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Encl: (1) MAG-16 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), MAG-16 Command Chronology is here-  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
Marble Mountain Air Facility  
Republic of Viet Nam  
Period Covered: 1 through 30 November 1966

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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~~SECRET~~1. Command and Staff Composure.

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Period</u>
CO MAG-16	Kenneth L. REUSSER	Col.	1-14 November 1966
CO MAG-16 (Acting)	Frank M. HEPLER	Col.	22-30 November 1966
CO MAG-16 (FWD)	Arnold W. BARDEN	LtCol.	15-21 November 1966
XO MAG-16	Samuel F. MARTIN	Col.	1-30 November 1966
Adjutant	Arnold W. BARDEN	LtCol.	1-30 November 1966
S-1 Officer	Philip A. OLSON	WO	1-30 November 1966
S-2 Officer	Oliver G. MCDONALD	Major	1-30 November 1966
S-3 Officer	Yerger JOHNSTONE	Capt.	1-30 November 1966
S-4 Officer	Herbert E. MENDENHALL	LtCol.	1-30 November 1966
CO H&MS-16	Manning T. JENNELL	LtCol.	1-30 November 1966
CO MABS-16	Lucius O. DAVIS	LtCol.	1-30 November 1966
CO HMM-163	Rodney D. McKITTRICK	LtCol.	1-30 November 1966
CO HMM-164	Rocco D. BIANCHI	LtCol.	1-30 November 1966
CO HMM-263	Warren C. WATSON	LtCol.	1-30 November 1966
CO HMM-265	Leslie L. DARBYSHIRE	LtCol.	1-30 November 1966
CO VMO-2	Frank B. ELLIS	Major	1-30 November 1966
OIC H&MS-16 SU#1	Robert A. PLAMONDON	Major	1-30 November 1966
OIC MATCU-68	John L. NOLAN	Major	1-30 November 1966
	Kent V. BERICHIOLLI	Capt.	1-30 November 1966

2. Task Organization.

H&MS-16	Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
MABS-16	Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-164	Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-263	Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-265	Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
VMC-2	Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
SU#1, H&MS-16	Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-163	Hue Phu Bai, RVN
MATCU-68	Hue Phu Bai, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength.

<u>Squadron</u>	USMC		USN	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
H&MS-16	69	361	0	0
SU#1	13	58	0	1
MABS-16	21	497	4	8
HMM-163	55	160	1	5
HMM-164	45	171	1	4
HMM-263	49	157	1	4
HMM-265	42	171	1	3
VMO-2	52	135	1	3
MATCU-68	8	67	0	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command.

- On the morning of 2 November 1966 Lt. Gen. KRULAK, CG FMFPAC, made an official visit to the Command.
- MG Gen. ROBERTSHAW, CG, FMAW, visited the Command on 2, 12, and 27 November 1966.

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Part II

Narrative Summary

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~~SECRET~~1. Special Operations

a. Operation Prairie	1-30 November
b. Operation Longstreet	6-23 November
c. Operation Lam Son	10-11 November
d. Operation Mississippi	29-30 November
e. Operation Homerun	29 November

2. General Summary

The wet monsoon curtailed flight operations frequently throughout the month, although every effort was made to accomplish missions in which lives were in jeopardy in spite of the weather. There were many occasions when mission accomplishment depended solely upon the extra effort of determined pilots, such as the resupply and eventual retraction of the combined Army/ARVN unit operating in the mountains near As Hau, and the two retractions of friendly forces caught in flash floods.

The Group was spread across the northern I Corps area, with detachments or units of varying sizes at Khe Sanh, Dong Ha, and Phu Bai, as well as Marble Mountain. Additionally, the TAOR observation commitment for Chu Lai was flown by MAG-16 throughout the month. Spread out as it was, the Group was often faced with extremely limited assets with which to accomplish the support roles requested by the ground forces in the different TAOR's.

MAG-16 received additional support from MAG-36 and the U. S. Army in the form of aircraft and crews, to assist in the fulfillment of our tasks. Army gunship support to our Dong Ha commitment was excellent until 28 November, when it was withdrawn. We could not have recorded the impressive results for the month were it not for the contribution of MAG-36's complement of UH-34D's, CH-46's, and UH-1E's.

