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Encl: √ (1) Marine Aircraft Group 16 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), Marine Aircraft Group 16 Command Chronology is herewith submitted as enclosure (1)
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Marine Aircraft Group 16

Marble Mountain Air Facility

Republic of Viet Nam

Period Covered: 1 through 31 August 1966

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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**SECRET**1. Command and Rank Composure

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Name/Rank</u>	<u>Period</u>
CO, MAG-16	HUNT, R. M.	Col. 1-31 August 1966
XO, MAG-16	SIMMONS, R. L.	LtCol. 1-31 August 1966
Adjutant	OLSON, P. A.	WO 1-31 August 1966
S-1 Officer	JOHNSON, C. B.	Capt. 1-31 August 1966
S-2 Officer	JOHNSTONE, Y.	Capt. 1-31 August 1966
S-3 Officer	CLARK, T.	LtCol. 1-31 August 1966
S-4 Officer	MCBARRON, A.	LtCol. 1-31 August 1966
CO H&MS-16	DARBYSHIRE, L. L.	Major 1-31 August 1966
CO MABS-16	MCKITRICK, R. M.	LtCol. 1-31 August 1966
CO HMM-161	QUINN, W. R.	LtCol. 1-9 August 1966
CO HMM-161	MARTIN, S. F.	LtCol. 10-31 August 1966
CO HMM-164	WATSON, W. C.	LtCol. 1-31 August 1966
CO HMM-263	GOEBEL, J. L.	LtCol. 1-31 August 1966
CO HMM-265	MENDENHALL, H. R.	LtCol. 1-31 August 1966
CO VMO-2	BARDEN, A. W.	LtCol. 1-31 August 1966
OIC SU #1	BROKAW, J. G.	Capt. 1-31 August 1966
OIC MATCU-68	BERCHIOLLI, D. V.	Capt. 1-31 August 1966

2. Task Organization

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-161 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN  
 HMM-164 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-263 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-265 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 SU #1, H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 MATCU-68 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
H&MS-16	47	281	0	0
MABS-16	22	459	4	4
HMM-161	53	154	1	3
HMM-164	47	177	1	3
HMM-263	56	165	1	3
HMM-265	52	181	1	3
VMO-2	42	139	1	5
SU #1	19	52	0	1
MATCU-68	9	76	0	0

## 4. Following are listed personnel changes for the period 1-31 August 1966:

a. Number of Joinings: 91

b. Number of Drops: 154

c. Promotions:

(1) 2 Enl to 2ndLt

(2) 38 to Cpl

(3) 52 to LCpl

SECRET5. Casualties

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name/SerNo.</u>	<u>Date &amp; Place</u>
1stLt	DRURY, Richard L. 088238	3AUG66 - 2 Mi W Dong Ha
1stLt	BRUST, David E. 089132	6AUG66 - 5 Mi W Que Son
SSgt	STONE, Elmer C. 1493863	6AUG66 - 5 Mi W Que Son
1stLt	CARDINAL, David P. 087229	6AUG66 - 12 - Mi NW Dong Ha
2ndLt	SMITH, Hugh D. 092565	6AUG66 - 12 - MI NW Dong Ha
Sgt	BROWNING, J. E. 1938216	6AUG66 - 12 - Mi NW Dong Ha
LCpl	GREEN, Arthur W. 2149931	6AUG66 - 12 Mi NW Dong Ha
Cpl	BELKNAP, Ronald L.	8AUG66 - 14 Mi WNW Dong Ha
Capt.	ROBERTS, Joseph, T. III 084240	8AUG66 - 8 1/2 Mi NWN Dong Ha
1stLt	STURKEY, Marion F. 091161	8AUG66 - 8 1/2 Mi NWN Dong Ha
Cpl	HEDGER, John A. 2043471	8AUG66 - 8 1/2 Mi NWN Dong Ha
SSgt	DUSMAN, Edward R. 1555282	8AUG66 - 8 1/2 Mi NNW Dong Ha
Capt	HARPER, Richard O. 071918	8AUG66 - 8 1/2 Mi NNW Dong Ha
LCpl	STEPHEN, Luke A. 2037354	8AUG66 - 8 1/2 Mi NNW Dong Ha
Sgt	MURFF, Herbert S. 1607851	8AUG66 - 8 1/2 Mi NNW Dong Ha
Cpl	ORTIZ Eppie 2029702	9AUG66 - 13 Mi W Dong Ha
LCpl	MCKAY, James E. 2095581	9AUG66 - 13 Mi W Dong Ha
Cpl	HOPKINS, Thomas E. 2007771	21AUG66 - 14 Mi W Dong Ha
1stLt	WILSON, Hugh A. II 090390	21AUG66 - 14 Mi W Dong Ha
1stLt	WILSON, Hugh A. II 090390	29AUG66 - 1-2 Mi SE Hill #55
LCpl	SPILLMAN, Robert W. 2005196	29AUG66 - Tyrnee cyndame HAVSUPACTP-187

6. Important Visitors to the Command.

- a. Major General L. B. ROBERTSHAW and Major General A. R. KIER  
Official visit to Marble Mountain Air Facility - 1000 to 1230,  
7 August 1966
- b. Major General L. B. ROBERTSHAW - Official visit - 0915 to 1100,  
10 August 1966
- c. Brigadier General H. M. ELWOOD - Official visit - 0915 to 1000,  
12 August 1966
- d. Major General L. B. ROBERTSHAW - Official visits - 1400 to 1615,  
20 August; 1400 to 1530, 26 August 1966

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PART II  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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1. Administration: Change of Command: Lieutenant Colonel S. F. MARTIN relieved Lieutenant Colonel W. R. QUINN as Commanding Officer, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 161, Marine Aircraft Group 16

2. Awards: The following awards were distributed during August:

Silver Star - 1stLt. Anthony D. COSTA (VMO-2)  
1stLt. David E. WALKER (HMM-161)

Bronze Star - Cpl. Terry W. OLDHAM (VMO-2)  
Cpl. John A. HEDGER (HMM-265)  
Sgt. Daniel D. GORDON (HMM-161)  
HM Kermit G. COLE (VMO-2)  
Capt. Zane V. LAMASCUS (HMM-161)

Distinguished Flying Cross - 1stLt. Shepard C. SPINK (VMO-2)  
1stLt. Alphonsus J. DONAHUE III (HMM-163)  
1stLt. Charles L. PLUNKETT (VMO-2)  
Capt. Ben A. MEHARG (VMO-2)  
Capt. Peter F. JANSS (HMM-161)  
LtCol. William R. QUINN (HMM-161)

Air Medals: H&MS-16 - 64  
HMM-161 - 216  
HMM-163 - 153  
HMM-164 - 98  
HMM-263 - 1  
HMM-265 - 127  
VMO - 2 - 296  
MABS-16 - 3

3. Intelligence

1-3 August Activity on Operation Hastings sharply declined. S-2 Officer returned to MMAF and one NCO was left in charge of intelligence functions at Dong Ha.

4-5 August Received on loan from G-2 a Soviet 12.7MM heavy machine gun model 1938/46 (DSHK), ChiCom type 54, captured on Operation Hastings. Weapon was routed to all squadrons for recognition training.

5 August S-2 Officer accompanied representative of S-3 and Group XO to Ky Ha to coordinate with MAG-36 for Operation Colorado.

6 August Attended 1st Marine Division meeting concerning Operation Colorado. S-2 returned to MMAF and briefed participating squadrons on the Operation.

7 August Operation Colorado commenced with an 80 plane troop lift from Tam Ky into the Hiep Duc Valley. S-2 officer went to Tam Ky (the LSA) to observe and to provide assistance to MAG-36 S-2.

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8 August Intelligence Chief went to Tam Ky to conduct liaison for Operation Colorado.

9 August S-2 and Intelligence Chief made liaison trip to 3d Marine Regiment and participated in planning for Operation Gordon and Cormorant.

10 August Briefed S-3 on Operation Gordon - planned photo coverage and approach and retirement lanes.

11 August ALO from 3d Marines visited to discuss plans for Operation Gordon and Cormorant.

13 August Operation Gordon and Cormorant postponed indefinitely due to over commitment of participating units.

Conducted liaison with 3dBn 1st Marines to discuss our mutual base defense interests.

14 August Conducted Liaison with 1st Marines in connection with Operation Swanee.

15 August Conducted liaison with G-2 3d Marine Division and established good working relations. Decided to accept 1st Division and 3d Division's OOB as the working OOB. The official OOB is III MAF's.

16 August Delivered Special Intelligence Report to G-2, Third Marine Division concerning enemy fire incidents and activity in the Uniform area. Operation Pawnee to cover this area.

18 August Attended wing intelligence briefing given by staff member of combined Intelligence Center, MACV. Subject was the Base Data Analysis Studies.

20 August Mr VINH, a police superintendant for four villages in Hoa Vang District reported a VC was working aboard MMAF. Name and picture check with IRO revealed suspect does not work aboard the base.

23 August S-2 Officer established liaison with advisors at Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

25 August S-2 obtained a letter from the Security Officer of the RMK-BRJ Depot, DaNang East, requesting assistance in a security sweep of his compound. C. O. agreed to provide assistance and the operation was placed under control of the Group Security Officer, the MABS-16 C. O..

26 August Planning meeting conducted for RMK-BRJ security sweep.

27 August A meeting was held to review the plans for the operation.

28 August Sweep Operation of RMK-BRJ Depot was conducted. Did not reveal any enemy infiltrated munitions or hardware. Discrepancies and aspects of security were noted. S-2 directed to write after action report for Security Officer.



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29 August S-2 called a meeting of units involved to discuss utilization of a heliborne searchlight, designated "Lightning Bug", for local security at night. Participants included C. O. and S-3 of HMM-265, Group S-3, S-3 of 3d Bn 1st Marines, S-3 of 5th Comm Bn, S-3 of C-1 Detachment 5th USMC, C. O. of "B" Company 1st Marine M. P. Bn. and the Group S-2. Targets and employment of the Lightning Bug were decided to the satisfaction of all participants.

31 August S-2 submitted report of RML-BRJ sweep to Group Security Officer.

In general, throughout the month the Group S-2 Department provided combat intelligence services to the squadrons and advised the Group Commander, Staff, and the squadrons on matters of enemy situation, security and counterintelligence.

Three memoranda were published for the Group: "Documents Carried by AirCrew Personnel", "Timely Reporting of Intelligence", and "Techniques of Reconnaissance and Surveillance."

Each day the Intelligence Department processes an average of fifty intelligence summaries, reports, and related documents. The below listed publications and files are maintained on a daily basis to provide combat intelligence to the squadrons:

- MAG-16 Intelligence Summary
- MAG-16 Intelligence Recapitulation Report
- Order of Battle Workbook
- Order of Battle Map of I Corps
- Situation Map of DaNang TAOR
- Situation Map of Dong Ha
- Fortification and AA Positions Chart Book.
- Intelligence Journal

Reports to higher headquarters and adjacent units are accomplished through Spot Reports, Aircraft Fire Incident Reports and the Intelligence Summary. Additionally the S-2 maintains informal liaison with adjacent units.

4. Informational Services: ISO coverage for the month of August consisted of newspaper articles and pictures of interest to the local and nationwide newspapers.

5. Civic Affairs

a. Medical. Seventeen scheduled sick calls were held in Son Thuy and My Thi Hamlets. Two thousand seven hundred and seventy two people were treated. Two Vietnamese civilians are being trained as rural health workers. Over two hundred pounds of soap were distributed at sick calls. The Naval Hospital treated ten major surgery cases, and one hundred and forty six out patients. Health posters, in Vietnamese, are displayed throughout Da Man Hamlet.

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b. Education. MCB 11 is enlarging the school in My Tai in order to accommodate three times as many students. MAG-16 delivered 240 CARE School Kits to MCB 11 and 5th Comm. to be used in My Thi and Da Man. Fifty English language books were delivered to the Catholic Convent for English Classes. MAG-16 is still waiting for school books from District Headquarters. The Hamlet council of Son Thy requested scrap lumber and tin for a new school. MAG-16 delivered these materials and the school is being built by the Vietnamese. The Buddhist monks are building a school in Son Thuy for refugees. MCB 6 provided a bulldozer to level the area, and provided a truck to move sand to be used in the making of bricks. Twenty-seven Vietnamese received 22½ hours of English Classes in Son Thuy 1.

c. Projects. The Boy's Town project could not get steel for the columns of the buildings at the site. The mayor of Da Nang and USARV denied our request. One hundred bags of cement were donated to the project, and four hundred more bags were requested. MAG-16 delivered tools to the project site. The Army Civic Action Agriculture Team was brought to Hoa Long Village. A survey of land and crops was taken. We will have to wait for seed and fertilizer to arrive before action can be taken. Plans are being formed for agriculture classes to be given in the schools of the village. Gardens will be planted, and students will produce various crops. Four hundred feet of pipe was laid at the Catholic Orphanage to provide wash facilities for sick calls. District rebuilt one of the bombed out buildings in Son Thuy. The village officials requested to move the school into it, and use the old school as the village headquarters. There has been no answer from District.

d. Population Control. Our request for the placing of Son Thuy 11 on limits was denied by 3rd MARDIV. The census is being corrected in Son Thuy. Refugees are moving into the Marble Mt. area. The village officials and Buddhist priests were warned of possible VC infiltration.

e. Government. The sub-district police chief completed his investigation in the case of Mr. Suu, the village chief. The report revealed facts of Mr. Suu's numerous thefts and lack of work. The investigation was destroyed at District Headquarters, and no action taken. The village chief is presently holding up all civic action in the Son Thuy area. The sick call structure in Son Thuy has no roof. An agreement was made that if we supplied the material the village officials would supply the labor. We have the materials, but the village chief now says we must supply the money to pay laborers. We are trying to place pressure on the village chief through the people and the Buddhist monks. 5th Comm. and the hamlet chief of Da Nam request hand pumps from district. They were received, and are now operational.

f. Give Away Program. MCB 11 delivered 75 pounds of soap to Montagnard families at the Special Forces Camp. MCB 11 still delivers garbage to the Catholic Complex for feeding of hogs. 5th Comm. delivered five loads of scrap lumber to Da Man. Clothing, soap, and \$100 were donated by 5th Comm. to the orphanage. MCB 6 has donated food and clothing to the people of Son Thuy 1. MAG-16 has received two boxes of school supplies, from the Rotary Clubs of New York, to be donated to the new school in

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Son Thuy II. The MAG-16 Chaplain donated \$647 to various Catholic Charities in the Da Nang Area.

