA from (YD 208 101) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. One ARVN KIA from (YD 095 205) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. Three ARVN WIA from Hue Hospital to DaNang Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for emergency supplies and returned the same day.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies. One Pri 02, one Pri 07, three Pri 17, three Pri 12, and one Pri 18.

5 June 1963 - One ARVN WIA from Cokava (YD 185 137) was evacuated to BaLong (YD 108 400).

C-117D launched to Hong Kong for R & R flight.

Statistics for the week of 30 May 1963 to 5 June 1963 were as follows:

<u>A/C Model</u>	<u>Flight Time</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C Hits</u>
UH-34D	266.9	554	1,425	137,470	30	0
O-1B	48.5	24	0	0	0	0
C-117D	19.3	9	17	82,600	0	0

Weekly AOCF/ANFE status report

UH-34D - 1 AOCF and 1 ANFE

O-1B - no AOCF and 1 ANFE

6 June 1963 - One ill American from Tien Phuoc (BT 113 137) was evacuated to DaNang Marine Dispensary. One ill ARVN from (YC 865 837) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ARVN WIA from (YD 754 233) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies, four Pri 12's, four Pri 17's and one Pri 4.

7 June 1963 - 1 UH-34D received 1 hit through starboard side window in cockpit from (YC 561 806). One ARVN WIA from Ro (ZC 045 235) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ARVN WIA from Tra My (BS 015 970) was evacuated to Quang Ngai Hospital (BS 611 716). One UH-34D under Mortar fire while in LZ (ZC 045 235) but received no hits.

8 June 1963 - HMM-162, LtCol. R. LEU, Commanding, was relieved at DaNang, Viet Nam by HMM-261, LtCol. F. A. SHOOK, Commanding. Due to enemy action twenty Vietnamese women and children were evacuated from Phuoc Lam (BT 073 061) to DaNang and placed under custody of I Corps. One ARVN KIA and four ARVN WIA from (YC 561 825) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. Two ill ARVN from Ta Rau (YC 910 890) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. 120 ARVN troops were lifted from (BT 056 815) to (BT 070 819) for vertical assault training.

C-117D returned from Hong Kong.

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9 June 1963 - Twenty four Vietnamese women and children were evacuated from Phuoc Lam (BT 073 061) to DaNang due to expected VC attack and were placed under the custody of I Corps. One ill ARVN from Talon (YC 886 325), one ill ARVN from Ben Giang (YC 976 366) and four ill ARVN from Phuoc Son #2 (AT 854 217) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

10 June 1963 - 167 ARVN troops were lifted for vertical assault training at (BT 057 821). One VC WIA from (YC 865 840) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Three ARVN WIA from Da Ban (XD 962 328) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. One ill ARVN from Phuoc Son #2 (AT 845 217) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. On a resupply mission one UH-34D received one hit in the rotor blade between Aloui (YC 380 996) and Cokava (YD 185 137).

11 June 1963 - Two UH-34D's received one hit each at LZ (YC 561 806) one aircraft received a hit in the clamshell door and the other received the hit in the radio compartment. Two ARVN WIA and one ARVN KIA from (YC 195 096) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. One ill ARVN from Beloung (YC 361 821) was evacuated to Hue Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies.

12 June 1963 - One ill ARVN from Tama (BS 339 507) was evacuated to Quang Ngai Hospital. Two ARVN WIA and one ARVN KIA from Cokava (YD 185 137) were evacuated to Hue Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

Statistics for the week 6 June 1963 to 12 June 1963 were as follows:

A/C Model	Flight Time	Sorties	Passengers	Cargo	Med Evacs	No. A/C Hits
UH-34D	261.3	571	1,357	118,725	78	4
C-11B	76.2	51	0	0	0	0
C-117D	21.8	8	46	21,500	0	0

Two special KC-130 arrived carrying MM-261 personnel.

13 June 1963 - One ARVN WIA from Ha Tan (ZC 135 538) and one ARVN WIA from Nong Son (AT 823 396) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Ten ARVN WIA and one ARVN KIA from (YD 127 086), two of the WIA's were evacuated to Cokava (YD 185 137) and the remainder were evacuated to Hue Hospital. One ARVN WIA and one ARVN KIA from Nogoti (YB 937 875) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

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14 June 1963 - On a resupply mission one UH-34D received one hit from small arms fire in the underside of the radio compartment between Tam ky (BS 307 187) and Phao Chao (BT 005 095). Two ill ARVN from Tra My (BS 015 970) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies, six Pri 17's, three Pri 12's, two Pri 05's and one Pri 02.

15 June 1963 - One ARVN WIA from Cokava (YD 185 137) was evacuated to Hue Hospital.

16 June 1963 - One ARVN WIA from TaBat (YC 423 918) was evacuated to Hue Hospital.

17 June 1963 - One ill ARVN from Tra My (BS 015 970) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ARVN KIA from Dien Truong (ZD 030 140) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. On a Photo Recon an C-117 received small arms automatic fire from (AT 926 088) but received no hits.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies, four Pri 17's, one Pri 12, and one Pri 05.

18 June 1963 - Five UH-1B's laid down suppressing fire while twelve UH-34D's lifted 322 ARVN troops into two LZ's, LZ YANKEE (AT 985 123) and LZ ZULU (AT 947 108). In the third wave in LZ YANKEE one UH-34D received one hit in the tail pylon. One ARVN WIA from (AT 922 453) and one ARVN WIA from (AT 953 450) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

19 June 1963 - Four ARVN WIA and one ARVN KIA from (BT 155 254) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ARVN WIA from (YD 006 297) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. While in LZ one UH-34D received one hit from small arms fire in the tail pylon. One ARVN KIA from (BT 055 090) one ARVN WIA and two VC POW's from (BT 162 259), and two ARVN WIA from (BT 171 263) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. The VC POW's were returned to DaNang flight line and turned over to 1 Corps G-2. While at (BT 055 090), one UH-34D received six hits along starboard of aircraft. One ARVN WIA from (YC 886 325) was evacuated to An Dien (ZD 073 572). One American WIA from Talon (YC 886 325) was evacuated to DaNang Marine Dispensary. Four ARVN WIA from OP-15 (YB 935 907) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

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Statistics for week 13 June 1963 to 19 June 1963 were as follows:

A/C Model	Flight Time	Sorties	Passengers	Cargo	Med Evacs	No. A/C Hits
UH-34D	427.2	857	1,908	194,315	39	9
O-1B	67.4	44	0	0	0	0
C-117D	25.4	10	8	33,010	0	0

20 June 1963 - One ill ARVN from (YD 014 413) and one ill ARVN from BaLong (YD 150 400) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. Two ARVN WIA from Tra My (BS 015 970) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies, one VOCP, three Fri 5's and one ANFE.