3. Chronological Summary

1 November - HMM-161, assisted by HMM-265, off-loaded from the USS Iwo Jima due to a change in sailing orders. In the Danang area all flights were of a routine nature. Weather held flight operations to a minimum in the Dong Ha area.

2 November - Operations were routine in our three TAOR's, with the sole significant occurrence being the heavy automatic weapons fire received by the Danang TAOR's medevac UH-34. The aircraft took a single hit, and no casualties, on its approach to the medevac zone.

3 November - Three CH-46's from HMM-164 were scrambled to Phu Bai, where they joined the Sparrow Hawk section prepositioned there. They lifted a company of Marines from 1/4 into an area reported to contain a large number of VC, but the landing was unopposed.

In a separate operation twenty miles southeast of Phu Bai, our O-1C's netted two confirmed and twenty-five probable VC KBA in air strikes.

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The co-pilot in the VMO-6 gunship escort for the Phu Bai medevac was wounded in the leg by enemy fire on a mission ten miles east of Dong Ha.

4 November - The Danang Sparrow Hawk CH-46's launched twice on emergency recon team extractions and were unopposed on both missions, while on a routine extraction, enemy fire was received without incident.

Dong Ha operations were strictly routine resupply missions for 2/5, 3/3, and 3/4.

MAG-16 was called upon to provide CH-46 support to the Air Force SAR North commitment at Quang Tri for an indefinite period of time.

5 November - Three plane divisions of CH-46's from HMM-265 and HMM-164 backloaded 2/2 aboard the USS Valley Forge from Phu Bai.

Although aircraft on missions in the Danang TAOR reported several fire incidents only one hit was received. The medevac UH-34 from HMM-263 drew a hit thirty miles south of Danang and further fire was suppressed by the CH-46 gunship escort. An O-1C on a routine TAOR sweep responded to small arms fire from VC in caves by calling in fixed wing strikes, the results of which are unknown.

6 November - Two VMO-2 UH-1E's carried COMUSMACV to the Third Division CP in the Phu Bai area.

HMM-164 performed an aerial delivery resupply mission in support of I Corps Operation Longstreet.

HMM-265, VMO-2, VMO-6, and the O-1C Detachment pooled efforts in a strike for 3/1 in the Danang TAOR. Light opposition accounted for one hit from small arms fire in one of the landing zones, with no casualties.

In support of a classified US Army operation, Project "D", HMM-265 CH-46's lifted a combined US/ARVN force into a strike zone, and returned five POW's to Khe Sanh.

7 November - The Danang medevac team received hits on two of seven fire incidents, resulting in simultaneous wounding of the VMO-6 escort gunship's pilot and co-pilot. Nearly all fire incidents were in the area of a small pocket of hostile activity about ten miles due south of Danang. An emergency ammunition resupply to the Marine unit in the area was required in the afternoon.

8 November - The Danang medevac team of HMM-263 and VMO-6 delivered a total of over 21,000 rounds of 7.62 and 36 2.75 inch rockets in suppressing enemy fire on nine separate occasions, all of which were in the same general locale ten miles south of Danang. The 263 medevac gunner was wounded in one such incident, and the aircraft received hits on three occasions.

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9 November - Two HMM-163 pilots were wounded on a recon extraction in the Phu Bai area in one of three hit incidents for the squadron. In the Danang area, fire was received on several occasions by aircraft operating near the hot area that developed over the preceding two days. HMM-263 aircraft picked up two hits on medevac and admin flights. Dong Ha operations were normal.

10 November - Over 1300 troops were lifted by our Dong Ha contingent in support of I Corps operation Lam Son on this Marine Corps birthday. The Danang TAOR missions were back to normal in comparison to the last few days, with no aircraft hit in five fire incidents.

11 November - Our CH-46's at Dong Ha continued support to I Corps operation Lam Son, lifting over 700 ARVN troops on two strikes and a retraction. In the Danang TAOR an armed Huey was used as a TAC(A) to control fixed wing strikes on enemy positions, while a helicopter resupply was in progress. Two H-34's were hit, with the medevac aircraft taking seven hits while waiting in the pickup zone. No injuries were sustained.