6. Morale and Religious Program.

a. Roman Catholic.	Sunday Mass	0800	MAG-16
		0930	5th Comm.
		1030	1st MAF.
		1700	MAG-16
	Weekday Mass	1700	MAG-16
			LAAMS 'B' 1 time a week.
b. Protestant	Sunday	0930	Sunday Worship Service.
	MAG-16	1830	Communion Service.
		1900	Bible Study Class.
	Sunday	0900	Sunday Worship
	Phu Bai	1800	Bible Study
			Other Services, USMC,
			A Med and Provision.
			Also Dong Ha.

## c. Other Religious Services

- (1) East DaNang Church Party Bus.  
Picks up and returns people for the following services  
Latter Day Saints  
Orthodox  
Jewish  
Episcopal and Lutheran Communion, one Sunday a month.

## d. General

- (1) Concrete slab for chapel being laid
- (2) Protestant Services now being held in GP Tent. Attendance down about 60-65% since moving to the tent.
- (3) A&M Inspection held by Wing Chaplain 22 August.
- (4) Latter Day Saints Sunday Services no longer held at MAG-16 due to loss of building where services were held. Moved to MCB-11.

7. Civic Action by MAG-16 Chaplains.

## a. Roman Catholic

Technical Training Center for boys.  
62,000 piasters from the Chapel funds to the project.  
13 loads of lumber delivered.  
50 lbs of nails provided.

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Trucks and bull dozers provided from time to time as needed.

Stella Maria Novitiate  
3,000 piasters

Seminary  
Case of candy.

b. Protestant.

Weekly visits to Sacred Heart Orphanage, primarily to play with children.

Also donated 1 case of clothing for infants.  
1 case of toys for infants.

Visits to Christian Missionary Alliance; World Evangelical Alliance; and Baptist mission compounds and missionaries.

Vietnamese Education Scholarship Board  
4 Meetings held for planning and organizational work. Board is composed of 3 representatives each of Buddhist, Cao Dai, Catholic, and Protestant churches of Vietnam. All members are Vietnamese and include, clergy, educators, and one lawyer. The Constitution has been drawn up and approved, and presented to the Mayor. The Board now has official status.

50,000 piasters turned over to the board, part of which was from III MAF Civic Action Funds

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1 August Main body of HMM-263 arrived in Republic of Vietnam. Routine missions were flown by MAG-16 Squadrons.

2 August All Squadron missions were routine (See appendices 1-6)

3 August On this last day of Operation Hastings, operations were of routine with one exception. (See appendices 1-4, 6, 7) First Lieutenant DRURY of VMO-2 was wounded during a retraction of the recon team code named "Groucho Marx". Pilot of an escort UH-1E aircraft, Lt Drury received automatic weapons fire and was wounded by a .50 Caliber round while attempting to mark enemy position with white phosphorous rockets. The aircraft was flown to Dong Ha and the pilot evacuated to "A" med. Two armed UH-1E aircraft returned to the zone to call in air strikes. (See appendix 5).

4 August All squadron missions were routine (See appendices 1-7)

5 August 1stLt BAILEY of VMO-2 was diverted to assist Sacred "K" airborne observer, in flushing some VC from cover. Strafing run forced a VC into the open where he was subsequently killed. (See appendix 5)

6 August In support of Operation Colorado, HMM-265, HMM-164, and HMM-263 aircraft were hit by enemy fire. One aircraft piloted by Major HAZELBAKER of HMM-164 received a round through one of the transmission oil lines and made a precautionary landing in the zone. The aircraft was repaired and flown out. (See appendices 1, 2, & 4)

During a Recon insertion on Operation Prairie, the fourth aircraft in the division crashed into trees. The aircraft burned but the crew escaped. The pilot and crew chief received moderate injuries. (See Appendix 3)

7 August All squadron missions were routine. (See appendices 1-7)

8 August In support of Operation Prairie, two HMM-265 aircraft and one HMM-161 aircraft received numerous hits from automatic weapons surrounding the zone. One VMO-2 aircraft was crippled by a hit on the rotor head while unloading emergency ammunition.

Responding to an emergency resupply of a surrounded Recon team, the eight HMM-161 aircraft received overwhelming automatic weapons fire and were forced to wave off. One aircraft received a .50 Caliber hit, killing the crew chief and wounding two passengers. The escort aircraft again called in fixed wing support preceding an attempt by four HMM-265 aircraft to insert reinforcements and to medevac six wounded Marines. Two aircraft which attempted the landing were forced out by enemy automatic fire. A total of three pilots and four crew members were wounded.

A VMO-2 armed UH-1E flying cover realized the emergency situation that the troops faced because of a dwindling ammunition supply. Major HAZELBAKER flew into the zone and dropped off his linked 7.62MM ammunition. He then flew to Dong Ha and returned in a UH-1E "slick" loaded with ammunition. During the unloading of his aircraft he received a crippling round in the aircraft's rotor head wounding three crew members. Major HAZELBAKER and his co-pilot 1stLt COSTA distinguished themselves in the zone by organizing their defenses and providing exceptional leadership to the surrounded force. (See appendices 1, 3, & 5)

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9 August All squadron missions were routine. (See appendices 1-7)

10 August During a Recon insertion/retraction flight, the HMM-161 aircraft observed eight boatloads of VC on the river at coordinates YD730103. DASC was notified and two F-8's destroyed three boats and damaged the others. (See appendix 3) All other missions were routine as shown in appendices 1, 2, 4-7).

11-13 August All squadron missions were routine. (See appendices 3-7)

14 August Two HMM-265 aircraft were launched on a "Sparrow Hawk" mission, making an emergency retraction of ten US Marines. The one WIA was evacuated to 3rd Mod Bn. (See appendix 1) All other missions were routine. (See appendices 2-7)

15 August Three HMM-161 aircraft were utilized to insert a unit of 100 troops in an attempt to locate two USA advisors captured from a VC unit 5 miles northeast of Phu Bai. (See appendix 3)

16 August All squadron missions were routine. (See appendices 1-7)

17 August WMO-2 aircraft, flying cover for a tank unit making a river crossing, flushed a VC unit from their ambush positions. The armed UH-1H piloted by Capt. NOLAN and 1stLt PAGE commenced strafing runs on the 20 of the VC. This alert action averted a costly ambush. All other missions were routine. (See appendices 1-4, 6, & 7)

18 August At 0100, HMM-161 launched four aircraft to Medevac 20 casualties to Hue Hospital and "Alpha" Med. The injuries were caused by a terrorist bomb thrown into a crowd at a government sponsored fair. (See appendix 3)

19 August All squadron missions were routine. (See appendices 1-7)

20 August Four CH-46 and four UH-34 aircraft led by Major M. J. WILLIAMS of HMM-164 transported 561 US Marines into six zones east of Phu Bai to search for the two USA Advisors. (See appendices 2 & 3)

21 August All squadron missions were routine. (See appendices 1-7)

22 August Operation Allegheny commenced. In support of the operation an emergency medevac mission led by Major HERTBERG of HMM-164 was launched. The aircraft were required to hover the 100 foot canopy at 2500' altitude to hoist out the eight casualties. (See Appendices 1-7, noting this action in Appendix 2)

23 August All squadron missions were routine. (See appendices 1-7)

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24 August Major HAZELBAKER, of VMO-2 found it necessary to hoist a casualty up through a jungle canopy in a stokes-basket. Unable to bring the man aboard, he flew several miles to a suitable zone where the crew was able to get the patient into the aircraft. (See appendix 5)

25 August During a Medevac mission in support of Operation Allegheny, Capt. J. L. JAMES of HMM-164 was required to hoist a litter from a high hover at an altitude of 2500 feet. During this difficult hoist mission over the jungle canopy, the aircraft was exposed to enemy fire. (See appendix 2)

26-27 August All squadron missions were routine. (See appendix 3-4)

28 August Supporting Operation Allegheny, a section of UH-1E's led by Capt. DAVIS of VMO-2 conducted an airstrike on AT822533. The strike caused two secondary explosions. (See appendix 5)

29-30 August All squadron missions were routine. (See appendix 3-4)

31 August The HMM-161 Medevac aircraft supporting Operation Panama received heavy automatic weapons fire. The pilot received minor cuts from shrapnel or glass when a round passed through his windshield. (See appendix 3)

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Base Development

1. Communications. Operation "Hastings" was terminated on 3 August; however, Operation "PRAT" commenced that same day leaving communications with a team of five men at Dong Ha; they operated the switchboard and all FM and UHF radios for the MAG-16 detachment. In addition the Wing has assigned eight communicators in direct support of MAG-16 at Dong Ha; they operated the single side band (SSB) radio net, the covered circuit, and the maintenance of radio relay lines.

Two channels were obtained over existing MACV Air Force radio relay circuits to Dong Ha, going from Roseann Alpha to MMAF switchboard and the other to the Command and Control bunker at MMAF. These lines are marginal because of the unsatisfactory relay system from Monkey Mountain to MMAF. Suggestions for improving this system have been made to the CMC.

At MMAF the Wire section installed a telephone in the projection booth at the amphitheater to facilitate PA announcements of an urgent nature. Total message traffic was in excess of 4,500; with approximately 3,650 incoming and slightly less than 900 outgoing messages. The following transactions were effected by the repair section:

- a. 169 pieces of equipment processed
- b. 7 pieces of equipment evacuated to higher echelon
- c. 5 pieces of equipment returned from higher echelon
- d. 139 pieces of equipment returned to sections
- e. 97 requisitions processed by supply.

2. Ground Defense. No probes were experienced during the month. Small arms fire was received periodically which could not be attributed to friendly actions and therefore is assumed to have been sniper fire. No pattern to such fire was noted. The encroachment of fishing boats within 1000 meters of the Marble Mountain Air Facility has become an increasing problem. Frequently, these boats pass within a few hundred yards off shore, unlighted, after dark. The most effective method of combating this problem has been by firing warning shots near the boats. The modification of the perimeter has been accomplished in order to permit the completion of construction projects by the RMK construction firm.

3. Motor Transport. The MABS-16 Motor Transport Section provided the following services during the month of August 1966: Transportation of of potable and raw water, road grading throughout MMAF, and a total of 36,095 miles in fulfilling the transportation requirements of the various sections and departments in MAG-16.

4. TAFDS. The MABS-16 TAFDS Section continued to fulfill MAG-16's fuel needs during the month of August. The MABS-16 TAFDS section moved all equipment and facilities at Dong Ha to the south side of the runway. There is now a 20,000 gallon capacity for 115/145 and JP-4 in service. The quantity of fuel dispensed at Marble Mountain, Phu Bai, and Dong Ha during the month of August is shown on the following page:

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MMAF	211,061	196,897
Phu Bai	123,165	84,914
<u>Dong Ha</u>	<u>114,501</u>	<u>162,699</u>
TOTALS	448,727 gal.	444,510 gal.

5. Crash Crew. The MABS-16 Crash Crew continued during the month of August, to provide vital crash support of flight operations at MMAF, Phu Bai, and Dong Ha. The MABS-16 crash crew was also presented with a letter of appreciation from the Commanding Officer of MAC-11. This award was for the help rendered by MABS-16 crash crew at a fuel pit fire in Dong Ha Air Base area. On 26 August 1966 the MBAS crash crew quickly responded to a chemical explosion on the VMO-2 flight line. The explosion was caused by a E-158 "CS" gas cluster. The fire was professionally extinguished and a wash down held on the flight line.

6. Base Operation/Weather. During the month of August 1966 the MABS-16 weather section installed a Hygrothermograph. With the installation of this device, MACS-16 weather section now has the capability of obtaining a continuous record of temperatures and humidity.

#### 7. Base Development/Utilities

##### a. Construction Shop

Marble Mountain Air Facility - The following construction was completed on the dates indicated: Two, three man barrel type heads (3Aug66); passageway extension between MAC-16 Commanding Officer's Office and Group Sergeant Major's Office (8-12Aug66); four strong back buildings for O-1C Squadron and wash rack for maids (28Aug66); 51 metal tops for fire barrels (31Aug66) converted 170 tents to tin roof buildings (1-31Aug66).

Phu Bai - The following construction was completed on the dates indicated: replaced 3,000 gallon water tank at the messhall (10Aug66); three water towers for officers, staff, and enlisted clubs (15Aug66); new scullery for messhall with hot and cold running water (22Aug66).