21 June 1963 - Four UH-34D's lifted 241 Civil Guard troops for vertical assault training at Van Thanh Rifle Range (YD 695 190). One ARVN WIA from Viet An (BT 018 270) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

22 June 1963 - Two UH-34D's lifted 47 VC POW's from (XD 927 272) to Khe Sanh (XD 859 381). One ARVN WIA from Ashau (YC 522 815) and one ARVN KIA from (XD 927 272) were evacuated to Hue Hospital.

Two special KC-130 arrived with supplies.

23 June 1963 - One American WIA and seven ARVN WIA's from (YC 370 027) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. The American was further evacuated to DaNang Marine Dispensary. Two ARVN WIA from Phuoc Chau (BT 005 095) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ARVN from Khe Tre (YC 912 843) was evacuated to Hue Hospital.

24 June 1963 - One ARVN WIA from Cokava (YD 185 137) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. Two ARVN WIA, one from (XD 884 232) and one from Da Ban (XD 962 326) were evacuated to Hue Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies.

25 June 1963 - Routine Admin/Supply missions flown this date.

26 June 1963 - BGen. C. A. YOUNGDALE, USMC visited the Task Element and was briefed by LtCol. H. F. BROWN. One WIA VC POW from (YD 250 050) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. One ARVN WIA from (YD 250 100) was evacuated to Cokava (YD 185 137).

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

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Statistics for week 20 June 1963 to 26 June 1963 were as follows:

<u>A/C</u> <u>Model</u>	<u>Flight</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Med</u> <u>Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C</u> <u>Hits</u>
UH-34D	364.0	740	1,787	179,687	25	0
O-1B	66.2	53	0	0	0	0
C-117D	51.1	6	14	19,519	0	0

27 June 1963 - Routine Admin/Supply missions flown this date.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies.

28 June 1963 - Two UH-34D's received small arms fire from a hill 200 meters southeast of Belong (YC 861 821) but no hits received. Four VC/POW's were lifted from Phuoc Lam (BT 073 061) to Tamky (BT 307 187).

C-117D launched to Hong Kong on R & R flight.

29 June 1963 - LtGen. Jacob E. SMART, USAF, and BGen. Rollen H. ANTHIS, USAF, visited HMM-261 flight line. LtCol. H. F. BROWN and LtCol. F. A. SHOOK attended a meeting with MGen R. G. WENDE and BGen. G. S. BOWMAN in Saigon to discuss future plans and operations.

30 June 1963 - Sixteen UH-34D's lifted 156 troops to Khe Sanh (XD 859 381) on first leg of an assault. Assault was cancelled due to bad weather., in the landing zone.

C-117D returned from Hong Kong.

1 July 1963 - Nineteen UH-34D's launched from DaNang to Khe Sanh (XD 859 381) for an assault. Mission was cancelled due to weather. One ARVN WIA from Cokava (YD 185 137) was evacuated to Hue Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies, one VOCP, two AOCP and seven Pri 05's.

2 July 1963 - Routine Admin/Supply missions flown this date.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

3 July 1963 - Two UH-34D's lifted 123 ARVN Paratroops for Paradrops at Ta Rau (YC 910 890). One ARVN KIA and one ARVN WIA from (YD 303 007) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. One ARVN WIA from (YC 886 325) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

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C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

Statistics for the week 27 June 1963 - 3 July 1963 were as follows:

A/C Model	Flight Time	Sorties	Passengers	Cargo	Med Evacs	No. A/C Hits
UH-34D	388.6	693	1,531	179,640	4	0
O-1B	68.9	36	0	0	0	0
C-117D	21.7	8	24	22,480	0	0

4 July 1963 - Two ill ARVN from An Dien (ZC 085 572) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Seven ARVN WIA from Ta Rau (YC 865 840) were evacuated to Hue Hospital.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies, one VOCP and two AOCF's.

5 July 1963 - No flights this date.

C-117D launched to Hong Kong on R & R flight.

6 July 1963 - Twenty-one UH-34D's lifted first wave of 263 ARVN troops for an assault on two LZ's at (YC 675 292) and (YC 735 615). Mission was aborted when both LZ's proved to be staked. On pass over LZ (YC 675 595) one UH-34D received one hit in the forward fuel cell. One Army UH-1B pilot WIA over zone was evacuated to the Air Force Dispensary at DaNang, he was DOA.

7 July 1963 - Two ill ARVN, one WIA from Tra My (BS 015 970) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

8 July 1963 - BGen. K. G. MCCUTCHEON visited GTE 79.3.3.6 and remained over night. Two ARVN WIA from Tien Phuoc (BT 115 140) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Two ARVN WIA from (BT 050 243) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ill ARVN from Camlo (YD 130 590) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. Two ARVN WIA from Da Ban (XD 962 328) was evacuated to Quang Tri (YD 328 526). One ill ARVN from Ashau (YD 522 815) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies.

9 July 1963 - One ill ARVN from Hue (YD 754 233) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Two ill ARVN from Ta Rau (YC 877 847), two ill ARVN from Tra My (BS 015 970) and one ARVN WIA from (BT 140 249) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One UH-34D received one hit through the cabin at (BT 140 249). Thirteen ARVN WIA and one ARVN KIA from (BT 068 275) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

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C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned same day.

10 July 1963 - Eighteen UH-34D's lifted 339 ARVN Rangers in an assault into LZ "C" (BT 374 010). Two UH-34D's received hits while in LZ. One received hit in right stabilizer and one received hit in right side of main gear box. One ARVN WIA from Talon (YC 886 325) was evacuated to Ben Giang (YC 976 366). Two ill ARVN from Ben Giang (YC 976 366) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned same day.

Statistics for week 4 July 1963 to 10 July 1963 were as follows:

<u>A/C</u> <u>Model</u>	<u>Flight</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Med</u> <u>Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C</u> <u>Hits</u>
UH-34D	426.9	830	1,863	153,180	36	3
O-1B	52.4	33	0	0	0	0
C-117D	16.8	3	41	7,500	0	0

11 July 1963 - One ARVN KIA from Ta Bat (YC 423 918) was evacuated to Hue Hospital. Four ill ARVN from Tra My (BS 015 970) were evacuated to Tam Ky (BT 307 187). One ARVN WIA from (BT 053 243) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ill U. S. Advisor from (BT 094 214) was evacuated to DaNang Marine Dispensary.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

12 July 1963 - Nine ARVN WIA from (YC 912 608) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ill ARVN from Phuoc Cam (BT 096 200) evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ill ARVN from Tam Ky (BT 307 187) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

13 July 1963 - One ARVN KIA, one ARVN WIA and four ill ARVN from (YC 848 335) were evacuated to DaNang Hospital.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

14 July 1963 - One ill ARVN from Tra My (BS 015 970) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One ARVN WIA and one ill ARVN from Ta Bat (YC 423 918) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. Six ARVN WIA and one ARVN KIA from (YC 670 762) were evacuated to Hue Hospital. One UH-34D received small arms fire at (YC 670 762) but received no hits. Firing ceased when crew chief returned fire.