12 November - All MAG-16 operations were kept to a minimum due to inclement weather. A small strike force was inserted in the Dong Ha area by HMM-164, and HMM-163 performed an emergency troop retraction when a squad was stranded on a rapidly flooding sandbar.

13 November - Routine operations prevailed in all three TAOR's with the Danang O-1C netting three VC KBA when its rockets struck a VC boat on the SONG VU GLA river.

14 November - On a medevac mission into a zone ten miles south of Danang, where for several days last week our aircraft and crews suffered a number of casualties, the HMM-263 med evac aircraft was downed by hostile fire. A second UH-34 went into the zone immediately to rescue the crew, wounded pilot, and medevacs, and escaped with hits but no injuries while under the protective cover of VMO-2 gunship fire suppression. A third aircraft was sent into the zone for more medevacs after Huey gunships and fixed wing had attempted to neutralize the area, but this aircraft also was hit. Still later in the day another UH-34 was sent to a nearby zone to insert a maintenance team. Fire was taken, and the VMO-6 gunship, in returning the fire, was hit on a gunnery run and crashed in flames. Three of the four crewmembers were killed either by the enemy fire or the crash. The fourth crewmember, Colonel Kenneth L. REUSSER, MAG-16 CO, was rescued by a Marine from a nearby patrol. Colonel REUSSER was taken from the zone to Hill 55 by an armored vehicle, then to the Naval Hospital by helicopter. In the meantime, an H-34 from HMM-163 experienced engine failure south of Phu Bai. All occupants escaped injury as the aircraft crashed into shallow water.

15 November - Operations were curtailed in all TAOR's due to adverse weather conditions. In the Danang area, the medevac received hostile fire on six separate occasions when it was forced to fly at minimum altitude.

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because of lowering ceilings. An HMM-163 crew effected a spectacular rescue of the crew from a sunken swift boat near Phu Bai when one of the helicopter crewmen went into the water to assist the struggling sailors.

16 November - On separate medevac missions, two HMM-163 UH-34's were hit by enemy fire. The co-pilot and crew chief in the first aircraft both sustained injuries, and the second aircraft sustained strike damage when shot down, however all crew and passengers of this aircraft escaped uninjured. Weather kept MAG-16 flight operations to a minimum.

17 November - Routine operations were curtailed by weather. CINCPACFLT was given a tour of the Operation Prairie area in VM0-2 Hueys.

18 November - Weather again held operations to a minimum. Two CH-46's took hits in the Danang TAOR, the first being within the Danang City limits. The second hit occurred six miles south of Danang, and the aircraft was forced down in a secure landing zone.

19 November - Normal operations were curtailed by weather.

20 November - Normal operations were curtailed by weather. Two CH-46's carried 30,000 pounds of cargo for the ARVN's at Que Son in support of I Corps.

21 November - Extremely bad weather kept flight operations to a minimum, with one notable exception. A large combined force of U. S. Army and Vietnamese troops had been engaged in a classified operation in the mountains west of Phu Bai, and for several days had gone without food and badly needed medical supplies. Finally a weather break was reported over their position, and Lt. Col Warren C. WATSON led a flight of HMM-164 CH-46's to the scene. The resupply was completed in spite of continual harrassment from enemy sniper fire, with only one aircraft being hit.

22 November - Routine operations were curtailed by weather.

23 November - Twelve CH-46's from HMM-164 and HMM-265 retracted the combined U. S. Army/ARVN unit operating approximately 25 miles west of Phu Bai to bring Operation Longstreet to a close. There were no incidents in the retraction. In the Danang TAOR, VM0-2 gunships put down effective suppressive fire to neutralize small arms harrassing an emergency recon extraction.

24 November - Routine operations were conducted.

25 November - Routine operations were curtailed by weather.

26 November - No operations, due to inclement weather.

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27 November - Weather again held operations to a minimum, however two emergency retractions were performed. The first of these was the evacuation of thirty-four Marines of 1/1 caught in a flash flood on the Hoi An River. HMM-164's CH-46's got the troops off a small sand bar, but were forced to leave two mechanical mules behind, as the river threatened to sweep away the Marines. HMM-263 penetrated instrument weather to snatch a twelve man recon team from a zone in the Nong Song Valley, and returned IFR to Danang without incident.