Dong Ha - The following construction was completed on the dates indicated: Twelve strong back tents (22-25Aug66)

b. Refrigeration Shop. The following repairs, alterations and installations were completed during August: Removed water cooler from carpenters shop and installed in messhall (6Aug66). Repairs and operation of Base Ice Block Plant (6-31Aug66). Maintenance and repair of base air conditioners (1-31Aug66). Shop repairs on domestic reefers and coolers (1-31Aug66). Total man hours compiled by refer shop during month of August 1966 - 782 hours.

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c. Electric Shop. The following work, repairs, and installation of services were completed during August 1966: overhead distribution line from messhall to supply area (1-7Aug66); rewired part of sickbay, trouble shot runway lights, repaired break in service to Zulu Company CP (8-31Aug66); rebuilt pole line to enlisted area, wire five new tents, numerous small electrical jobs throughout MMAF (14-31Aug66). Total man hours compiled by electrical shop during August 1966 - 631 hours.

d. Plumbing Shop. The following work and repairs were completed by the plumbing shop during the month of August 1966: Installed sink and piping in dental office (5-6Aug66); constructed two double shower pipes for wing tank showers to go to Dong Ha (7-10Aug66); pumped out lavatory at messhall (1-31Aug66); numerous other small jobs throughout the month. Total man hours compiled by plumbing shop during August 1966 - 698.

e. Water Point. The water point produced 848,335 gallons of potable water during month of August 1966.

f. P. X./Barber Shop. On 15 August 1966 the Marble Mountain barber shop was placed under agreement with the Army, Air Force Exchange. This now allows the barber shop to offer the added service of a shave, massage, and shampoo. The exchange did a gross business of \$29,700 during August 1966.

## 8. Logistics.

a. Logistics support of all organic units continues; sources of supply remain the same.

b. The O&R modification team has completed the installation of the 100% Engine Inlet Barriers, ICS Standardization, Armament Reattachment Straps, Engine Starter Hydraulic Drains, and Airframe Fuel Filters on all CH-46A aircraft. Relocation of the steps and re-enforcement of the drive shaft tunnel, associated with the 100% Engine Inlet Barriers, is in progress.

c. Four UH-1E transmissions were received from the overhaul points aboard the USNS Corpus Christi Bay.

d. 700 meters of security fence has been completed and has commenced the fill and leveling required prior to construction of hangars adjacent to the East Mat area.

e. Air freight processed by this section with delivery destination as indicated:

(1) Organic aircraft to

(a) Hue Phu Bai

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(b) Dong Ha	43,619
(c) Da Nang	6,500
(d) MAAF	18,350
(2) Fixed Wing aircraft	
(a) Hue Phu Bai	14,500
(b) Dong Ha	1,500
(3) Surface (LCU)	
(a) Hue Phu Bai	23,000
(b) MAAF	<u>46,000</u>
Total	222,592

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PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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<u>HMM-161</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>HMM-16A</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>HMM-263</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>
HOURS	1264.1	HOURS	586.2	HOURS	1453.4
SORTIES	3440	SORTIES	1486	SORTIES	8779
PAX	4809	PAX	3557	PAX	4569
EVACS	364	EVACS	34	EVACS	590
CARGO (Tons)	213.2	CARGO (Tons)	383.7	CARGO (Tons)	223.6

<u>HMM-265</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>H&amp;MS-16</u>	<u>C-119</u>
HOURS	622.0	HOURS	1578.7	HOURS	112.4
SORTIES	1546	SORTIES	3558	SORTIES	64
PAX	5761	PAX	1927	PAX	936
EVACS	265	EVACS	167	EVACS	0
CARGO (Tons)	187.3	CARGO (Tons)	0	CARGO (Tons)	38.1

<u>SU #1</u>	<u>CH-37C</u>
HOURS	253.5
SORTIES	522
PAX	1927
EVACS	1
CARGO (Tons)	212.4

<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HOURS	5757.9
SORTIES	15395
PAX	23980
EVACS	1421
CARGO (Tons)	1256.0

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 012101H TO 022100H AUGUST 1966

0600H/2AUG - ONE CH-37 ACFT HAULED 2 PAX FROM MMAF TO PHU BAI. THE ACFT ARRIVED AT PHU BAI, DISCHARGED SAME AND THEN PROCEEDED TO DONG HA TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION HASTINGS.

0730H/2AUG - ONE HMM-164 CH-46A (SLICK) FLEW TO KY HA TO (RC 431094) AND THERE RECOVERED A DOWNED H-34 AND CARRIED 5,400 LBS OF CARGO BACK TO KY HA.

0900H/2AUG - SU #1 CH-37G ACFT HAULED 10,500 LBS OF RICE, AMMO AND MISCELLANEOUS CARGO PLUS 13 PAX FROM DONG HA TO D-5 BASE. HAULED 2,000 LBS OF CARGO AND 2 PAX FROM D-5 BACK TO DONG HA.

1500/2AUG - THE HMM-164 CH-46A (SLICK) RETURNED FROM KY HA TO DANANG AND CARRIED 2000 LBS (H-34 TRANSMISSION, ROTOR HEAD & BLADES) BACK TO MMAF.

MAG-16 ACFT CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OPERATION HASTINGS.

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16-16 517H - 1617H TO 031840H AUGUST 1966

0517H - TWO OF OUR OH-46A ESCORTED TRUCK CONVOY FROM THE BAY TO DONG BA.

0730H - ONE OH-37C AIRCRAFT DEPARTED MARBLE MOUNTAIN TO HAIL MATSRIANCE  
CROW TO CARRIED OH-37 AT DONG BA. REPAIRS WERE COMPLETED ON THE DROPPED  
AIRCRAFT AND THE AIRCRAFT DEPARTED DONG BA FOR THE BAY WITH 3 ARVN AND  
2 US MIL PAX. THE AIRCRAFT ARRIVED AT PHU BAI, DISCHARGED PAX AND THEN  
RETURNED TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN.

0930H - MEN 8-243 2 AIRCRAFT TO C-4 AND C-12D TO CARRY 74 US PAX TO USS  
REPOSE. THEN CARRIED 4400 LBS OF CARGO FROM THE BAY TO DA NANG.

1057H - 1 OH-34, 1 OH-1E, MEDVAC 2 US MIL. TOOK 2 WITS IN ZONE AT  
1999622; ON APPROACH. NO INJURY 0.5HRS.

1130H - MEDVAC PICKED UP 1 US MIL AND 2 VI CIVILIAN MEDVACS. NO FIRE  
RECEIVED 0.6 HRS.

1229H - 2 AIRCRAFT OH-46A LIFTED 70 US MIL FROM YD761091 TO THE BAY.  
MISSION WAS RECON EXTRACTION UNDER FIRE.

1311H - TWO OF OUR OH-46A LIFTED 9 US MIL FROM YD788073 TO THE BAY.  
MISSION WAS RECON EXTRACTION UNDER FIRE.

1520H - 2 AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO C-4 AND C-12D FOR AFTERNOON PORTION OF  
MEN 8-243. THEY CARRIED 38 MORE PAX AND 3000 LBS. OF GEAR TO THE USS REPOSE.

1700H - MEN 8-199 ONE AIRCRAFT TO CARRY EMERGENCY PATIENT FROM C-12D TO  
USS REPOSE. THEN CARRIED 5 MORE PAX AND 700 LBS OF GEAR FROM THE BAY TO  
USS REPOSE.

1840H - MEN 8-198 ONE A/C TO CARRY ONE EMERGENCY PATIENT FROM C-12D TO  
USS REPOSE.

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031955H MSN 8-9001 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON ESCORT MISSION. ESCORTED PEEPSITE 14 FROM DONG HA OUT TO THE RIVER TO THE OCEAN, REASON FOR LAUNCH WAS THREE BOATS WERE UNDER FIRE AND ONE WAS ON A SANDBAR AT YD255623.

032225H 1 H-34, ADMIN MSN 8-232, TO HILL 55. 1.0 HRS, 4 US PAX.

040603H MSN 8-315 2 ACFT ESCORT TRUCK CONVOY FROM PHU DAI TO DA NANG.

040800H MSN 8-298 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON MED EVAC MSN. PICKED UP 1 US MIA AT 968586, RECEIVED FIRE. ESCORT SHOT UP AT 992610. ALL IN SUPPORT OF

PTSENR -G-1

040925H MSN 8-316 ONE ACFT CARRIED UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FROM AF OP'S TO G-4 HOSPITAL TO C-MED TO REPOSE TO AF OP'S CARRIED FOUR VIP'S AND THREE OTHERS.

040920H 1 CH-46A DEPARTED MMAF AND CARRIED 32 US MIL MED PAX TO C-MED. RETURNED TO MMAF AT 1132 FOR A TOTAL OF 2.2 HOURS.

040930H ONE CH-46A DEPARTED MMAF FOR THE USS REPOSE CARRYING 5 US MIL MED PAX. RETURNED TO MMAF AT 1027 FOR 0.9 FLIGHT HOURS.

041125H MSN 8-298 PICKED UP 2 VN CIV AT AT007598 DELIVERED TO ARVN HOSPITAL DESC: THE GROUND UNIT WAS NOT UP ON THE BRIEFED FREQ 49.8. IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONTACT UNIT ON THEIR OWN TAC.

041305H 3 H-34's MSN 8-303 AND 8-309 9TH MAR RESUPPLY AND RECON INSERT 9.4 HRS - 17350 LBS CARGO - 40 US PAX - 4 VN CIV - 1 ARVN - FIRE RECEIVED AT AT983557 AND 969558 - EG 4 WHICH WAS DOWN AT AN HOY WAS REPAIRED AND TESTED IN THE FIELD AND TOOK PART IN THE RESUPPLY MISSION.

041629H MSN 8-318 ONE ACFT TO C-MED TO USS REPOSE WITH 4000LBS. OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND ONE PAX.

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MAC-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 050640 TO 051550 AUGUST 1966

LATE ENTRIES

031700H - MSN 8-226 ONE UH-1E ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE ON TWO RECON RETRACTIONS.

041645H - MSN 8-298H. TWO UH-1E's LAUNCHED ON A MED EVAC, TO TAY KY WHERE THEY PICKED UP ONE WOUNDED CHILD AND HIS MOTHER AND TOOK TO G-4 HOSPITAL.

040700H - MSN 8-290/291. TWO UH-1E's LAUNCHED ON VIP MISSIONS FOR GEN WALT. FLEW DANANG VIP HOPS, AND TOOK FRANCHISE 6, MOMENT 6, AND SUDDEN DEATH 6 TO THE REPOSE (SEVERAL TRIPS BACK AND FORTH) TO MEET MEN AND DISTRIBUTE PURPLE HEARTS.

042010H - MSN 8-340. TWO UH-1E's LAUNCHED ON AN ARMED HELO ESCORT MSN. ESCORTED POWERGLIDE 7-1 & 7-2 ON AN EMERGENCY RECON RETRACTION FROM AT0971479. RECEIVED AND RETURNED ENEMY FIRE AT AT983467.

042015H - 2 H-34, MSN 8-298, EMERGENCY RETRACTION RECON PATROL AT AT971497 2.0 HRS. 10US PAX, NO CARGO, FIRE TAKEN AT AT971497, ONE HIT, NO INJURIES.

042200H - 2 H-34 MSN 8-300A, ADMIN RUN, PARTWEST COORD. AT965616, 1.4 HRS, 4 PAX, NO CARGO, RECEIVED FIRE AT AT980613, NO HITS.

HMM-161 LATE ENTRY - IN SUPPORT OF THE OPENING DAY OF OPERATION PRARIE 6 ACFT FLEW 22.5 HRS, 115 SORTIES, 2250 LBS CARGO AND 0 MED EVACS, 231 PAX. THE MAJORITY OF THE MISSIONS WERE RECON INSERTIONS, RETRACTIONS AND AERIAL RECON. 2 ACFT STOOD 1 CORPS MED EVAC FLYING 1.2 HRS AND CARRYING 2 MED EVACS. AT THIS WRITING THESE TWO ACFT HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED TO CAMLO FOR 3 PRIORITY 1 AND 3 PRIORITY 2 MED EVACS. 3 ACFT PARTICIPATED IN 2 RECON INSERTIONS AND 2 PAX PICKUPS. 2 ACFT FLEW AERIAL RECON. TOTAL FLT TIME WAS 34.5, SORTIES 129. AVERAGE AVAILABILITY WAS 10.

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050640H - MSN 8-357 SPARROW HAWK NORTH, TWO (2) CH-46A TO THE BAT.

LAUNCHED IN PM TO DUNG HA IN ERROR. CARRIED A TOTAL OF 12 US PAX AND 5500 LBS OF CARGO.

050755H - 2 H-34, MSN 8-365, RESUPPLY FARTHEST COORD AT AT981563, 8.0 HRS 47 US PAX, 3 TONS CARGO, NO FIRE.

050830H - TWO AIRCRAFT DEPARTED MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND PROCEEDED TO AT93960 FOR A VNAF UH-34 RECOVERY. MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL DISMANTLED THE DOWNED ACFT AND IT WAS EXTRICATED TO DANANG.

051250H - 2 H-34, MSN 8-365, RESUPPLY FARTHEST COORD AT013514, 8.0 HRS, 47 US PAX, 3 TONS CARGO.

051325H - ONE ACFT HAULED THE JEEP AND 1300 LBS OF CARGO PLUS 15 PAX FROM TAN KY TO QUE SON.