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15 July 1963 - Two ill ARVN from Hue (YC 754 233) were evacuated to Khe Tre (YC 918 893). One UH-34D received heavy machine gun and small arms fire from LZ (YC 870 762).

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

16 July 1963 - One ill ARVN from Talon (YC 886 325) was evacuated to DaNang Hospital. One UH-34D on a resupply mission crashed at Talon (YC 886 325). Four ARVN injured in crash evacuated to DaNang Hospital. Two U. S. Army Advisors injured in crash evacuated to DaNang Marine Dispensary. Two UH-34D's and crews to crash site to destroy downed helicopter. One UH-34D received small arms fire in LZ at Talon (YC 886 325) but no hits received.

The KC-130 arrived with supplies.

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

17 July 1963 - Sixteen UH-34D's lifted 519 ARVN troops in and out of LZ (YC 821 621) on a strike mission. One ill ARVN from Tra My (BS 015 970) was evacuated to Tam Ky (BT 307 216).

C-117D launched to Saigon for commissary supplies and returned the same day.

Statistics for week 11 July 1963 to 17 July 1963 were as follows:

A/C Model	Flight Time	Sorties	Passengers	Cargo	Med Evacs	No. A/C Hits
UH-34D	424.9	931	2,651	154,435	43	1
O-1B	61.3	27	1	25	0	0
C-117D	29.5	12	18	22,500	0	0

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S-2 DURING PERIOD 1 MAY 1972 TO 31 JULY 1972

During the period 1 May to 31 July 1972, the CTE S-2 Officer was involved mainly with briefing and debriefing the Aerial Observer in the process of their report of the tenant-BU' squadron intelligence requirements. Daily work consisted primarily of supervision of the Photo Lab. In addition, periodic information exchange was effected with I Corps G-2.

On 20 June the CTE S-2 Officer participated in a Corpwide Intelligence Seminar, at which the MACV J-2 designee and members of his staff, as well as most of the U.S. personnel in the I Corps area concerned with Intelligence were in attendance.

Topics of presentation and discussion at the Intelligence Seminar included: Prisoners of the Interrogation Method; Patrolling; Advisory Difficulties; The Buddhist Situation; Classified Matter Disclosure; Problems of Clandestine Collection Agencies involving Aerial Photography; and Close Air Support Difficulties. The CTE S-2 was afforded the opportunity of explaining Marine Helicopter Intelligence Operations, and thereby was able to inform potential collection sources of the type of information needed in the preparation of Intelligence for use in helicopter operations. The photographic capability at the disposal of the CTE was noted, and it was pointed out that the combination of Aerial Observers and a well-equipped Photography Lab contribute significantly to the efficient execution of the Intelligence effort.

Enemy AA activity in the I Corps area remains limited to semi-automatic and occasional automatic small arms incidents. Fire has been noted against all type of A/C operative in the I Corps area, and at varying altitudes, though the majority of hits taken or incidents observed AA fire have been noted at lower altitudes. The number of actual hits sustained is not immediately indicative of any improvement in the enemy's accurate employment of the type of weapons at his disposal for AA purposes. The actual ratio of ground fire incidents to hits sustained by A/C cannot be accurately determined, however. It is deserving of notice that, compared to the month of April, the number of hits incurred in each of the succeeding months has been 50%. The explanation for the significant decrease in hits incurred probably involves several factors; the type of operations flown, the area most frequently flown over, the frequency and intensity of air cover, as well as any change of enemy AA doctrine (of which no actual information has been acquired to date), must be considered in the analysis.

During this period the overall enemy AA capability in the I Corps area - judging from known AA incidents; and considering the diversity of enemy limit capabilities, location and strength - appears to be not significantly different from that of other periods.

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It is strongly suspected that at least one 70 cal. MG is possessed by the enemy in the I Corps area. But Corps Intelligence personnel believe that difficulty in obtaining ammunition precludes its present use as an AA weapon.

Weather throughout May and June was optimum for air activity subject only to qualification in the matter of high temperatures and corresponding humidities, which cause judicious observance of weight allowances in helicopter loading. During the month of July the weather inland in the mountains began to worsen, resulting in the cancellation of one major operation and the delay of another. The outlook for the coming month calls for a general worsening of flying weather throughout the I Corps area, and in the northern coastal area. The possibility of at least one typhoon hitting the coast is not remote during the month of August.

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PART C.

Summary of Aircraft Statistics

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FLIGHT OPERATIONS SUMMARYROTARY WINGA/C MODELNO. OF A/C

UH-34D

24

MAYJUNE1-17 JULYTOTAL

TOTAL HOURS

2058.0

1431.5

1052.5

4542.0

PERSONNEL TRANSPORTED

16,108

6,677

5,643

28,428

CARGO TRANSPORTED - TONS

478.52

334.08

179.16

991.76

COMBAT SORTIES

240

142

177

862

COMBAT HOURS

86.1

132.9

290.6

509.6

ADMIN/SUPPLY/OTHER/SORTIES

4404

2418

1423

8245

ADMIN/SUPPLY/OTHER/HOURS

1708.7

1051.8

642.6

3403.1

MEDICAL EVAC BY UH-34DWOUNDEDKILLEDIN ACTIONIN ACTIONOTHERTOTAL

MAY

161

14

71

246

JUNE

89

13

19

121

1-17 JULY

51

6

36

93

FIXED WINGA/C MODELNO. OF A/C

C-117D

1

O-1B

3

MAYJUNE1-17 JULYTOTAL

TOTAL HOURS

279.3

359.0

217.1

855.4

PERSONNEL TRANSPORTED

60

102

51

213

CARGO TRANSPORTED - TONS

24.13

49.11

20.24

93.48

COMBAT SORTIES

93

172

77

342

COMBAT HOURS

224.9

258.4

143.6

626.9

ADMIN/SUPPLY/OTHER/SORTIES

28

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91

ADMIN/SUPPLY/OTHER/HOURS

55.4

100.6

68.3

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AIRCRAFT HITS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>NO. OF HITS</u>	<u>PLACE OF HITS</u>
20 May 63	UH-34D	1	Cockpit
23 May 63	UH-34D	1	Aux Hydraulic System
25 May 63	UH-34D	8	Tail Pylon
Total Hits		10	