28 November - Flight operations in the Dong Ha and Phu Bai areas were routine. A break in the Danang area weather permitted the retraction of three recon teams which had been forced to stay in the field several extra days by the recent period of bad weather. The CH-37 Detachment (SU#1) set a record for cargo lifted in a single day. They transported 102,250 pounds of miscellaneous combat equipment, more than on any other day since the Sub Unit has been in Viet Nam.

29 November - At mid-morning, Operation Mississippi kicked off in Antenna Valley south of An Hoa. H&MS-16 O-1C Detachment spotter planes controlled fixed wing strikes to prepare the landing zones, and VMO-2/HMC-6 Huey gunships escorted waves of CH-46's from HMM-164 and HMM-265 as they carried in assault troops of 3/7 and 2/5. The lift was harrassed throughout by enemy snipers, and the weather prevented effective use of fixed wing for fire suppression. One of the CH-46 crewmen was slightly injured when his aircraft was hit by sniper fire, and one of the assault troops was seriously wounded in the same aircraft.

30 November - Operation Mississippi support continued in spite of lowering ceilings which produced an increased number of fire incidents, but no hits. Air support for the operation was largely routine, as it was for units operating throughout the other TAOR's.

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PART III  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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~~SECRET~~1. Personnel.

a. Number of joinings: 224

b. Number of drops: 99

c. Promotions:

(1) LtCol. to Col.	1
(2) Capt. to Maj.	1
(3) 1stLt. to Capt.	13
(4) 2ndLt. to 1stLt.	2
(5) SNCO to 2ndLt.	1
(6) SSgt. to GySgt.	3
(7) Sgt to SSgt.	4
(8) Cpl. to Sgt.	1
(9) LCpl to Cpl	13
(10) PFC to LCpl	16
(11) Pvt to PFC	3

2. Administration.

a. Following the injury of Colonel Kenneth L. REUSSER on 14 November, 1966, LtCol. Arnold W. BARDEN acted as Commanding Officer of MAG-16 until 22 November 1966, when Colonel Frank M. HEPLER took command.

3. Awards.

a. The following awards were distributed during November:

(1) Silver Star:

GySgt Donald BEAVER HMM-164

(2) Distinguished Flying Cross:

Maj. Ray F. SMITH	HMM-265
Capt. Dale L. TINSLEY	HMM-265
Capt. Richard H. LANGENFELD	HMM-265
Capt. Richard O. HARPER	HMM-265

(3) Air Medal:

H&MS-16	28
SU#1	22
HMM-163	56
HMM-164	186
HMM-263	163
HMM-265	105
VMO-2	189

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~~SECRET~~4. Casualties.

## NON-HOSTILE

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Sgt.	William J. TUDHY	1 Nov 66	MMAF

## HOSTILE

SSgt.	Adam B. BAGLEY	8 Nov 66	2 Mi SE Hill 55
2nd Lt.	Robert M. NYE, Jr.	9 Nov 66	12 Mi SE Phu Bai
1st Lt.	Donald F. WALKER	9 Nov 66	12 Mi SE Phu Bai
Col.	Kenneth L. REUSSER	14 Nov 66	½ Mi SE Hill 55
Capt.	James E. Van GORDER, Jr.	14 Nov 66	2 Mi SE Hill 55
Cpl.	John C. KEIPER (MIA)	15 Nov 66	South of Phu Bai
1st Lt.	Mark A. BEYMER	16 Nov 66	9.5 Mi SE Dong Ha
SSgt.	Raymond L. HURWATH	29 Nov 66	22 Mi SW Danang
LCpl.	Donald J. WASYLYNA	16 Nov 66	9.5 Mi SE Dong Ha