051550H - ONE ACFT HAULED ONE JEEP AND TRAILER FROM THE APC PAD AT KY HA TO THINH PHONG. UPON COMPLETION OF THE MISSION THE AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN.

MSN-265 FLEW 12 MAINTENANCE TEST FLIGHTS AND 2 LOCAL AREA UNIT TRAINING FLIGHTS FOR A TOTAL OF 14 SORTIES AND 7.6 HOURS.

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MAR-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 060530H TO 061900H AUGUST 1966

060530H - ONE MEN WAS FIRED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COLORADO WHICH ATTAINED 2 OH-37C ACFT HAULING 19,100 LBS OF AMMUNITION AND 54 ARVN PAX FROM TAM KY TO QUE SON.

060608H - MEN 8-432 14 ACFT TOTAL. TWELVE ACFT CARRIED 654 ARVN TROOPS & 16 US TROOPS FROM TAM KY TO AT024337. 2 ACFT CARRIED TWO 105's & ALSO (9980 LBS) TO QUE SON. OPERATION COLORADO. ONE ACFT IN ZONE DUE TO LOSS OF TRANSMISSION OIL DUE TO GROUND FIRE.

061300H - TWO ACFT LAUNCHED FROM TAM KY TO DETERMINE PROBLEM OF DOWNED ACFT IN ZONE ABOVE. DROPPED A MAINTENANCE CREW AND RETURNED TO MMAF FOR PARTS. RECEIVED FIRE IN ZONE.

060915H - MEN 8-434 ONE ACFT CARRIED 3500 LBS OF ROCKETS & JUNKER FROM MMAF TO BONG HA THEN RETURNED TO MMAF STOPPING AT PHU DAI. SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRARIE.

061300H - MEN 8-436 ONE ACFT TO CARRY H-34 ENGINE FROM PHU DAI TO CAM LO RETURNED TO MMAF STOPPING AT PHU DAI. SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRARIE.

061305H - MEN 9-422 P.G. ONE OH-1B ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE AND EVAC TO BT003612. RECEIVED FIRE IN ZONE, RETURNED FIRE, USED EVAC SUGGESTION DELIVERED TO 800 MED. ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE AND EVAC TO BT044672. RECEIVED FIRE, RETURNED SAME. GOT ONE VC, POSSIBLY TWO. DELIVERED MED EVACS TO 800 MED.

061340H - MEN 8-438 2 ACFT CARRIED 2 H-34 ENGINES AND BAR PRARIE FROM MMAF TO DOWNED POWERGLIDE ACFT AT QUE SON (BT046346).

061425H - 4 H-34's MEN #527, RESUPPLY TAM KY TO QUE SON, 26 PAX, 23,000 LBS CARGO. FURNISHED GOOD BT036342, NO FIRE, 14.0 HRS.

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061446H - MSN 8-569 & ACFT CARRIED MAINTENANCE CREW TO AT984337 TO FIX DOWNED ACFT. MAINTENANCE CREW RECEIVED CONTINUAL SNIPER FIRE WHILE AT WORK.

061510H - MSN 8-527 ONE ACFT EXTERNALED A 105 HOWITZER 5000# FROM TAN KY TO QUE SON.

061605H - MSN 423H,Y. ONE UH-1E ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE MED EVAC TO PT010608 RECEIVED FIRE FROM BT010606. RETURNED FIRE, MED SUCCESSFULLY DELIVERED TO "C" MED. RECEIVED FIRE FROM BT010606. ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE MED EVAC TO BT 003581 AND TO "C" MED. NO INCIDENTS.

061620H - 2 CH-34's, MISSION #432P, MED EVAC AT AT980332, 2.2 HOURS, 1 HIT, AT 980330 SMALL ARMS. 1 US BATTLE EVACS, AND 15 ARVN BATTLE EVACS.

061836H - MSN 8-429J,K. ONE UH-1E LAUNCHED ON A MED EVAC ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE MED EVAC TO LZ GRANDAD AND TO G-4 HOSPITAL. THEN ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE MED EVAC TO AT955646. TOOK A VILLAGE AT AT961645 UNDER FIRE UNDER REQUEST OF RUGGLES "D" '2'. MADE MED EVAC AND TOOK TO G-4 HOSPITAL. DAMAGED 6 BUILDINGS IN THE VILLAGE.

061900H - 2 UH-34D's, MSN #370, TROOP LIFT FINCH AT838756 31 PAX, 4.8 HOURS, NO CARGO, NO FIRE.

060530H - TWO CH-46A DEPARTED TAN KY TO QUE SON LIFTING 1 US MIL AND 26,100 LBS OF CARGO.

060550H - TEN CH-46A DEPARTED MMAF IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COLORADO, ONE ACFT LIFTED 33 US MIL, 587 ARVN AND 2400 LBS OF CARGO. THREE ACFT RECEIVED A TOTAL OF FOUR HITS AT COORDS AT980333 AND BT004335. ACFT ALSO INCURRED MANY ANTI-HELO STAVES IN LANDING ZONE.

061505H - ONE CH-46A LIFTED 9 US MIL AND 1 VIP FROM WING PAD TO CHU LAI AND 1st DIV VIP PAD.

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061505H - 2 CH-46A LIFTED 18,200 LBS OF CARGO FROM TAM KY TO BT036432.

061638H - 2 CH-46A LIFTED ARVN AND 3000 LBS OF CARGO FROM I CORPS DELTA PAD TO TAM KY. THIS MISSION WAS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COLORADO.

LATE ENTRIES

050700H - MSN 8-353/354. ONE VMO-2 UH-1E AND ONE VMO-6 UH-1E FLYING ESCORT FLEW NORMAL DANANG VIP HOPS. ALSO TOOK FRANCHISE 6 AND PARTY TO CHU IAI AND RECON OF AREA AT AT270193.

051840H - ONE UH-1E ESCORTED POWER HOUSE 8-1 ON RECON INSERTION AT AT835757. THEN ESCORTED SAME ON ANOTHER RECON INSERTION AT AT879608.

051850H - 3 UH-34D's MSN #370, TROOP LEFT BINH AT AT838756, 31 PAX, 4.8 HRS, NO CARGO, NO FIRE.

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041405H - MSN 8-6001A 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON REPORT FROM POLISH H-1 FOR VC IN WEEDS. TOOK FIRE FROM VILLAGE, RETURN IT ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE 1-1 FOR REACTION FORCE INSERTION.

041705H - MSN 8-5001B 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON RECON INSERTION. ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE 1-1 ON RECON INSERTION OF NIGHTSTICKER TROOPS FROM FIRST ACFT TOOK FIRE, SECOND BRID WAVED OFF, FIRST ACFT PICKED THEM UP, WE RETURNED FIRE.

050805H - MSN 8-357 & 8-355 1 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON ARM HELO MISSION. REPLIED TO A CALL FROM BARRELHOUSE BASE TO CONTACT SACRED "X" FOR BRIEF, "X" HAD VC IN OPEN, VC HIDING IN RICE PADDIE WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE, THINK HE WAS KILLED IN STRAFING. WAS ABLE TO RECOVER WEAPON AND PONCHO.

051330H - MSN 8-6001C 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON ESCORT MISSION. ESCORTED H-34 TO YD0666 FOR RECON EXTRACTION AND FIRE ON VC POSITION.

051330H - MSN 8-6001B 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON ARMED ESCORT MISSION. GAVE ARMED HELO SUPPORT FOR RECON TEAM (PIKE) AND BARRELHOUSE ACFT ON RETRACTION OF RECON TEAM. UPON RETRACTION CONDUCTED ARTY STRIKE AND TWO AIRSTRIKES ON YD0767. RECEIVED HIT OR HITS AT 1400HRS FROM SMALL ARM FIRE AT YD 068666.

061425H - MSN 8-6001C 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON TAG(A) OF ARTY FIRE AT 060660 WHICH WAS A SUSPECTED VC POSITION, ARTY UNIT GOT 100% COVERAGE ON TARGET.

051730H - MSN 8-5001D ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE 1-2 ON INSERTION OF KILLER KAME. DECC, BRIEFED FOR ONE FREQ + AND HOP FLEN ON ANOTHER FREQ THAT WASN'T GIVEN TO US.

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060605H - MSN 8-5001A 4 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON RECON INSERTION MSN. ESCORTED QUIZ GAME AT YD2346 DECS, RIDGE BEAM 14 PASSED OVER AIR TO SACRED "B" WHO BROADCAST THEM FAR WIDE. DUE TO NO PRIOR OVERFLIGHT RECON TEAM X SHOWED DANGEROUS INDECESSION + UNCERTAINTY ABOUT LZ.

061015H - MSN 8-5001E 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON ARM ESCORT MSN. ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE 1-1 ON RECON RETRACTION OF NIGHTSTICKER. CONDUCTED AIR STRIKES AT YD 090635 RECEIVED ENEMY FIRE CONDUCTING AIRSTRIKE AND BARRELHOUSE RECEIVED FIRE WHILE COMING OUT OF ZONE. NIGHT STICKER STARTED SEVERAL FIRES IN HIS IMMEDIATE AREA WHICH RESTRICTED HIS MOVEMENT.

061655H - MSN 8-5001B+C 3 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON INSERTION AND RETARTION MSN ESCORTED BARRELHOUSE 1-1 ON INSERTION OF PIKE, 1 H-34 CRASHED AT YD037542 WE PICKED UP ONE CREWMEMBER AND A H-34 GOT THE OTHER 3. EXTRACTED PIKE INSERTED THEM AGAIN LATER IN A DIFFERENT ZONE. SAR ACFT RETURN INJURED PILOT TO DONG HA INFORMED AID STATION CLOSED DIRECTED TO USS REPOSE. NOT OFF COAST-LATER INTORTION BY DONG HA TOWER TO RETURN TO DONG HA MED STATION. APPROX 20 MINUTES TIME INJURED PILOT WAS UNAIDED.

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070528H - TWO CH-46A NHM-265 ESCORTED A CONVOY FROM HUE/PHU BAI TO DANANG. THE CONVOY ROUTE WAS HIGHWAY ONE. THE CONVOY RECEIVED FIRE ENROUTE. (CONVOY REPORTED THAT THEY RECEIVED FIRE FROM A PAGODA, BUT RECEIVED NO HITS, AND DID NOT RETURN FIRE, BECAUSE OF A VILLAGE LOCATED NEAR, AND CONTINUED) OUR ACFT WERE FLYING AT MINIMUM ALT BUT COULD NOT LOCATE THE ENEMY POSITIONS. UPON COMPLETION OF THE MSN THE ACFT RETURNED TO MMAF.

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070905H - MEN 8-484 A&B 1 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON ARM ESCORT MGN. PICKED UP 1 VC WIA AT BT120543, TOOK TO HOI AN AF, PICKED UP 1 VC WOUNDED IN ACTION AT BT115605 TOOK TO HOI AN AF. DESC. AFTER SECOND PICK UP NO ONE TO MEET MED EVAC ACFT AT HOI AN, WAITED 15 MIN FOR TOWY 14 TO GET IN TOUCH WITH REPRESENTATIVE AT HOI AN FOR AMBULANCE & CHASER.

070955H - 2 CH-46A LIFTED 4000 LBS OF CARGO ( 2 H34 ENGINES) FROM DONG HA TO HUE/PHU BAI IN SUPPORT OF HMM-161.

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MAG-16 SITREP PERIOD COVERED 072100H TO 082100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 166.6 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 1103 TROOPS, 54.2

TONS OF CARGO, AND 34 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 561 SORTIES.

#### OPERATION PRAIRIE HIGHLIGHTS

DURING THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF 8 AUGUST 1966 ON A ROUTINE RECON RETRACTION IN THE APPROXIMATE AREA OF XD989600, THE FOLLOWING TOOK PLACE.

DURING THE COURSE OF THE RETRACTION 7 UH-34D's OF HMM-161, 4 CH-46A's OF HMM-265, AND 8 UH-1E's OF VMC-2 RECEIVED DAMAGE FROM SMALL ARMS FIRE. ALL AIRCRAFT ARE IN SECURE ZONES. OF THE 7 UH-34D's 3 ARE STILL FLYABLE, OF THE 4 CH-46A's 2 ARE STILL FLYABLE, OF THE 8 UH-1E's 6 ARE STILL FLYABLE. HMM-161 HAD 1 GUNNER KIA AND HMM-265 HAD 6 MIA OF WHICH 3 WERE PILOTS AND 3 CREWMEMBERS.

#### LATE ENTRIES

EIGHT ACFT SUPPORTED OPERATION PRAIRIE. THEY RESUPPLIED THE RECON RELAY UNIT, AND AN INSERT AND THEY RETRACTED THEM AFTER YR-9 LOST POWER, CRASHED AND BURNED, ALL CREW OK.

#### ENTRIES FOR 8 AUGUST 1966

080700H - FOUR CH-46A LIFTED 540 ARVN TROOPS FROM YD539439 TO YD544354.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE MSN ALL FOUR RETURNED TO MMAF.

080735H - ONE ACFT DEPARTED MMAF AND PROCEEDED TO TAM KY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COLORADO. A TOTAL OF 11,500 LBS OF 105 AMMO AND 5 PAX WERE HAULED FROM TAM KY TO QUE SON. A TOTAL OF 5 PAX WERE FLOWN FROM QUE SON BACK TO TAM KY.