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AIRCRAFT HITS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE OF AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>NO. OF HITS</u>	<u>PLACE OF HITS</u>
7 Jun 63	UH-34D	1	Cockpit
10 Jun 63	UH-34D	1	Rotor Blade
11 Jun 63	UH-34D	1	Clamshell Door
11 Jun 63	UH-34D	1	Radio Compartment
14 Jun 63	UH-34D	1	Radio Compartment
19 Jun 63	UH-34D	1	Tail Pylon
19 Jun 63	UH-34D	6	Starboard side of Aircraft
Total Hits		12	

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AIRCRAFT HITS FROM 1 - 17 JULY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE OF AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>NO. OF HITS</u>	<u>PLACE OF HITS</u>
6 Jul 63	UH-34D	1	Center Fuel Tank
9 Jul 63	UH-34D	1	Cabin
10 Jul 63	UH-34D	1	Right Side-Main Gear Box
10 Jul 63	UH-34D	1	Right Stabilizer

Total Hits 4

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PART D.

Narrative Summary of Supporting Activity

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SUB UNIT TWO MABS-16 PERIOD 1 MAY to 17 JULY 1963

During the period 1 - 31 May this unit joined 1 Marine Corps Officer and 33 Marine Corps enlisted men, also 1 Navy Officer and 2 Navy enlisted men.

Transferred 1 Marine Corps Officer and 18 Marine Corps enlisted men also 2 Navy enlisted men. 2 Marine Corps Officer and 1 enlisted man plus 1 Navy enlisted man was attached. 2 Marine Corps Officers and 2 Marine Corps enlisted and 1 Navy enlisted was detached from this unit. One man was reduced to PFC at office hours by the Commanding Officer under article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Seven men were promoted to Lance Corporal and 1 to Corporal.

During the period 1 - 30 June this unit joined 4 Marine Corps Officers and 48 Marine Corps enlisted men. Dropping 2 Marine Corps Officers and 40 Marine Corps enlisted men also 2 Navy Officers. 17 Marine Corps enlisted and 2 Naval Officers were attached. 2 Marine Corps enlisted were detached from this unit. 2 Enlisted men were reduced to the next rank at office hours by the Commanding Officer under article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

During the period 1 - 17 July this unit joined 2 Marine Corps Officers and 31 Marine Corps enlisted men, also 2 Navy enlisted men. Transferred 1 Marine Corps Officer and 28 Marine Corps enlisted men also 1 Naval enlisted man. 1 Marine Corps Officer and 3 enlisted were attached. 1 Marine Corps Officer and 5 Marine Corps enlisted were detached from this unit.

One man was restored to his former rank of LCpl by the Commanding Officer.

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CAMP MAINTENANCE FOR MONTH OF MAY 1963

During period 1 - 15 May 1963 the construction section formed and poured 18 yards of cement at the new generator bank, completed frame structure on same, also poured two culverts. Completed paneling on outside Officers Club. Enlisted Club contract was let for expansion of same and completed. The electricians rewired the Enlisted Club, performed and completed rewiring on new generator bank. Rewired and repaired lights at operations at hangar.

The reefer shop dismantled and removed one 100 cubic foot reefer from the old Enlisted Club to the new, installed new air conditioner at photo lab, secured main reefer lines at reefer shed. Performed eighty hours of maintenance.

Heavy equipment loaded, hauled and spread 2081 cubic yards of laterete on road, graded 12 miles of roadway, performed 16 hours of preventative maintenance on generators, repaired two 55 gpm pumps, answered and corrected 23 maintenance calls on various equipment.

During period 16 - 31 May 1963 construction was completed on four concrete pads at MABS-16 head area. Laundry section was completely rebuilt with concrete slab and frame construction. Units were removed from trailers and secured to deck. Utilities shack was also renovated strong backed and new roof installed. Storage tent was removed and all gear restored and segregated to insure proper accountability.

The electric shop rewired the laundry and utility sections ran new wire to cage area at hangar area, removed 500 feet of excess wiring in camp area answered 28 miscellaneous complaints. Rewired generator bank at camp area.

The refrigeration shop applied 64 hours of labor to defective ice machine sent to this unit. Service all storage reefers and defrosted domestic reefers in BOQ's. Performed service in three air conditioned units. Answered 14 various complaints.

Water supply pumped and processed approximately 400,000 gallons of water, spent 65 hours repairing defective water purification unit sent to this unit, corrected and repaired 40 plumbing complaints and stoppages.

Heavy equipment graded 15 miles of road, leveled off 2 building sites, performed preventive maintenance and routine maintenance on 21 pieces of equipment. Performed complete overhaul on 4 small engines.

The laundry section washed and dried 5944 articles of clothing and various types of approximately 2700 pounds.

Generator, shower and water watches accounted for 1240 man hours during this period.

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CAMP MAINTENANCE FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1967

During period 1 - 15 June the construction section poured three cement foundations for a Line Shack, O-1B Shack and a Air Freight Building, they were framed, and about three quarters complete.

Heavy equipment grader, graded nine miles of roadway, repaired nine small gas motors, performed preventative maintenance on all generators and rolling equipment. This consisted of 17 pieces of equipment.

Electric shop installed new lighting in the hangar area, installed fans in chapel, rewired laundry building installed fixtures in MABS squadron office and corrected 33 miscellaneous defects.

Plumbing and water supply set up tanks at hangar area. Performed necessary plumbing to utilize hangar well and processed and filtered approximately 500,000 gallons of water during this period, performing preventative maintenance accounts for ninety hours.

Preventative maintenance accounted for 96 man hours in refrigeration section other time was spent assisting electric shop.

The laundry washed 2170 articles of clothing, 2,900 sheets and pillow cases, 93 flight suits, 200 barber shop towel and aprons.

Watches on two generator banks and three laundry unit accounted for 795 man hours.

During period 16 - 30 June the construction section finished the air freight building and VMO's building. A concrete pad was poured for transit officers barracks, also shelving was completed for the Post Exchange.

The heavy equipment section performed minor and major repairs on nine small pumps and engines. Graded 6 miles of road leveled and graded two building and parking sites.

The electric shop wired air freight and VMO buildings, cleared wiring in the hangar area.

Water supply filtered and processed 450,000 gallons of water, piped water to shower unit, eliminating need for fabric tank.