5. Civic Action.

a. Medical. Eighteen scheduled sickcalls were held in Son Thuy and at the Catholic Dispensary. There were three thousand six hundred and twenty six people treated. Four Vietnamese civilians are now being trained as rural health workers. The Naval Hospital had fifty Vietnamese patients, thirty-one of these were for major surgery. They now have sixty-seven Vietnamese out-patients. Medcap patrols are continuing in the hamlets of Hoa Long Village, and the preventive medicine section has sprayed the Catholic complex three times for fly control. MCB-5 has given one hundred and fifty immunizations in My Thi Hamlet, and MCB-6's dispensary in Son Thuy-1 has treated one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four medical patients and nine dental patients. MCB-5's dispensary in My Thi Hamlet has two thousand two hundred and thirty-two medical patients and twenty-five dental patients. MCB-5 referred three Vietnamese to the Naval Hospital for major surgery. There have been seven thousand nine hundred and fifty-four medical patients treated and thirty-four dental patients treated this month in Hoa Long Village.

b. Education. Fifth Comm distributed text books to the school in Da Man Hamlet. MAG-16's doctor and the school teacher lectured the school children of Son Thuy-2 on personal hygiene and sanitation. MCB-5 held fifty-six hours of English classes, with five hundred and ninety-one students. MCB-6 held thirty-three hours of English classes, with eight students. MCB-5 contributed twenty pounds of paper to the school in My Thi Hamlet.

c. Projects. MAG-16 provided twelve gallons of paint to the Catholic complex to paint the new addition to the orphanage. A combined working party of Vietnamese and Marines from MAG-16 painted and hung doors and shutters on the sickcall building in Son Thuy-2. MCB-5 has completed the

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new three room school in My Thi Hamlet. MCB-6 has completed the construction of a grist mill in Song Thuy-1. Fifth Comm and the people of Da Man Hamlet are repairing and painting the hamlet school.

d. Government. Mr. Hoa is still working as the acting Village Chief of Hoa Long Village. District Headquarters has not yet appointed a new Village Chief.

e. Population Control. The refugees who had been living in the Marble Mountain area have moved to the refugee center at BT051789, at the request of the Village Chief. This was necessary due to the lack of security and control where they had been living.

f. Give Away Program. MAG-16 gave two hundred pounds of children's clothing to the Catholic Orphanage. Forty pounds of soap was distributed to the people of Son Thuy-2. MCB-6 distributed sixty bars of soap, seventeen pounds of candy, and seventy-five pounds of clothing to the people of Son Thuy-1. MCB-5 distributed one hundred and twenty-one bars of soap to the people of My Thi Hamlet.

g. Civic Action Area. On 28 November a meeting was held with the Civic Action Officers of MAG-16, First Marine Aircraft Wing, and First Division. Colonel MOORE represented the First Division, Colonel JOHNSON and Major MORLEY represented the First Marine Aircraft Wing. This meeting was to decide who would be responsible for the Son Thuy area. It was decided that MAG-16 will retain Son Thuy due to continuity of presence in the area.

h. MAG-16 Chaplain's Civic Action Programs:

(1) Work on the "Boys Town" school resumed, and MAG-16 Chaplains donated 400 bags of cement, 400 sheets of tin, three cartons of roofing nails, and occasionally, a truck to help construction. A donation of 11,800 Piasters was made also.

(2) Bishop Chi received \$100 to help purchase a 16mm projector for the Seminary.

(3) Six cases of clothing were given to the Catholic Orphanage.

(4) The Vietnamese Education Scholarship Board met to plan expanded work, and gave out 24 more scholarships at Hoi An.

6. Morale/Welfare Programs.

a. Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass 0800 MAG-16  
0915 5th Comm.

1030 1st MAF

Weekday Mass 1800 MAG-16

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## b. Protestant

Sunday

0900 Regular Worship Service  
 1015 Sunday School  
 1330 Orthodox Services 4th Sunday  
 1330 Jewish Church Party;  
 Naval Hospital  
 1330 LDS Services  
 1900 Communion Service  
 1930 Sunday Evening Fellowship  
 1900 Prayer Group  
 2030 Choir Practice; Saturday

Weekday

## c. General

## 1. Dong Ha and Phu Bai

Chaplain GRUMAN is covering activities at Phu Bai. In addition he helps out with services at MUS 2. Division Chaplains are providing services at Dong Ha.

## 2. Chapel

A full schedule of services is under way in the new chapel, though it is not finished. Both clerks are working nearly full time on the chapel to help finish it for dedication next month. Chairs and pews have arrived. Trips to Okinawa and Hong Kong have provided many necessities: piano, lights, carpeting, sound system, plastic sheets, etc..