081150H - 4 ACFT FROM TAM KY TO BT132265 TO BT169241 TO TAM KY. CARRIED

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 082100H TO 092100H AUGUST 1966  
MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 148.1 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 930 PAX,  
40.3 TONS OF CARGO AND 37 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED  
IN 361 SORTIES.

OPERATION PRARIE (HIGHLIGHTS)

AT APPROXIMATELY 090002H A UH-1E SLICK WAS ON AN EMERGENCY  
RESUPPLY OF AMMO TO A RECON UNIT LOCATED AT XD988598. WHILE  
UNLOADING IN THE ZONE? THE UH-1E CAME UNDER INTENSE ENEMY  
FIRE AND WAS UNABLE TO LIFT FROM THE ZONE. THE SLICK WAS  
ABANDONED AND STRIPPED OF ALL GUNS AND AMMO. THE CREW THEN  
JOINED WITH THE RECON UNIT THAT THEY HAD BEEN RESUPPLYING.  
THE CREWCHIEF AND GUNNER WERE BOTH WOUNDED. THE PILOTS AND  
CREW REMAINED WITH THE RECON UNIT THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND  
WERE LIFTED OUT AT FIRST LIGHT.

091500H - 27 VC POW'S PLUS 4 US MARINE GUARDS WERE FLOWN FROM  
PLSG TO DIEN BAN. THE AIRCRAFT ARRIVED AT DIEN BAN, OFF LOADED  
15 PRISONERS AND THEN PROCEEDED TO HOI AN TO DISCHARGE THE  
REMAINING 12. THE AIRCRAFT RETURNED THE FOUR CHASERS TO THE  
PLSG PAD AND THEN RETURNED TO NMAF.

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD COVERED 092101H TO 102100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 74.4 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 279 PASSENGERS, 18.0 TONS OF CARGO AND 54 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 224 SORTIES.

**MAG-16(HIGHLIGHTS)**

THIS GROUP CONTINUED TO SUPPORT OPERATION COLORADO BY FLYING A TOTAL OF 2.9 HOURS, CARRYING 10 PASSENGER, 3.2 TONS OF CARGO AND 2 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 6 SORTIES. NO ACFT WERE FIRED UPON OR RECEIVED ANY DAMAGE.

HMM-164 ON MISSION # 8-883 UTILIZING 2 CH-46A CARRIED A UH-34D ENGINE FROM MMAF TO DONG HA. ON THE RETURN TRIP THE CARRIED A UH-1E BACK.

VMO-2 ON MISSION #8-799 ESCORTED VMO 1-0 WITH CMC ON BOARD. THEY ALSO CARRIED GEN. ELWOOD ON TOUR OF HASTINGS AREA.

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**MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 102101H TO 112100H AUGUST 1966**

**MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 325.4 WITH 743 SORTIES CARRYING 1150 PAX, 42.4 TONS CARGO AND 84 BATTLE EVACS.**

**11/0740H - TWO HMM-265 CH46A WERE LAUNCHED ON A SPARROW HAWK MISSION, EMERGENCY RETRACTION OF 10 U.S. MARINES FROM (BT 800591) TO LZ FINCH IN SUPPORT OF III MAF.**

**11/0750H - ONE HMM-265 CH46A LIFTED 10,400 LBS OF CARGO FROM DUNG HA TO MMAF (TWO UH-1E'S) AS PART OF OPERATION PRAIRIE.**

**11/0612H - THE THREE HMM-265 CH46A AT TAM KY LIFTED 74 U.S. TROOPS FROM TAM KY TO (BT 228315), (BT 135366), (BT 200245) AND RETURNED TO TAM KY AS A PART OF OPERATION COLORADO.**

**11/0945H - THE THREE HMM-265 ACFT AT TAM KY AGAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COLORADO LIFTED 80 U.S. TROOPS, 5,740 LBS OF CARGO FROM TAM KY TO (AT 946296).**

**11/1500H - ONE HMM-265 CH46A LIFTED 50 LBS OF CARGO, ACFT PARTS, FROM MMAF TO TAM KY TO SUPPORT OUR AIRCRAFT IN OPERATION COLORADO.**

**11/1620H - ONE CH-37C OF SU #1 FLEW ONE MISSION IN SUPPORT OF I CORPS WHICH ENTAILED HAULING ONE UH-34 ENGINE FROM DANANG TO (YD 520440). UPON COMPLETION OF THE MSN THE ACFT RETURNED TO MMAF.**

**11/1640H - HMM-265 ACFT AT TAM KY LIFTED 3200 LBS OF 105MM AMMO TO QUE SAN AND RETURNED TO MMAF IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COLORADO.**

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 122100H TO 122100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 ACFT TODAY FLEW 370 SORTIES IN 149.9 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 209 PAX,  
19.5 TONS CARGO AND 63 MED EVACS.

LATE ENTRIES

9/0025H - ONE UH-1E CONDUCTED AIR STRIKE AGAINST KNOWN AND SUSPECTED ENEMY  
POSITIONS AROUND HILLTOP OF ENCIRCLED MARINES. VICINITY OF (YD 9759). ENEMY  
GROUND FIRE RECEIVED AND RETURNED.

9/0600H - ONE UH-1E OF VMO-2 DIRECTED CONDOLE ACFT ON STRIKE OF AREA OF  
ENCIRCLED MARINES ON HILLTOP (YD 9759). ONE HIT RECEIVED IN ACFT.

11/0615H - TWO VMO-2 UH-1E'S FLEW VIP MISSIONS FOR GEN. WALT AND TOOK CMC  
ON TOUR OF DANANG AREA.

11/2342H - TWO VMO-2 UH-1E'S LAUNCHED IN SUPPORT OF REDWOOD TO LOOK FOR MORTARS.  
SPOOKY FIRED ON TARGET. NO ENEMY FIRE.

12/1520H - TWO HMM-265 CH-46A LIFTED 22 U.S. BATTLE EVACS AND 1 KIA FROM  
(AT 030860) TO "C" MED, G-4 MED AND TO THE U.S.S. REPOSE.

12/1611H - TWO HMM-164 CH-46A FLEW TO DONG HA AND TO (YD 929571) AND EXTERNALED  
A UH-1E AND 14 U.S. PAX TO MMAF.

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**MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 122101H TO 132100H AUGUST 1966**

**MAG-16 ACFT FLEW 304 SORTIES IN 87.1 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 401 PAX, 33.0 TONS OF CARGO AND 21 MED EVACS.**

**13/0650H - 2 CH-37'S HAULED 22,600 LBS OF CARGO AND 32 PAX FROM DONG HA TO D-5, HAULED 1,100 LBS AND 17 PAX FROM D-5 TO DONG HA. CARRIED 2000 LBS AND 11 PAX FROM DONG HA TO CA LU AND 500 LBS AND 7 PAX FROM CA LU TO DONG HA. UPON COMPLETION OF THE MISSION BOTH AIRCRAFT WERE ENROUTE TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN WHEN ONE ACFT DEVELOPED MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES AND WAS LEFT AT PHU BAI PENDING REPAIRS. THE REMAINING ACFT RETURNED TO MMAF.**

**13/1555H - TWO HMM-164 CH-46A CARRIED A UH-34 ENGINE AND 2,400 LBS OF CARGO TO PHU BAI.**

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 132101H TO 142100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 ACFT FLEW 503 SORTIES IN 142.9 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 1486 PAX AND 28.5 TONS OF CARGO AND 138 MED EVACS.

LATE ENTRIES

11/1655H - TWO VMO-2 UH-1E'S LAUNCHED ON ESCORT MISSION FOR HMM-263 1-5 FOR RECON INSERTION AT COORD (YD 0042).

12/1340H - 1 UH-1E FROM VMO-2 AND 1 FROM VMO-6 LAUNCHED ON ESCORT OF RECON INSERTION AT (YD 936572) RETRACTED IMMEDIATELY DUE TO LOSS OF TAIL ROTOR OF ACFT MAKING INSERTION.

12/1630H - UH-1E ACFT FROM VMO-2 ESCORTED HMM-263 TO COVER DOWNED VMO-6 UH-1E. CALLED CONDOLLE AND OXWOOD IN ON POSSIBLE VC CONCENTRATION, NO BDA. ACFT FIRED ITS ROCKETS ON AREA AROUND DOWNED UH-1E.

13/0645H - 9 HMM-265 CH-46A'S AT TAM KY LIFTED 211 U.S. MARINES FROM TAM KY TO (BT 164428). THIS TROOP LIFT WAS A STRIKE: PART OF OPERATION COLORADO.

13/0858H - TWO HMM-265 CH-46A AT TAM KY LIFTED THREE U.S. PAX AND 7500 LBS OF CARGO (H-34 PA RTS) FROM KY HA TO DANANG AS PART OF OPERATION COLORADO.

13/1212H - 6 CH-46A OF HMM-265 LIFTED 971 TROOPS (6 U.S., 965 ARVN) FROM HUE PHU BAI TO (YD 977165), (YD 858212), (YD 960150). THIS WAS A STRIKE MISSION IN SUPPORT OF I CORPS.

13/1400H - ONE HMM-265 CH46A LIFTED 18 ARVN MEDICAL PAX FROM TAM KY TO THE ARVN HOSPITAL AT DANANG. THIS MISSION WAS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COLORADO.

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14/0755H - ONE HMM-164 CH46A FLEW TO KY HA TO (BT 172425) (TWO TRIPS) TO MMAP CARRIED H-34 ENGINE AND MAINTENANCE CREW.

14/0914H - ONE HMM-265 CH46A FLEW A TOTAL OF 16 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 69 MEDICAL PAX, 5 U.S. PAX BETWEEN G-4, C-MED, AND THE USS REPOSE.

14/1035H - TWO HMM-265 CH46A ON SPARROW HAWK STANDBY WERE LAUNCHED FOR AN

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EMERGENCY RETRACTION OF 10 U.S. TROOPS. THESE TROOPS WERE RETRACTED FROM  
(AT 813600). ONE OF THE MEN WAS WOUNDED AND WAS CARRIED TO C-MED, THE OTHER  
NINE WERE TAKEN TO LZ FINCH.

14/1353H - TWO HHM-164 GR46A FLEW TO TAM KY TO QUE SON TO (BT 165415) (SHUTTLE,  
CARRIED 5 105'S) AND 2 RADIO JEEPS.

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**MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 142101Z TO 152100H AUGUST 1966**

**MAG-16 ACFT FLEW 493 SORTIES IN 229.2 FLT HOURS CARRYING 856 PAX, 18.5 TONS OF CARGO AND 25 BATTLE EVACS.**

**15/0855H - ONE CH-46A OF HMM-265 LIFTED 20 PAX AND 30 EVACS FROM "C" MED G-4 MED AND 15TH AERO PORT TO THE USS REPOSE.**

**15/0910H - TWO HMM-164 CH-46A FROM TAM KY TO THANG BINH. EXTERNALLED H-34 ENGINE TO KY HA. RETURNED TO TAM KY.**

**15/1220H - TWO HMM-164 CH-46A FLEW FROM TAM KY TO TIEN PHOUIC AND PICKED UP CARGO, JEEP & TRAILER AND 3 PAX. THEY CARRIED THEM TO KY HA AND THEN RETURNED TO TAM KY. ACFT RECEIVED FIRE AT TIEN PHOUIC WITH NOHITS.**

**15/1515H - TWO CH-46A OF HMM-265 LIFTED 16 U.S. PAX AND 13,000 LBS OF CARGO FROM DONG HA TO CAL LU. ACFT RECEIVED RECEIVED FIRE TAKING ONE HIT AT YD 290575.**

**15/1520H - ONE CH-46A OF HMM-265 LIFTED 20 U.S. PAX AND 200 LBS OF CARGO FROM "C" MED AND G-4 MED TO THE USS REPOSE AND TO FLSC PAD.**

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 152101H TO 162100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 ACFT FLEW A TOTAL OF 362 SORTIES IN 125.5 FLT HOURS CARRYING 457 PAX, 24.7 TONS OF CARGO AND 28 MED EVACS.

LATE ENTRIES

14/0605H - 2 VMQ-2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON AN ARMED ESCORT MISSION ESCORTING POWERGLIDE ON RECON INSERTION ENCOUNTERING NO DIFFICULTY. FIRED 3 ROCKETS SO CONDOLE 43-1843-3 FLTS COULD EXPEND THEIR ARMAMENT ON TARGET AT (YD 0255).

15/0835H - 2 VMQ-2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON ARMED ESCORT MISSION FOR POWERGLIDE 1-5 OVER FLT OF (YD0255) AND (YD0348). DEADLOCK WAS SHIPPED AT APPROX GRID SQUARES (YD2357) AND (YD2458).

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16/0900H - HMM-164 CARRIED 92 PAX FROM G-4 AND C-MED TO THE USS REPOSE IN BOTH THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

16/1115H - VMQ-2 UH-1E MED EVAC ESCORT ESCORTED BONNIE SUE MED EVAC ACFT AND RECEIVED FIRE FROM (A T 951510). RETURNED SAME WITH 12 ROCKETS AND 1400 RNDs 7.62MM DESTROYING 2 STRUCTURES AND DAMAGING ANOTHER.

16/1130H - AN HMM-164 SLICK EXTERNALLY CARRIED ONE UH-1E FROM MMAF TO DANANG.

16/1300H - ONE HMM-164 SLICK AND ANOTHER CH46A EXTERNALLY CARRIED ONE H-34 "A" FRAME FROM MMAF TO QUE SON. CARRIED 17 ARVN FROM QUE SON TO HOI AN.