The refrigeration shop performed 108 hours preventative maintenance on reefer and air conditioning units and assisted electric shop in mission.

The laundry section washed 2,600 sheets, 590 bundles of clothes, 475 pillow cases, 300 flight suits, 506 articles for sick bay and 213 articles were starched and pressed for the barber shop.

Over 57 miscellaneous complaints were corrected and 675 hours were spent on shower and generator watches.

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CAMP MAINTENANCE FOR 1 - 17 JULY

During this period Heavy Equipment section performed preventative maintenance on all generators, D-4 Tractor and the Roadgrader. The front end loader had voltage regulator and batteries replaced. Repairs were also made to water purification units, such as, repair carburetor to one unit, complete valve jobs on two other units and approximately two hours daily were spent on minor maintenance such as plugs, points and broken fuel and oil lines. An air compressor was replaced on the roadgrader and hydromatic hoses repaired on the D-4 tractor in the field. Repairs to generators were as follows: Attempt at replacing head gasket on 75 KW, upon removal of head it was found that 5 of the 6 piston heads were cracked and the generator was sent back to FSR for rebuild. Two fan belts and a radiator hose were replaced on another 75 KW and it was placed back in service. The radiator on the 400 cycle unit was pulled and rodged out and repaired and placed back in service. The roads of our responsibility were graded during this period. At An Diem and ARVN outpost, one operator and the D-4 tractor have completed a copter pad and built a half mile road up to this pad. A clearing for tents and a clearing for a mine field are yet to be accomplished. About 10 acres were cleared and graded for Special Forces. The roadgrader and D-4 tractor were used in this operation. Heavy equipment also operated the insecticide sprayer on Tues and Fri nights in the camp area.

The laundry unit reported the following report on processed pieces of laundry. 2,300 sheets and 328 pillow cases, messhall gear amounted to 133 pieces. Flight gear 96 items, barber shop 217 items. Individual bundles amounting to from 5 to 15 pieces each amounted to 400 plus. Sick bay items amounted to 73 pieces and Staff, EM and Officer Club gear amounted to 37 pieces. Starch and press gear amounted to 210 pieces.

Water purification equipment operated approximately 105 hours and processed 426,200 gallons of water. Preventative Maintenance on equipment amounted to 15 hours. A total of 15 cans of EMF and 21,501 bags of diatomaceous earth were used in processing. Plumbing shop did 36 hours of general preventative maintenance and 42 hours of replacement of fixtures.

Our combat engineers section completed the 261 line shack 16'X32', VMO-2 and C-117D building 16'X32', Air Freight building 16'X40', bus stop shelter 8'X10' and a field head with 4 man seat 10'X12'. The concrete pads for transit officers and enlisted men were poured, 20'X60' and the forms laid for the plumbing shop - weight lifting room 20'X50' and an extension on 261 staff lounge 12'X20'. Due to breakdown of cement mixer the pouring of these pads are delayed. Construction on transient BOQ is underway but not completed. Frames and studs were cut but not yet installed at transient EM quarters. Work of a general maintenance nature performed. $\frac{1}{8}$ " mesh wire was installed at the P.O. and PX for security purposes. Clete

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Clothes cabinets were checked and replaced or strengthened to the bulkheads. General screen maintenance was performed throughout the camp. New mirrors were hung in the heads, to replace those broken.

The refrigeration section performed normal P.M. to equipment. They repaired the evaporator on a MQ51-E and charged the unit. An ice flake machine was installed at the messhall and the chain drive on another ice machine was repaired. Repairs and adjustments were also made on the several reefers at sick bay.

The electrical section erected 40 6' poles on the airfield side to support feeder wires from generator bank #2 to the hangar area. The wires were then positioned and secured to said poles. Florescent lights were hung in the hangar to increase light for night work on helicopters. Lighting was installed in 261 line shack, VM0-2 - C-117D shack and Air Freight. 15 overhead fans were installed in quarters, supply and sick bay. Considerable time was also spent maintaining operation of camp generators.

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COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1963

During period 1 - 15 May the message center chief, crypto chief and message center supervisor have been rotated and replaced by comparable personnel.

We are now undergoing an evaluation test period. This involves the use of both Naval and Army (Air Force) circuits for a period of eight days. The added traffic load puts a burden on the under manned communications center. However communication efficiency will be maintained.

Message traffic has increased with the added dual transmissions. Our traffic is now up to 134 messages daily. We have processed 865 outgoing messages and 1190 incoming messages; a total of 2055 messages for this period.

Wire section has started laying, overheading and installing new lines in the flight line area. The installation of new "all weather" patch panels will enable us to give better telephone service. The wire section is replacing field telephones (EE-8) with new type models.

With the installation and use of additional field radios and the new mobile radio jeep our radio section has a full work schedule. Our effective phone patches to MAG-16 and FMFW have increased. The use of our new generator has decreased our power outages thus enabling the radio section to fulfill all command commitments.

Our repair section has been maintaining at least 90 percent availability on all equipment. At present only two field radios are inoperative. This will be remedied shortly.

Our security drills in the C.P. area have proved very successful. In event of an attack we will have mobile command radio and internal telephone communications.

During period 16 - 31 May the personnel status remained the same. At present we are radically short in communication center personnel. Our manning level is 17 personnel. We are operating with 11. Due to this shortage we are still maintaining a two section, twelve hour watch continually. Operational efficiency will be maintained.

Our traffic test evaluation has been terminated. The Naval Communication system has proved far superior than other agencies. We will continue using our normal circuits and providing the same effective rapid communications.

Our average traffic at present is 116 messages per day.

Wire section has run new and additional lines to the Army and Air Force switch boards. This joint endeavor has increased the good working relations between services. This can be seen by some of the new telephones installed in the command. With additional lines to the Army and Air Force switching centrals calls to Saigon can be increased and more effective.

Our radio section has been holding classes for the security platoon on operation of the field radios. The security platoon is now equipped with radios at night as an added security precaution. The field radio equipment and use of, is now in basic training each week. "Security exists while communications prevail".

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The maintenance and repair section are still maintaining a 90 percent or higher availability record. As of this date only two pieces of equipment are down. We are awaiting parts to remedy this outage.

It is noted that on the last security drill in the C.P. area, our communications were set up and operating in less than six minutes. However, we intend breaking that record in future drills.

Communication security, speed and reliability will be maintained by this command.

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COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1963

During period 1 - 15 June our serious shortage in message center personnel has been eliminated. The arrival of one message center man and two teletype operators has eased our ever increasing workload. The repair section picked up a technician which brings that section up to manning level.