3. Attendance at all services has shown a steady increase since moving to the new chapel. Several services have been added, including Sunday School, daily prayer group, and Sunday Evening Fellowship.

7. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence

a. The S-2 officer participated in the planning of a two company airborne assault with 3rd Bn, 1st Marines, which went off smoothly. Credit must be given to the joint air/ground planning.

b. The S-2 Officer participated in Wing-level Helicopter Vulnerability Study.

c. On 8 November a Navy expert on escape and evasion procedures, Lt. SCHLAFF, presented a most informative briefing on current procedures to Group staff and Squadron officers.

d. The Intelligence section was inspected by G-2, and performed AGM inspections of HM-164.

e. The Intelligence section participation in Operation Mississippi.

f. Many initiated ground incidents and attacks were at an unusually low level in I Corps during the month, but fire incidents against MAG-16 aircraft remained at a fairly high level. Relevant statistics are presented below:

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	31 Oct- 6 Nov	7 Nov- 13 Nov	14 Nov- 20 Nov	21 Nov- 27 Nov	Total
Flight Hours	1745	1455	760	781	4741
Fire Incidents	21	35	54	25	135
Aircraft Hit	4	11	10	2	27
Hits/F.I.	19%	29%	17%	8%	20%
Hours/F.I.	83.5	41.5	14.1	31.3	35
Hours/Hits	437	132	76	391	175
Hours/Spot Rpt.	83	36	36	78	59

8. Air Operations - November 1966

<u>HMM-163</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>HMM-164</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	
Hours	1205.5	Hours	855.6	
Sorties	2535	Sorties	2355	
Pax	4212	Pax	6116	
Evacs	297	Evacs	12	
Cargo (Tons)	139.5	Cargo (Tons)	633.4	
<u>HMM-263</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>HMM-265</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	
Hours	1314.4	Hours	805.3	
Sorties	4028	Sorties	1563	
Pax	2795	Pax	5971	
Evacs	547	Evacs	34	
Cargo (Tons)	80.5	Cargo (Tons)	281.4	
<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>SUB UNIT #1</u>	<u>CH-37C</u>	
Hours	820.4	Hours	304.0	
Sorties	1706	Sorties	899	
Pax	1498	Pax	1730	
Evacs	11	Evacs	27	
Cargo (Tons)	0	Cargo (Tons)	530.7	
<u>H&amp;MS-16 O-1C DET</u>	<u>O-1C</u>	<u>H&amp;MS-16</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>C-117D</u>
Hours	716.6	Hours	67.4	81.0
Sorties	321	Sorties	47	68
Pax	0	Pax	0	847
Evacs	0	Evacs	0	0
Cargo (Tons)	0	Cargo (Tons)	0	24.0

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Hours	6,170.2
Sorties	13,522
Pax	23,169
Evacs	928
Cargo (Tons)	1689.5

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~~SECRET~~9. Air Control.

a. On 29 November, MATCU-68 moved PAR radar to Dong Ha and Khe Sanh. In two days, both facilities were in operation and awaiting flight checks.

b. MATCU-68 personnel, augmented by MARS-16 personnel, continued to assume responsibility for the MAG-16 compound at Hue Phu Bai.

c. The units at Marble Mountain, Hue Phu Bai, Dong Ha, and Khe Sanh conducted 12,541; 11,456; 15,398; and 3,223 operations respectively. Of these conducted at Phu Bai, 2,143 were instrument operations and 504 GCI's.

10. Ground Defense. No probes were experienced during the month. A revision of the ground defense organization was effected on 17 November 1966. A ground defense officer for the Marble Mountain Air Facility has been assigned as a special staff officer. He will coordinate ground defense functions for the air facility and advise the single manager, Marble Mountain Air Facility concerning ground defense problems. A provisional rifle company and an internal security section provides the ground defense requirements for the air facility under the staff of the ground defense officer. Continued emphasis has been placed upon the coordination between ground defense and the construction program.

11. Motor Transport. Support was provided in the form of road improvement, transportation of water, men and materials and for command and administrative liaison for a combined total of 39,315 miles. Twenty-five vehicles are deployed at the outlying sites and a total of ten vehicles are presently on deadline.