16/1350H - 2 VMQ-2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON MED EVAC MISSION AND RECEIVED FIRE FROM (BT 105633). ESCORT HIT TARGET WITH 12 ROCKETS AND 3000 RNDs DESTROYING 2 STRUCTURES AND DAMAGING 3 OTHERS.

16/1704H - 1 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON MED EVAC ESCORT MSN TO (AT 938505). RECEIVED FIRE FROM (AT 943515) BUT DIDN'T RETURN FIRE.

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**MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 162100H TO 172100H AUGUST 1966**

MAG-16 ACFT TODAY FLEW 427 SORTIES IN 145.0 FLT HOURS CARRYING 695 PAX, 20.0 TONS CARGO AND 31 MED EVACS.

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**17/0230H** - 1 VMO-2 UH-1E LAUNCHED TO ESCORT POWERGLIDE TO PICK UP MEDEVAC AT SANDPIPER. SAW FIRE AT (A T 992710) IMPACTING AND COMING FROM SAME POSITION, TOOK POSITION UNDER FIRE. ONE. EXP. 800 RND OF 7.62MM. NO DAMAGE REPORT GIVEN.

**17/0915H** - TWO HMM-164 CH-46A FLEW TO PHU BAI TO (YD 734095) TO PHU BAI (2 TRIPS) THEN RETURNED TO MMAF. CARRIED DOWNED UH-1E OUT OF ZONE ALSO RECEIVED 1 HIT ON FINAL INTO ZONE.

**17/0948H** - ONE HMM-265 CH-46A LIFTED 56 U.S. PAX FROM "C" MED AND G-4 MED TO THE USS REPOSE.

**17/1010H** - TWO HMM-265 CH-46A LIFTED 40 U.S. PAX AND 1000 LBS OF CARGO FROM MMAF TO PHU BAI AND DONG HA.

**17/1030H** - TWO CH-46A OF HMM-164 FLEW FROM PHU BAI TO DONG HA. CARRIED H-34 ENGINE AND BLADES BACK TO PHU BAI.

**17/1415H** - TWO CH-46A OF HMM-265 LIFTED 24 U.S. PAX TO COORD. (AT 912811). THIS WAS A "BLUE SPRINGS" MISSION.

**17/1530H** - ONE HMM-164 CH-46A LIFTED 41 U.S. PAX FROM "C" MED TO THE USS REPOSE.

**17/1600H** - 2 VMO-2 UH-1E'S LAUNCHED TO WORK WITH OLDFIELD 141 AND TANKS WITH CALL SIGN OF CHARLIE 6. SPOTTED 4 VCS AND CALLED TANKS AFTER THEM. THEY BROKE AND RAN, HUNTER OPENED FIRE ON THEM AND SO DID THE TANKS, WHEN TANKS OPENED FIRE THE WHOLE AREA BEGAN TO SWARM IN 2,000 METER SQUARE AREA. OBSERVED MANY VC KILLS, MARINES ON GROUND ALSO KILLED MANY VC. GROUND MARINES WERE SWEEPING AREA WHEN THE UH-1E'S LEFT.

**17/1621H** - TWO CH-46A OF HMM-164 CARRIED H-34 7 "A" FRAME TO HOI AN AND RETURNED. RECEIVED FIRE FROM (BT 139558), NO HITS.

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 172101H TO 182100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 ACFT TODAY FLEW 388 SORTIES IN 159.9 FLT HOURS CARRYING 269 PAX, 16.3 TONS CARGO AND 81 MED EVACS.

18/0350H - TWO VM<sup>0</sup>-2 UH-1E'S LAUNCHED TO ESCORT HMM-164 ON RETRACTION OF MARLIN FROM (AT 020505). MARLIN REPORTED FIRE IN THE AREA, SO THE TWO UH-1E'S MADE STRAFFING RUNS ON THE SUSPECTED POSITIONS EXPENDING 800 RND OF 7.62MM.

18/0420H - HMM-164 LAUNCHED TWO CH-46A'S ON AN EMERGENCY RETRACTION FROM (BT 021505) TO AN HOA. RECEIVED FIRE IN EXTRACTION ZONE. CARRIED 9 U.S. TROOPS.

18/1300H - TWO CH-37C ACFT DEPARTED MMAF AND PROCEEDED TO HUE PHU BAI WITH 5,100 LBS OF CARGO AND 11 PAX. THE ACFT ARRIVED AT PHU BAI, DISCHARGED SAME, PICKED UP R-1820 ENGINES, 600 LBS OF MISCELLANEOUS CARGO AND 5 PAX AND THEN RETURNED TO MMAF.

18/1311H - TWO CH-46A OF HMM-164 LIFTED H-34 AND GEAR FROM (BS 769437). RECEIVED FIRE FROM (BS 769437) AND (BS 762486).

18/1500H - TWO VM<sup>0</sup>-2 UH-1E'S LAUNCHED TO RECON FOR RIDGEBEAM AND RECEIVED FIRE FROM (YD 0156) AND EXPENDED 28 ROCKETS AND 3500 RND OF 7.62MM IN RETURNING FIRE.

18/1500H - TWO VM<sup>0</sup>-2 UH-1E'S LAUNCHED AND WORKED AS TAC(A) AND IN DOING SO DROPPED 4 ROCKETS ON VC COLLECTION POINT AT (XD 9957).

18/1805H - TWO UH-1E'S LAUNCHED TO ESCORT POWERGLIDE 1-1 ON INSERTION OF 'PARTY LINE' AT (YD 960511). NO ENEMY FIRE. BARRELHOUSE REPORTED AN ESTIMATED 40 VC SPOTTED AT (YD 023550). THE UH-1E'S TOOK POSITION UNDER FIRE AND EXPENDED 26 ROCKETS.

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MAG-16 SITREP PERIOD COVERED 182100H TO 192100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 140.0 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 626 PASSENGERS, 12.5 TONS OF CARGO, AND 29 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 483 SORTIES.

191411H - 7 ACFT LIFTED 118 TROOPS FROM DIALOG TO AT832615 FOR TROOP INSERTION.

190850H - 2 CH-46A LIFTED 23 US PAX FROM LZ FINCH AT831615 FOR A RECON INSERTION.

191415H - 3 CH-46A ACFT LIFTED 40 US PAX FROM DIA LOG TO AT832611.

HMM-263 SUPPORTED III MAF BY LIFTING 70 US MILITARY, 100 LBS OF CARGO, 15 US MILITARY MED EVACS AND 2 VN CIVILIANS MED EVACS. RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM BT038676 AND BT108640, NO HITS. FLEW 25.8 HRS AND 79 SORTIES. MSN. NO 8-1396/1397 COORD. LZ 031672 1 UH-1E LAUNCHED TO ESCORT POWERGLIDE (263) TO PICK UP 1 ARVN WIA, 1 VC AND 2 US WIA MED EVACS. THE MED EVAC BIRD RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF SMALL ARMS FIRE WHILE MAKING PICKUP. THE UH-1E EXP. 300 ROUNDS OF 7.62 MM AMMO, ON THE ENEMY POSITION.

MSN. 8-6001 COORD. XD990470 TWO UH-1E'S LAUNCHED ON RECON MSN. THEY RECEIVED AUTO WPNS FIRE AND RETURNED 500 ROUNDS OF 7.62 MM AMMO AND 6 ROCKETS.

MSN NO. 8-6001 COORD. YD975594 TWO UH-1E'S LAUNCHED ON RECON MSN, CONDUCTED 2 AIR STRIKES ON ABOVE COORD. EXP. 300 ROUNDS OF 7.62 MM AMMO AND 2 ROCKETS.

MSN NO. 8-5003/5003A COORD AT955553 TWO UH-1E'S LAUNCHED TO ESCORT MED EVAC TO ABOVE COORD. RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE, SO THE UH-1E'S MADE SIX RUNS ON THE ENEMY POSITION, EXP. 800 ROUNDS OF 7.62 MM AMMO AND 22 ROCKETS.

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MAG-16 SITREP PERIOD COVERED 192100H TO 202100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 655 SORTIES, CARRYING 1407 PAX AND 35.3 TONS OF CARGO. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 281.7 FLIGHT HOURS.

LATE ENTRIES

181709H - I CORPS SUPPORT (ARVN). MSN #1367, 1R9, FLT TIME 1.0, CARRIED 2 ARVN PAX, WENT FROM DONG HA TO YD079639 TO DONG HA, FLEW 5 SORTIES AND 1 TASK.

192140H - MSN #8-1400, 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON AN ARMED HELO MSN. SUPPORTED A-1-9 AFTER ATTACK CONTROLLED SPOOKY 11 FOR ILLUMINATION AND MINI GUN RUN. RECEIVED 40-60 ROUNDS OFF SMALL ARMS. RETURNED FIRE, NO BATTLE DAMAGE.

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200725H - ONE CH-37C ACFT HAULED 2700 LBS OF FOOD STUFFS AND 4 PAX FROM MARBLE MOUNTAIN TO DONG HA. HAULED ONE UH-34 ENGINE FROM DONG HA TO PHU BAI AND ONE PAX FROM PHU BAI TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN.

200943H - MSN #1470H, A 6 MAN TROOP INSERTION, FROM FINCH TO AN HOA TO AT985506.

201300H - MSN #8-1459F 1 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON MED EVAC ESCORT MSN. FIRE ON SUSPECTED VC POSITION AT AT874527. DID NOT RECEIVE ANY FIRE.

201415H - MSN #1471, AN INSERTION CARRIED 27 US MIL FROM LZ FINCH TO ZC185837, THEN FROM FINCH TO DONG DEN, TO LANDING ZONE EAGLE, TO FINCH. 3 UH-34D ACFT OF HMM-263 WERE USED, ALSO 1 TON OF CARGO CARRIED.

201419H - MSN 5002, A ROUTINE TROOP INSERTION FROM DONG HA, TO KD960500, AND THEN ACFT RETURNED TO DONG HA. 2 UH-34D OF HMM-263 LAUNCHED.

201710H - MSN #1459K, MED EVAC, 4 WIA AND 1 KIA, US MIL FROM AT900585 TO G. MED. PLANE RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AT AT900585, NO HITS.

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MAG-16 SITREP PERIOD COVERING 202100H TO 212100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 454 SORTIES, CARRYING 383 PAX AND 31.0 TONS OF CARGO. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 192.4 FLIGHT HOURS.

LATE ENTRIES

190820H - MSN #8-1393 1 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON ESCORT MSN. ESCORT HMM-163 ON MED EVAC MSN TO (YD 662365) RECEIVED FIRE AND RETURN FIRE AT THIS COORD.

200855H - MSN 8-6001 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON TAO (A) MSN RAN TAC(A) ON MOTER POSITION AT (YD 970585) RIGBEAN WAS UNDER MORTAR ATTACK. ALSO RECEIVED FIRE AND RETURN FIRE FROM (YD 966593) RETURN SAME AND CONTROL AIRSTRIKE.

202000H - MSN 8-1464 ASSISTED RUGGLES "A" AT (AT964558) FIRED ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUNS ON VC IN TREE LINE THEN WERE DEVERTED TO ASSIST PEROMMA WHO WAS RECEIVING FIRE FROM (AT901548).

202200H - MSN 8-1464 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON ESCORT MSN OF NORTH BROOK TO (AT9158) TO RETRACT PIRANHA. ASSISTED RUGGLES "A" AT (AT964554) FIRING ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUNS AT VC IN THE TREE LINE. RECEIVED FIRE FROM (AT9454).

MAG-16 (HIGHLIGHTS)

THE ACFT TO THIS GROUP RECEIVED NUMEROUS ROUNDS OF GROUND FIRE THROUGHOUT THE DAY WHILE ACCOMPLISHING THEIR MSNS. THIS SHOWS THAT ENEMY ACTIVITY IS STEPPING UP NOT ONLY IN THE OPERATION PRARIE AREA BUT ALSO IN THE LOCAL AREA.

210855H - 2 CH-46A LIFTED A 29 MAN RECON TEAM INTO (YD695115) AND RETRACTED SAME AT (YD695110).

200917H - 1 CH-46A LIFTED 40 US PAX FROM G-4 MED TO USS REPOSE, AND SHUTTLED BETWEEN G-4, C-MED AND THE REPOSE.

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211000H - 2 CH-46A LIFTED 23 PAX; 17 US, 1 ARVN, AND 5 VC PRISONERS WITH 2000 LBS OF CARGO FROM YD959152 TO HUE/PHU BAI.

211152H - MSN 8-1571 1 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON RECON MISSION. CARRIED RECON BN CO TO (BT0251) FOR RECON OF THAT AREA AND TO THE SOUTH. KILLED 1 VC AFTER HE FIRED AT ACFT AND WAS SPOTTED.

211200H - MSN 8-1520 1 ACFT EMERGENCY EVAC OF RECON TEAM UNDER FIRE FROM COORD (AT988508) TO AN HCA.

211530H - 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON MED EVAC MSN. WAS NOT ABLE TO COMPLETE DO TO RECEIVING HIT FROM AUTO WEAPON AT (BT048647).

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MAG-16 SITREP PERIOD COVERED 212100H TO 222100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 400 SORTIES, CARRYING 497 PAX AND 25.3 TONS OF CARGO.

THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 201.6 FLIGHT HOURS.