A three section watch bill is being planned after the new personnel are properly indoctrinated. Reliable communications is dependent on efficient personnel. Communication efficiency will be maintained.

Message traffic covered for this period is as follows: outgoing traffic totaled 337 with an average of 31 daily. Incoming averaged 72 daily with a total of 1077. 1538 messages were processed for this period, bringing a daily average of 103 messages.

A joint effort by the Air Force wire teams and our wire section is now in progress. They are undergrounding telephone lines due to the extension of the runway. With this joint effort we are able to use Air Force equipment to achieve this difficult task. The installation of a new switchboard has enabled the wire section to give speedy and more reliable service.

The radio section has improved it's phone patches considerably. Constant frequency shifts are necessary to maintain audible communication. Our operators have become proficient in evaluating these frequencies, enabling the most effective one to be used. The continual operator maintenance of our generators has given the radio platoon no outages for this period. The security section now have permanent antenna sites installed by our capable and efficient radio experts.

The maintenance section is constantly working to maintain its high standard of availability. It's biggest problem exists only in awaiting parts and lack of higher echelon test equipment. The Army Signal Corps has asked for technical advice and in return has given us the use of certain of their test equipment. Team work in achievement of our goal is prevalent in the communication section.

During the period 16 - 30 June the communication center is again hampered with shortage of personnel. The rotation of a 2543 (message center) man plus the loss of two additional men for not having security clearances have caused this shortage. Communication center personnel transferred to our command should have security clearances prior to reporting in. We are utilizing personnel awaiting clearances in the wire platoon.

The communication center is back on a 12 hour watch bill. This consists of a daily 24 hour watch manned by two sections. Until our personnel situation improves our communication center personnel will continue on its present schedule.

There has been a decrease in the amount of message traffic handled for this reporting period. Our average daily message traffic at present time is 96 messages per day.

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The wire section is in the process of re-vamping their telephone directory. After it is distributed throughout the command, prompt service can be given by switchboard operators when specific numbers are asked for.

Our radio section is encountering difficulty in maintaining continual contact with MAG-16 and FMAW. We are authorized to use only four frequencies and this limits our capabilities. We are still checking into Wing Liaison net at night using our mobile radio gear.

A physical inventory was again made due to the change of communication officers. All spare parts have been checked and requisitioned to bring us up to allowance. The maintenance section continues its efficiency and effectiveness in maintaining operational availability of our equipment.

Communication efficiency can be achieved only with properly trained personnel. Each section gives continual classes to achieve the highest possible effectiveness in their specialties.

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COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1 - 17 JULY 1963

The shortage of personnel in the communication section grows acute with the continued loss of personnel. The rotation of four message center men without security clearances brings our watch drastically low. Normally there are 6 men to a watch, as of 15 July there will be 3 men to a watch. Communication effectiveness will not be hampered.

Our message traffic has continued to decrease. During this reporting period we have handled 1177 messages. This gives us a daily average of 78 messages handled. An average decrease of 17 messages per day.

The wire section has revamped the telephone directory. Copies have been distributed throughout the command. It is requested that parties call by number rather than sections when making calls so as to expedite handling. Our cables from the switchboard to the flight line area were unintentionally severed by civilian Air Force contractors. Our alert repair crew was able to rectify this situation in record time. Alertness and know how keep our systems intact.

The radio section has been very successful during this period. However if our command has difficulty with phone patches this can be possible eliminated by calling directly from our radio central at times. Telephone line loss may cause voice distortion and improper audible reception.

Our maintenance section reports that a short life span of our batteries due to tropical weather, requires air conditioned storage. We are storing our batteries in the air conditioned classified spaces. At this time only 3 field radios are awaiting parts. All equipment is operative.

In order to insure accuracy in the handling of messages for our command, all message traffic must be processed in the message center prior to staff distribution. Errors have occurred in the past because messages by-passed our communication center. The receipt, transmission and delivery of messages is a communication function.

The success of communication depends upon knowledge of when, where and how to send messages. This can be gained only through common understanding on the part of all personnel directly concerned.

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MOTOR TRANSPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY - 17 JULY 1963

During the period 1 - 30 May the section was visited by representatives of the First Marine Air Wing and was found to be doing quite well with the equipment and personnel on hand. There was one accident involving two M-211's, one vehicle is deadlined and the other is awaiting survey. One bus is also deadlined pending survey.

During the month of June two buses and one M-211 were deadlined, for different periods, awaiting parts. There was one accident involving an M-211.

For the period 1 - 17 July three M-211's were deadlined for parts and one pending survey. During this period one bus came off deadline, and two were deadlined.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1963

The Medical Department and Dental Department treated Army, Air Force and other personnel as well as our own Marine/Naval personnel.

Statistics for the month were as follows:

MEDICAL

	<u>MARINE/NAVY</u>	<u>ARMY/AIR FORCE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Number of outpatients	493	7	5
Physical examinations	13	0	0
Casualties	3	1	0
Returned to duty	1	0	0

DENTAL

	<u>MARINE/NAVY</u>	<u>ARMY/AIR FORCE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Total sittings	127	26	7
Operative procedures	103	14	4
Surgical procedures	8	7	0
Periodontal procedures	72	5	1
Miscellaneous procedures	53	7	4
Total procedures	236	33	9

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1963

Statistics for the month were as follows:

MEDICAL

	<u>MARINE/NAVY</u>	<u>ARMY/AIR FORCE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Number of outpatients	497	14	25
Physical examinations	6	0	16
Casualties	0	2	0
Return to duty	0	0	0
Immunizations	132	9	0

DENTAL

	<u>MARINE/NAVY</u>	<u>ARMY/AIR FORCE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Total sittings	104	26	16
Operative procedures	77	17	3
Surgical procedures	13	2	2
Peridental procedures	77	13	0
Miscellaneous procedures	21	9	11
Total procedures	188	47	16

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL FOR PERIOD 1 - 17 JULY 1963

Statistics for the period were as follows:

MEDICAL

	<u>MARINES/NAVY</u>	<u>ARMY/AIR FORCE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Number of outpatients	312	1	16
Physical examinations	8	0	6
Casualties	0	0	0
Returned to duty	0	0	0
Immunizations	0	0	0

DENTAL

	<u>MARINES/NAVY</u>	<u>ARMY/AIR FORCE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Total sitting	57	15	9
Operative procedures	04	15	9
Surgical procedures	3	4	0
Peridental procedures	29	3	0
Miscellaneous procedures	15	12	2
Total procedures	111	34	11

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CHAPLAIN FOR PERIOD 1 MAY 1963 TO 17 JULY 1963

During the period 1 - 15 May the Chaplain held 2 Protestant Worship Services with a total attendance of 61. Communion was served once with 33 communicants. During this period 40 barracks visits were made; 42 normal counseling situations held; and 6 Red Cross cases were handled.