MAG-16 (HIGHLIGHTS)

ENEMY HOSTILITIES AGAINST MAG-16 ACFT CONTINUES. IT SEEMS THAT THE ENEMY IS FINALLY LEARNING HOW TO LEAD THE ACFT WITH THEIR WEAPONS FIRE AS THE ACFT ARE TAKING MORE AND MORE HITS. THEY ALSO SEEM TO REALIZE THAT THIS IS THE WAY TO SLOW DOWN THE GROUND SCOOPS, NO RESUPPLY NO MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

LATE ENTRIES

5.9 HRS WERE FLOWN BY HELL-263 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION "PRARIE". MED EVAC AND RESUPPLY - ONE ACFT WAS HIT - 3 S. A. RDS, 1 12.7MM RD. MINOR DAMAGE TO ACFT.

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220630H - 2 CH-46A LIFTED 6 US PAX AND 1400 LBS OF CARGO FROM MMAG TO PHU BAI. ACFT RECEIVED FIRE AT COORD: AT958927.

221550H - 2 CH-36A LIFTED 6 US PAX AND 4000 LBS OF CARGO FROM DIA LOC TO AT824606 AND AT821605. ACFT RECEIVED FIRE TAKING 7 HITS AT COORD: AT824606.

221700H - ONE CH-37C ACFT DEPARTED MMAF AND PROCEEDED TO DONG HA WITH 1500 LBS OF TENTS AND COTS. THE ACFT ARRIVED AT DONG HA, DISCHARGED SAME, AND RETURNED TO MMAF. THE ACFT RECEIVED .50CAL FIRE FROM AT9493 WHILE ENROUTE TO MMAF.

221830H - 2 CH-46A LIFTED 79 US PAX FROM AT940195 TO PHU BAI. ACFT RECEIVED FIRE AT COORD: AT938195 TAKING NO HITS.

221645H - MSN 8-1580 2 ACFT EMERGENCY MED EVAC AT AT810612. BOTH ACFT RECEIVED FIRE IN ZONE. XT 21 RECEIVED (1) ONE HIT AND RETURNED FIRE.

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**MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 222100H TO 232100H AUGUST 1 1966**

**MAG-16 ACFT TODAY FLEW 406 SORTIES IN 152.8 FLT HOURS CARRYING 398 PAX AND 17.0 TONS OF CARGO WITH 41 MED EVACS FLOWN.**

**LATE ENTRIES**

**0830H/22 - HMM-263 SUPPORTED OPERATION PRAIRIE BY LIFTING 2.2 TONS OF CARGO, 14 U.S. MILITARY AND ONE U.S. MILITARY WIA. RECEIVED FIRE FROM (XD 971551), NO HITS.**

**22/1440H - 1 VM0-2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON TACA PLUS ARM HELO MISSION IN SUPPORT OF PYGMALION 14. RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM ALL AROUND THE ZONE LOCATED AT (AT 813602), RAN AIRSTRIKE ON V.C. POSITION AND CONTROLLED FIXED WING.**

**22/1455H - TWO VM0-2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON ARMED ESCORT MISSION. ACTED AS TACA AND ARMED HELO IN SUPPORT OF PYGMALION 14. FIRED 35 ROCKETS AND 6500 ROUNDS IN AREA OF (AT 813602).**

**1745H/22 - TWO UH-1E LAUNCHED TO ESCORT HMM-263 AND HMM-161 ON RESUPPLY TO (XD 976557) RECEIVED FIRE AND RETURNED SAME ON SECOND TRIP WHICH WAS A RETRACTION OF RIDGEBEAM 14 "B" FROM (XD 980558). TOOK FIRE AND RETURNED IT PLUS CONTROL FIXED WING.**

**22/1845H - TWO UH-1E'S LAUNCHED TO ESCORT RESUPPLY ACFT. RECEIVED AND RETURNED SPORADIC FIRE FROM (YD 978558) WHILE RESUPPLYING WAS BEING DONE IN THIS AREA.**

**23 AUGUST 1966**

**23/1055H - HMM-263 SUPPORTED III MAF BY FLYING COURIER HOPS TO PHU BAI AND CHU LAI. ALSO STOOD MED EVAC STANDBY THROUGHOUT THE DAY. LIFTED 58 U.S. MILITARY, 10,050 LBS OF CARGO AND 16 MED EVACS. RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM (BT 058644) TAKING ONE HIT.**

**23/1030H - VM0-2 ESCORTED MED EVAC TO (BT 058634) WHERE MED EVAC TOOK HIT IN FUEL CELL AND UH-1E RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE ON SAME COORD. **CONFIDENTIAL****

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 232100H TO 242100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 ACFT TODAY FLEW A TOTAL OF 591 SORTIES IN 240.3 FLT HOURS CARRYING 627 PAX, 47.4 TONS OF CARGO AND 79 BATTLE EVACS.

24 AUGUST 1966

24/0020H - TWO VMO-2 UH-1E'S SCRAMBLED ON RECON MISSION TO FIND NO ONE UP ON BRIEFED FREQ OR BAG NET. FLEW IN CIRCLES UNTIL LANDSHARK CAME UP AND SAID THAT MISSION WAS CANCELLED.

24/0615H - TWO CH-37C ACFT WERE USED TO HAUL 7,300 LBS OF CARGO AND 25 PAX FROM DONG HA TO YD 107708. HAULED 1,000 LBS OF CARGO AND 3 PAX FROM YD 107708 BACK TO DONG HA.

24/0930H - TWO CH-37C ACFT HAULED 16,600 LBS OF AMMUNITION AND MISCELLANEOUS CARGO PLUS 14 PAX FROM DONG HA TO D-5 (YD 092514). HAULED 1,700 LBS OF CARGO AND 20 PAX FROM D-5 BACK TO DONG HA.

24/1550H - 1 UH-1E OF VMO-2 LAUNCHED ON MED EVAC MISSION. PICKED UP 1 U.S. WIA AT (AT 817617) AND CARRIED TO G-4. USED STOKES BASKET FOR PICKUP - NONE AVAILABLE IN MAG-16 - PICKUP BASKET FROM G-4 HOSPITAL.

RECOMMEND JUNGLE PENETRATOR FOR THIS TYPE MED EVAC. WOULD BE MUCH MORE EFFICIENT THAN BASKET WHEN IN HOT ZONE.

STOKES BASKET FOR JUNGLE PICK UP WAS INADEQUATE FOR USE IN HUEY. TOO LONG TO GET INSIDE DOOR. RECOMMEND SHORTENED VERSION BE IN POSSESSION OF VMO-2 FOR SIMILAR PICKUPS. ACFT HAD TO FLY 3 MILES TO SET DOWN AND GET MED EVAC INSIDE ACFT.

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**MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 242101H TO 252100H AUGUST 1966**

**MAG-16 ACFT FLEW A TOTAL OF 547 SORTIES IN 191.9 FLT HOURS CARRYING 492 PAX, 21.0 TONS OF CARGO AND 88 BATTLE EVACS.**

**LATE ENTRIES**

**22/1850H - ONE VMO-2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON TROOP RETRACTION AT (YD 940195). RECEIVED FIRE AND RETURNED SAME. ALSO RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT (YD 940188), CALLED OXWOOD 5-1 IN ON TARGET, EXPENDED ONE UNI PACK AND HAD TO STOP STRIKE DUE TO DARKNESS.**

**24/1005H - HMM-263 MED EVAC ACFT RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM (BT 028594), NO HITS.**

**25 AUGUST 1966**

**25/0740H - HMM-263 MED EVAC ACFT RECIEVED FIRE FROM (AT 885717), ONE HIT TAKEN.**

**25/1515H - CH-37 ACFT OF SU #1 HAULED 5600 LBS OF TAFDS GEAR AND UH-34 ACFT PARTS PLUS 3 PAX FROM MMAF TO PHU BAI. HAULED 4600 LBS OF UH-34 PARTS AND 1 PAX FROM PHU BAI TO MMAF.**

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 252100H TO 262100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 ACFT TODAY FLEW 765 SORTIES IN 217.8 FLT HOURS CARRYING 1142 PAX,  
75.5 TONS OF CARGO AND 37 BATTLE EVACS.

**26 AUGUST 1966**

26/0730H - TWO HMM-164 CH-46A CARRIED 2 UH-34'S AND PARTS FROM KY HA TO  
MARINE AIR FREIGHT.

26/0900H - FOUR HMM-265 CH-46A LIFTED 112 U.S. PAX AND ONE (1) ARVN FROM PHU  
BAI TO (YD 133980).

26/0915H - 10 HMM-164 CH-46A PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION PAWNEE CARRYING TROOPS  
FROM PHU BAI TO (ZC 196995), (ZC 452975), AND (ZC 132976).

26/1000H - ONE HMM-265 CH-46A LIFTED 21 U.S. PAX OF WHICH 7 WERE BATTLE  
EVACS FROM C-MED TO G-4 TO DANANG TO MMAP TO C-MED TO THE USS REPOSE.

MAG-16 FLEW MOSTLY NORMAL ADMIN AND RESUPPLY MISSIONS.

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 272101H TO 282100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 ACFT TODAY FLEW A TOTAL OF 414 SORTIES IN 166.8 FLT HOURS CARRYING  
415 PAX, 31.7 TONS OF CARGO AND 40 BATTLE EVACS.

MAG-16 (HIGHLIGHTS)

AT 271700H A UH-1E GUNSHIP RETURNING FROM AN HELICOPTER ESCORT MISSION, BUSTED A MAIN SEAL AND HAD TO MAKE A PRECAUTIONARY LANDING AT CAM LO. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE HELO AND NO INJURY TO ANY OF THE CREW. THE HELICOPTER WILL REMAIN AT CAM LO AWAITING REPAIRS TO BE MADE BY THE MAINTENANCE CREWS UPON THEIR ARRIVAL.

LATE ENTRIES

26/1555H - HMM-263 ACFT ON A RESUPPLY MISSION RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM (AT 805595) BUT NO HITS WERE TAKEN.

27 AUGUST 1966

27/0730H - TWO HMM-265 CH-46A LIFTED 2 U.S., 1 ARVN AND 37,300 LBS OF CARGO FROM QUANG NI TO (BS 565330) AND (BS 530545). ACFT WAS FIRED ON AT (BS 729558) BUT NO HITS WERE TAKEN.

27/0850H - TWO HMM-164 CH-46A ON SPARROW HAWK NORTH LAUNCHED ON A MED EVAC. ACFT RECEIVED FIRE AT APPROX. (YD 690250) WHILE CLIMBING FROM HUE CITADEL HOSPITAL.

27/0900H - ONE VMG-2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON VIP MSN TRANSPORTING GEN. KYLE, SUDDEN DEATH 6 AND ADM. WELSHER TO AN HOI AND THEN TOOK SUDDEN DEATH 6 TO DONG HA.

27/1400H - CH-37 ACFT OF SU #1 HAULED 2 PAX AND ONE UH-34 ENGINE FROM PHU BAI TO DONG HA.

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**MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 280001H to 282400H AUGUST 1966**

**MAG-16 ASST FLEW 431 SORTIES IN 187.4 FLT HOURS CARRYING 319 PAX, 45.0 TONS CARGO AND 41 MED EVACS.**

**28 AUGUST 1966 LATE ENTRIES:**

**26/0431H - TWO UH-1E OF VMO-2 WERE LAUNCHED ON AN ARMED HELO MISSION WHEN THEY WERE SCRAMBLED BY ROSEANN "A" TO SUPPORT BATT AT CAM LO. G.P. WAS UNDER HEAVY ATTACK. CONDOLE 050 WAS ON STATION BUT COULDN'T BE USED AS ATTACK HAD BEEN FOUGHT OFF BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE UH-1E'S. THE UH-1E'S RELAYED BETWEEN GROUND AND FLARESHIPS AND ESCORTED BARREHOUSE MED EVAC.**

**26/0810H - ONE UH-1E LAUNCHED ON AN ARMED HELO MISSION LAUNCHED IN RELIEF OF GUNSHIP BUT WAS NOT NEEDED. RIDGEBEAM TRYING TO SET RECORD FOR AMOUNT OF AIR ON STATION. RECOMMEND CLOSE ATTENTION BE PAID TO RIDGEBEAMS' CURRENT POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF THE SUPPORTING AIR ARM.**

**28 AUGUST 1966**

**MAG-16 FLEW MOSTLY NORMAL RESUPPLY AND ADMIN MISSIONS TODAY.**

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MAC-16 SIGHTED FOR PERIOD 262101Z TO 292100Z AUGUST 1966

MAC-16 ACFT TODAY WITH A TOTAL OF 536 SORTIES AT 112.2 FWT HOURS CARRYING  
ALL PAX, 23.9 TONS OF CARGO AND 16 MED EVACS.

**LATE AFTERNOON**

27/1400H - TWO OH-13 LAUNCHED ON GAS MISSION. LAUNCHED AS GAS FOR GROUND  
MARK AT COORD (XD 6464). TOOK AUTO FIRE AT SAME COORDINATE CALLED BY'S 71 IN  
AREA TO SILENCE TROOPS. RETURNED AFTER WE CLIMBED AND RETRACTED GROUND  
MARK AND TOOK .50 CAL FIRE.

28/1615H - VMD-2 LAUNCHED TO CONTROL ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION AT COORD (20  
197553) ON SUPPLY WEP ALSO ONE ROCKET HIT ON DIRT, ROCKETS ON THE TARGET,  
TOO DARK FOR DAMAGE ASSESSMENT. HITS LOOK GOOD. ROCKET MISS MADE ON (AT  
622539), ALL IN OUR ORT OF PYGALICH 14. THERE WERE TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

**29 AUGUST 1966**

29/0853H - ONE OH-37 ACFT WAS USED TO HAUL 2000 LBS OF ROTOR BLADES, 1300  
LBS OF LUMBER AND 4 PAX FROM DIAP TO PHU BAI. HAULED 14 PAX FROM PHU BAI  
TO BINH HA. HAULED ONE OH-13 ENGINE AND 25 PAX FROM (XD 130993) TO PHU BAI  
AND DIAP.

29/1012H - TWO OH-13, OH-46 ON SPANION WERE LAUNCHED BY TROOPS AT (AT 973-  
660) AND TOOK FIRE TO 18 AT (AT 973397).

29/1020H - FOUR-253 ACFT ON MED EVAC MISSION RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPON  
FIRE FROM (AT 901614) TAKING 3 HITS. CO-PILOT OF ESCORT WELD WIA, TAKEN  
TO "C" MED.

29/1303H - ONE OH-13, OH-46 CARRIED 11-24 HOSPITALLY FROM DIAP TO DIAP.

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD 292101H TO 302100H AUGUST 1966

MAG-16 FLEW 624 SORTIES IN 237.3 FLT HOURS CARRYING 539 PAX, 51.8 TONS OF CARGO AND 52 BATTLE EVACS.

LATE ENTRY

29/1945H - ONE HMM-265 CH-46A FLEW NIGHT ILLUMINATION MISSION/LOCAL.

30 AUGUST 1966

30/0905H - 4 UH-34'S OF HMM-263 WERE USED ON A 44 MAN RECON INSERT AT (ZC 193-862). NO FIRE WAS RECEIVED.

30/1105H - 1 HMM-164 HEAVY LIFTER (SLICK) CH-46A CARRIED ONE H-34 ENGINE FROM DANANG TO MMAF.

30/1112H - ONE VMO-2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON MED EVAC MISSION TO ESCORT POWERGLIDE MED EVAC TO (AT 889709). MED EVAC ACFT RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM SAME COORD. ESCORTING UH-1E EXPENDED 1500 RND'S OF 7.62MM AND 13 ROCKETS IN RETURNING FIRE AND THE ENEMY FIRE STOPPED.

30/1125H - ON A ROUTINE RECON OF THE TAOR, 2 UH-34D'S OF HMM-263 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM (BT 005574) BUT RECEIVED NO HITS.

30/1235H - ONE HMM-164 CH-46A (SLICK) FLEW TO KY HA TO CARRY 2 105 HOWITZERS, 1 MULE, CARGO AND PERSONNEL.

30/1345H - 1 UH-34D OF HMM-263 ON MED EVAC MISSION WAS FIRED ON AT (AT 895918) RECEIVING SEVERAL ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE BUT TAKING NO HITS. ESCORTING UH-1E EXPENDED 400 RND'S OF 7.62MM IN RETURNING FIRE AND THE ENEMY FIRE STOPPED. THE UH-34D PICKED UP 3 WIA AND TOOK THEM TO "C" MED.

30/1335H - TWO UH-1E'S OF VMO-2 LAUNCHED TO ESCORT HMM-161 ON RETRACTION OF 'KILLER KANE'. WHILE ENROUTE, CALLED TO HELP OXWOOD 42-1 AND DELIVERED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE EXPENDING 4,000 RND'S OF 7.62MM WHILE WORKING WITH OXWOOD 42-1. ACFT RETURNED TO DONG HA, REFUELED AND CONTINUED TO ESCORT HMM-161.

30/1550H - 1 VMO-2 UH-1E FLEW ESCORT FOR TWO HMM-164 CH-46A IN SUPPORT OF BLUE SPRINGS MISSION.

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MAG-16 SITREP FOR PERIOD COVERING 302100H TO 312100H AUG 1966

MAG-16 FLEW 588 SORTIES IN 189.8 FLT HOURS CARRYING 469 PAX, 126.4 TONS OF CARGO AND 43 BATTLE EVACS.

MAG-16 (HIGHLIGHTS)

AT APPROXIMATELY 1700H TODAY OUR MEDEVAC HELICOPTER FROM HMC-263 WITH A UH-1E HELICOPTER AS ESCORT WENT OUT ON A MEDEVAC PICK-UP OF 1 VN CIV (ILL DU TO CHOLERA). THIS PICK-UP WAS MADE AT THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: (BT 163413).

LATE ENTRY 30 AUG 1966

2100H, MSN# 8-2110: ONE CH-46A FLEW A NIGHT ILLUMINATION MISSION IN THE LOCAL AREA WITH NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

31 AUG 1966

0805H, MSN# 8-4001: ONE CH-37C HAULED 6500 LBS OF AMMO FROM DONG HA TO D-5 BASE (YD 094514). HAULED 3500 LBS OF AMMO FROM DONG HA TO CON THIN.

0920H, MSN# 8-2165A: ONE CH-37C HAULED 3100 LBS OF AMMO FROM MMAF TO DONG HA. HAULED 2500 LBS OF MISCELLANEOUS CARGO AND 7 PAX FROM DONG HA TO D-5 BASE. TOOK ONE UH-34D ENGINE PLUS TAIL CONE FROM DONG HA TO PHU BAI. HAULED 10 PAX AND 250 LBS OF GEAR FROM PHU BAI TO MMAF.

1100H, MSN# 8-5005: 2 UH-1E LAUNCHED ON MISSION AND ARMED HELICOPTER MIS ICH. CONDUCTED AIRSTRIKE AT (YD 947540) WITH GROUND 36, AND ALSO AT (YD 947544) WITH GROUND 51. THEY THEN SUPPORTED ADVANCING BATTALION WITH GROUND.

1130H, MSN# 8-2165: ONE CH-37C HAULED 800 LBS OF CARGO AND 11 PAX FROM DONG HA TO CON THIN. RETURNED 2 PAX FROM CON THIN TO DONG HA. RETURNED TO MMAF WITH ONE MHC-87 JEEP AND 1 PAX.

31/0200H, MSN# 8-2110A: ONE CH-46A FLEW A NIGHT ILLUMINATION MISSION IN THE LOCAL AREA WITH NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

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## Part I - Organization data

MAG-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

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## TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
HMM-161 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN  
HMM-164 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
HMM-263 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
HMM-265 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
SU #1, H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
MATCU-68 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN

## COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSURE

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Name/Rank</u>	<u>Period</u>
CO MAG-16	R. M. HUNT Colonel	1-31Aug66
XO MAG-16	R. L. SIMMONS LtCol	1-31Aug66
Adjutant	P. A. OLSON WO	1-31Aug66
S-1 Officer	C. B. JOHNSTON Captain	1-31Aug66
S-2 Officer	Y. JOHNSTONE Captain	1-31Aug66
S-3 Officer	T. CLARK LtCol	1-31Aug66
S-4 Officer	A. MCBARRON LtCol	1-31Aug66
CO H&MS-16	L. L. DARBYSHIRE Major	1-31Aug66
CO MABS-16	R. K. MCKITRICK LtCol	1-31Aug66
CO HMM-161	S. F. MARTIN LtCol	1-31Aug66
CO HMM-164	W. C. WATSON LtCol	1-31Aug66
CO HMM-263	J. L. GOEBEL LtCol	1-31Aug66
CO HMM-265	H. R. MENDENHALL LtCol	1-31Aug66
CO VMO-2	A. W. BARDEN LtCol	1-31Aug66
OIC SU #1 H&MS16	J. C. BROKAW Captain	1-31Aug66
OIC MATCU-68	K. V. BERCHIOLLI Captain	1-31Aug66

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## AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
H&MS-16	47	281	0	0
MABS-16	22	459	4	4
HMM-161	53	154	1	3
HMM-164	47	177	1	3
HMM-263	56	165	1	3
HMM-265	52	181	1	3
VMO-2	42	139	1	5
SU#1	19	52	0	1
MATCU-68	9	76	0	0

Following are listed personnel changes for the period 1-31 August 1966:

- a. Number of joinings: 79
- b. Number of drops: 154
- c. Promotions:
  - (1) 52 to Lance Corporal
  - (2) 38 to Corporal
  - (3) 2 SNCOs to Second Lieutenant

GASUALTIES

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
1stLt	Richard L. DEURY	088238/7335	VMO-2
	HOSTILE - 3Aug66, 2 miles west of Dong Ha, wounded missile right hand and forearm, shrapnel right shoulder, Shrapnel right leg; admitted to "A" MED FFT CONUS		
1stLt	David E. BRUST	089132/7335	HMM-263
	HOSTILE - 6Aug66, 5 miles west Que Son, lacerations, multiple, lower left side face and neck, treated and returned to duty.		

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
SSGT	Elmer C. STONE	1493863/6413	HMM-263
	HOSTILE - 6Aug66, 5 miles west Que Son, multiple fragmentation wounds left shoulder, superficial; light duty for a period of about 8 days.		
1stLt	David P. CARDINAL	087229/7335	HMM-161
	NON-HOSTILE - 6Aug66, received second degree burns right leg and left arm; evacuated "A" MED period about 4 weeks, 12 miles N. W. Dong Ha.		
2dLt	Hugh D. SMITH	092565/7335	HMM-161
	NON-HOSTILE - 6Aug66, 12 miles N. W. Dong Ha, Laceration right knee and left finger, evacuated to "A" MED and returned to duty.		
SGT	J. E. BROWNING	1938216/6422	HMM-161
	NON-HOSTILE - 6Aug66, 12 miles N. W. Dong Ha, amputation tip right ring finger, evacuated to "A" MED and returned to duty.		
LCPL	Arthur W. GREEN	2149931/6422	HMM-161
	NON-HOSTILE - 6Aug66, 12 miles N. W. Dong Ha, Abrasions buttocks and right ankle, evacuated to "A" MED and returned to duty.		
CPL	Ronald L. BELKNAP	2001400/6491	HMM-161
	HOSTILE - 8Aug66, 14 miles WNW Dong Ha, Report of Death. Received enemy small arms fire, wound missile penetrating right side of neck and back of head. Evacuated to "C" MED EN.		
CAPT	Joseph T. ROBERTS III	084240/7335	HMM-265
	HOSTILE - 8Aug66, 8½ miles NWW of Dong Ha, wound missile lacerating left forearm, treated "A" MED returned to duty.		
1stLt	Marion F. STURKEY	091161/7335	HMM-265
	HOSTILE - 8Aug66, 8½ miles NWW of Dong Ha, Wound missile right foot, evacuated "C" MED estimate period of hospitalization one month.		
CPL	John A. HEDGER	2043471/6418	HMM-265
	HOSTILE - 8Aug66, 8½ miles NNW of Dong Ha, wound missile		



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right and left thigh, "C" MED estimate of hospitalization period two months.

SSGT	Edward R. DUSMAN	1555282/6615	HMM-265
	HOSTILE - 8Aug66, 8½ miles NNW Dong Ha, wound missile lacerating face, treated "A" MED and returned to duty.		
CAPT	Richard O. HARPER	071918/7835	HMM-265
	HOSTILE - 8Aug66, 8½ miles NNW of Dong Ha, wound missile penetrating left chest through and through, evacuated "C" MED estimated period of hospitalization three weeks.		
LCPL	Luke "A" STEPHEN	2037354/6611	HMM-265
	HOSTILE - 8Aug66, 8½ miles NNW of Dong Ha, missile lacerating right forearm, treated "A" MED and returned to duty.		
SGT	Herbert S. MURFF	1607851/6418	HMM-265
	HOSTILE - 8Aug66, 8½ miles NNW of Dong Ha, wound missile penetrating abdomen, "C" MED to be evacuated to Manila.		
CPL	Eppie ORTIZ	2029702/6441	VMO-2
	HOSTILE - 9Aug66, 13 miles west of Dong Ha, concussion head received from shrapnel, evacuated to G-4 hospital		
LCPL	James E. MCKAY	2095581/2111	VMO-2
	HOSTILE - 9Aug66, 13 miles west of Dong Ha, missile wound left knee and back right side, evacuated to "C" MED FFT CONUS		
CPL	Thomas H. HOPKINS	2007771/6422	HMM-263
	HOSTILE - 21Aug66, 14 miles west of Dong Ha, wound penetrating, wound laceration lower left leg (shrapnel) treated and returned to duty		

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
1stLt	Hugh A. WILSON II	090390/7335	HMM-263
HOSTILE - 21Aug66, 14 miles west of Dong Ha, Shrapnel wound right calf laceration, treated and returned to duty.			
HOSTILE - 29Aug66, 1-2 miles SE Hill #55, wound missile thru left popliteal space, evacuated to "C" MED expected period of hospitalization 6 weeks			
LCPL	Robert W. SPILLMAN	2005196/1121	MABS-16
NON-HOSTILE - 29Aug66, Tyrnee cyndrame, HAVSUPACTHOSP for period of about two weeks.			

4. Important Visitors to the Command

- GENERAL
- a. Major L. B. ROBERTSHAW and Major General A. R. KIER - Official visit to Marble Mountain Air Facility - 1000 to 1230, 7 August
  - b. Major General L. B. ROBERTSHAW - Official visit - 0915 to 1100, 10 August
  - c. Brigadier General H. M. ELWOOD - Official visit - 0915 to 1000, 12 August
  - d. Major General L. B. ROBERTSHAW - Official visits - 1400 to 1615, 20 August; 1400 to 1530, 26 August

## Part III

2. Administration: ~~None significant events~~ See below

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