The Chaplain attended 2 Staff meetings; wrote 2 articles for the weekly squadron paper; and held evening prayers over the intercomm system.

The Catholic personnel were covered by the Air Force Chaplain regularly.

The Chaplain held one Memorial Service for Sgt. Robert HAIN, U.S. Army, Special Forces, on 11 May 1963 at an outpost An Dien near Da Nang.

During the period 16 - 31 May the Chaplain held 2 Protestant Worship services with a total attendance of 65. During this period 10 professional counseling interviews were made; 40 normal counseling situations and 4 Red Cross cases were handled.

The Chaplain attended two Staff meetings and held evening prayers over the compound inter-com system.

The Catholic personnel were covered by the Air Force Chaplain regularly. Chaplain W. M. GIBSON from MAG-16 made a visit here 20-24 May holding Mass daily while here. One Character Guidance Lecture was held on 25 May, sixty personnel were present.

During the period 1 - 15 June the Chaplain held 2 Morning Worship Services with 68 attendance and one Communion Service with 18 Attending. Three cases were referred to the Red Cross. Two marriage counseling cases (potential marriage to Orientals) were conducted. Thirty - Two new arrivals were interviewed, there were twelve normal counseling cases, in addition two English Classes were conducted for ARVN and Vietnamese civilians and evening prayer was given each evening at 2200H.

Plans for the future include the following:

- a. Installing new mats in Chapel
- b. Beginning Religious Instruction Classes
- c. Beginning "A thought for the Day" given over central PA system
- d. Installing PA system within compound so light classical music can be played during the noon-hour.
- e. Obtaining new tapes for morning worship services. Also the adding of new equipment to present inventory.

During the period 16 - 30 June the following activities have been entered into by the Chaplain.

- a. 3 Morning Worship Service - Attendance 112
- b. 2 Cases referred to Red Cross
- c. 32 men interviewed (new arrivals)
- d. 10 regular counseling cases
- e. 2 visits to dispensary
- f. 3 staff meetings attended
- g. 15 New Testaments issued
- h. 10 Rosaries issued
- i. 15 Evening prayers given at 2200H

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Fans for the Chapel were installed during this period. Seven were placed in the Chapel, and one in the office.

During the period 1 - 17 July the following activities have been entered into by the Chaplain:

- a. 2 Morning Worship Services - Attendance 63
2 Evening Services - Attendance 17
- b. 2 Communion Services - Communed 41
- c. 1 Church School class - Attendance 2
(This class dropped in lieu of a Wednesday evening class)
- d. 1 Visit to dispensary
- e. 23 men interviewed (new arrivals)
- f. 12 New Testaments issued
- g. 7 Rosaries issued
- h. 1 Referral to Red Cross
- i. 15 evening prayers given at 2200H
- j. 15 thoughts for the day (0725)
- k. 2 Character Education Lectures - Attendance 240
- l. 1 Camp paper printed Issued 500
- m. Several daily papers printed (100 copies each issued with current U.S. News released).
- n. 3 MABS Staff Conferences attended.

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MESS HALL PERIOD 1 MAY to 17 JULY 1963

During the month of May a new mess Sergeant was joined to the Mess Hall. One Cpl. 3371 was also joined.

Mess Hall operated normally during the month of May feeding approximately 41,520 meals or 13,840 rations with a food service force of 23 personnel.

During the month of June the Wing Food Director visited the Mess Hall and conducted a major inspection. The mess office was moved from the galley of the mess hall to the store room. Eight M37 Field burners were received. We now have music throughout both officers and enlisted messhalls. A toaster was installed in the enlisted mess. Operations of the mess remained routine.

During the period 1 - 17 July GySgt Preskitt relieved GySgt Moyer as Mess Sergeant. Received two field type bake ovens. One will be installed in the bake shop. This will give us two complete bake ovens which will double the bake shop's capacity to bake bread and pastries. The other one will be installed in the galley which will increase our ability to prepare and serve food progressively. New light fixtures were installed in the galley. Received and installed stereo taperecorder with four detachable speakers. Two speakers are in each mess providing dinner music at all meals.

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POST OFFICE PERIOD 1 MAY to 17 JULY 1963

During the period 1 May to 31 May there were no changes in the operation of the Post Office.

During the period 1 June to 15 June mail was received from Iwakuni and Futema by GV-1 four (4) times during the period of 1-15 June 63. Registered mail from APO-143 was picked up Monday thru Saturday at APO-137. Mail was dispatched Monday thru Saturday via APO-137. There were no changes in mail operation or Money Order business during this period. Post Office was inspected and audited on 7 June 63 by the Wing Postal Officer.

During the period 15 June to 30 June mail was received from Iwakuni and Futema by GV-1 four (4) times during the period of 15-30 June 63. Registered mail from APO-143 was picked up Monday thru Saturday at APO-137. Mail was dispatched Monday thru Saturday via APO-137. There were no changes in mail operations or Money Order business during this period. The Wing Postal Officer arrived on the GV on 24 June for his monthly inspection, and departed on the GV on 25 June 63.

During the period 1 - 17 July mail was received from Iwakuni and Futema by GV-1 four (4) times during the period 1-17 July 1963. Registered mail from APO-143 was picked up Monday thru Saturday at APO-137. Mail was dispatched Monday thru Saturday via APO-137. There were no changes in mail operation or Money Order business during this period. Received dispatch on 13 July 63 pertaining to mail routing change.

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BULK FUEL FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY TO 17 JULY 1963

During the period of this report a total of 458,223 gallons of 115/145 gasoline was issued at Danang, Daе and Tamky.

1-31 May	201,285
1-30 June	176,524
1-17 July	80,414
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	458,223 gallons

Operation of the fuel dispensing units was normal with only minor repairs necessary. Fuel samples were taken at regular intervals and no contamination was discovered.

During the first part of July one dispensing unit was dispatched to Ha Tan and 8,000 gallons of gasoline was dispensed. This displacement was in support of special operations.

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List of Substantiating Documents

- ✓1. CTE 79.3.3.6 ltr 3:ADG:dab over 5213 Ser: 003A20063
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HEADQUARTERS
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From: Commander
To: Commander, U. S. Military Assistance Command, Viet Nam
Subj: Evaluation of Helicopter Tactics and Techniques Report
(RCS 6-J3(T)(C))
Ref: (a) COMUSMACV Directive Number 9
Encl: ✓(1) Listing of Small Arms Hits on Aircraft by Enemy Ground Fire
1. Marine Task Element 79.3.3.6
2. Twenty-four (24) UH-34D, three (3) C-1B and one (1) C-117D.
3. a. Number of aircraft hours flown during preceding quarter
(1 April - 30 June 1963):
(1) UH-34D - 5431.8
(2) C-1B - 776.1
(3) C-117D - 191.5

b. Number of sorties flown during preceding quarter:

	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>C-1B</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Tactical support of ARVN	996	392	0	1388
(2) Logistical support of ARVN	9976	0	0	9976
(3) Admin and/or Maintenance	<u>1135</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>1226</u>
TOTALS	12,107	405	78	12,590

4. The operating area of Task Element 79.3.3.6 is the Annam Coastal Plain and the Annam Cordillera, described in the two previous submissions of Evaluation of Helicopter Tactics and Techniques Report. Operations are normally limited to the I Corps area, but occasionally are conducted in the northern fringe of the II Corps area.

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5. Brief summary of major tactical operations:

<u>DATE</u> 1963	<u>UNIT</u> <u>SUPPORTED</u>	<u>LANDING ZONE</u> <u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>NUMBER</u> <u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>RMKS</u>
3 Apr	I CORPS	AT 83 67	8 UH-34D/1 0-1B	32	STK
6 Apr	25th Division	XD 68 50	6 UH-34D/1 0-1B	58	STK
13 Apr	2nd Division	ZC 20 24 ZC 13 25	16 UH-34D/3 0-1B	106	STK
22 Apr	2nd Division	BT 18 29	18 UH-34D/1 0-1B	34	STK
27 Apr	1st Division	AS 90 98	21 UH-34D/2 0-1B	147	STK
5 May	1st Division	AS 89 88	18 UH-34D/1 0-1B	140	UD
6 May	1st Division	AS 90 88 AS 95 89	10 UH-34D	147	STK
9 May	1st Division	AS 89 93	4 UH-34D	30	UD
17 May	RVN Marines	AS 90 76	16 UH-34D	263	UD
19 May	RVN Marines	AS 90 76	12 UH-34D	190	UD
20 May	4th Regiment	AS 89 75	10 UH-34D	137	UD
22 May	4th Regiment	AS 89 85	12 UH-34D	196	UD
24 May	I Corps	BT 37 06 BT 32 03	17 UH-34D	66	STK
18 Jun	2nd Division	AT 94 10 AT 98 12	12 UH-34D	332	STK
30 Jun	1st Division	YC 67 59	16 UH-34D	69	STK

6. Evaluation of Current U. S. Doctrine for Employment of Helicopters:

a. Contour flying is not accepted procedure. A minimum of 1500 feet over the terrain is sought wherever possible.

b. Selection and reconnaissance of landing zones: 0-1B photos and RB-26 photos have been excellent; although photos do not always detect stakes in the landing zones. Visual recon by the flight leader is mandatory. This also allows for selection of approach and retirement routes and detection of prevailing winds.

c. Evaluation of scheme of maneuver:

(1) Resupply missions must go in high over the outposts and spiral down to avoid enemy small arms fire.

(2) Retrieving WIA's on landing zone coordinates necessitates air cover, preferable by T-28's or AD's in order to neutralize enemy activity as much as possible. Cover aircraft should make passes at the zone even though no firing takes place.

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(3) The idea suggested by I Corps that helicopters hover over an enemy-held staked objective while untrained troops rappel down ropes from 20-30 feet was not agreed to by CTE 79.3.3.6 and Commanding Officer of HMM-261. This is not in consonance with sound Marine helicopter tactics, considering the length of time helos would be exposed to apparent ground fire from concealed positions.

d. Evaluation of available suppressive fire capabilities to include air cover and/or artillery:

(1) Although not field tested, it is felt that control of artillery would be effective when there is direct communications between American Advisors and UH-34D helicopters and O-1B observation aircraft, when properly coordinated by the FSCC.

(2) Highly desired in order of efficiency for air cover:

- (a) AD's with Marines or U. S. pilots
- (b) T-28's with Marines or U. S. pilots
- (c) UTT armed helos in immediate area

e. Established tactics and techniques which have been tried and rejected: None

f. New tactics and techniques which have been developed and accepted: None

g. New requirements to be considered:

(1) VNAF helicopters should be integrated into U. S. Marine division formations for training and advisory purposes.

(2) VNAF helicopters should assume some of the burden of resupply and evacuation after a maximum effort strike by US helicopters.

(3) Friendly troops must occupy the high ground around landing zones to prevent helo losses on evacuation and resupply missions.

(4) The concepts of providing trained pathfinder personnel to clear landing zones and providing terminal guidance are considered a necessity in order to fully exploit the helo-borne concept.

(5) U. S. advisors should instruct ARVN troops on proper loading and unloading of both personnel and cargo. Troops who enter the aircraft with rounds in chambers pointing at the pilot or co-pilot, rifle grenades on rifles with round in chamber or hand grenades with rubber bands around the spoon are a constant source of concern to pilots and crew-chiefs.

h. Lessons learned:

(1) Complete detailed reconnaissance is necessary prior to strike operations.

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(2) Intelligence concerning VC activity is at best minimal in all respects.

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LISTING OF SMALL ARMS HITS ON AIRCRAFT BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF HITS</u>	<u>PLACE OF HITS</u>
8 Apr	2	Cargo Hatch, Belly center
13 Apr.	8	Cockpit, Clamshell Doors
13 Apr	5	Tail Plyon, Tail Cone, Cargo Door
14 Apr	4	Front Wheel, Belly Tail Plyon
15 Apr	1	Tail Wheel
16 Apr	1	Tail Plyon
17 Apr	1	Below Turtleback left side
22 Apr	1	Top, Center Cabin Door
23 Apr	1	Through Turtleback
27 Apr	6	Oil Cooler, Cargo Hook Bracket, 4 hits in fuselage
27 Apr	1	Near Front Wheel Strut
27 Apr	5	A/C shot down (Strike)
27 Apr	1	Radio Compartment
27 Apr	1	Tail Plyon
29 Apr	1	Bottom Center
20 May	1	Cockpit
23 May	1	Auxiliary Hydratic System
25 May	8	Tail Plyon
7 Jun	1	Cockpit
10 Jun	1	Rotor Blade
11 Jun	1	Clamshell Door
11 Jun	1	Radio Compartment
14 Jun	1	Radio Compartment
19 Jun	1	Tail Plyon
19 Jun	6	Starboard side of A/C

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