12. TAFDS. Continued to support Operation Prairie.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AVG'S 115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	183,942	233,188
Phu Bai	96,059	184,875
Dong Ha	130,698	197,138
Total gallons	415,699	615,201

13. Crash Crew. Three enlisted were TAD to this section from Marine Air Base Squadron 11, for Khe Sanh, five enlisted were assigned to Phu Bai Airport, and five enlisted were assigned to Dong Ha Airport. Because of the widespread commitments, additional personnel have been requested. Equipment assigned during the period consisted of seven MB-5 crash fire trucks (two of which were down for engines and one of which was down for survey) one M-530B structural fire truck, and two dry chemical airlift (Ansul) units mounted on M-35A1 trucks. Distribution of these vehicles was:

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility: Four MB-5 trucks (two operational) and one M-530B truck.

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(2) Phu Bai Airport: Two MB-5 trucks (one operational).

(3) Dong Ha Airport: One MB-5 truck and one ansul unit, M-35A1 mounted.

(4) Khe Sanh: One ansul unit, M-35A1 mounted.

Again due to the widespread commitments, additional vehicles and equipment have been requested. There were six minor incidents involving aircraft mishaps and two minor vehicle/structural fires. There were no injuries to personnel or serious damage to equipment or property.

14. Base Operations/Weather: Continued to provide weather service at three sites. A teletype machine was installed at Phu Bai. Plans were made to provide weather service at Khe Sanh early in December 1966.

15. Food Services: The Marble Mountain Air Facility Mess served approximately 171,000 regular and 11,250 night ration meals. Early chow hours averaged 0300 to 0530 and late chow hours averaged 1900 to 2030. At the Marble Mountain Mess the ceiling was completed, six new ice machines, seven cast iron ranges, and four refrigerated salad lines were received. Taped music is now played over the sound system. Three cooks were detached and fourteen cooks joined. The 500 man mess hall at Dong Ha is scheduled to open on 9 December 1966. Plans have been made and construction started to expand the Phu Bai Mess to accommodate 500 men.

16. Base Development/Utilities:

a. Generator Shop. The generator shop serviced and made minor and major repairs on the generators to maintain 470KW output for the Group, with little down time or power loss in any area. Lack of spare or back up generators necessitates the transfer of a generator from a less critical area to an area of higher priority when a generator does go down.

b. Laundry. The laundry processed 27,950 pounds of clothing during this period. Correspondence was initiated requesting a washer to immediately replace the washer which may break down at any time.

c. Water Point. The water point purified 703,180 gallons of potable water during the month.

d. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of November the refrigeration shop made minor repairs, conducted preventive maintenance and serviced various refrigeration units within the Group. The Ice House produced 24,400 pounds of ice during the month.

e. Sign Shop. The sign shop made and painted 111 signs of various sizes for use in the four contonements. The Group Commander's hut and the Barber Shop were also painted during this period.

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f. Plumbing Shop. Plumbing shop pumped leach beds and ran the shower unit daily for 28 days, answered 4 trouble calls and completed 13 work orders, and ran new sewage lines and put plumbing in Officers/Staff shower and new Barber Shop. The Mess Hall leach beds have been condemned by the MMAF Medical Officer but 30th NCR cannot and will not upgrade our priority for constructing new leech beds. As an interim measure, sludge is being pumped by sand hog through approximately 200 yards of salvaged TAFDS hose out into the South China Sea.

g. Electric Shop. There were 50 trouble calls of various descriptions answered throughout the MMAF cantonment. Rewiring of the Officers Shower, Barber Shop, Air Freight, Marine Supply, Special Services, CH-37C Motor Transport, Communication Officers Office, 15 living quarters, and wiring of the Chapel was started. New panel boards were installed at the Officers/Staff generators and CH-37C Det.

h. Carpenter Shop. Throughout November numerous partitions, doors, and steps were manufactured and installed. There were fifteen office items constructed. The following structures were constructed or remodeled: Barber Shop, Group Commanding Officers living quarters, Officers shower, five tin huts, water tower and runway tower, gate house, extension on Special Services, and forms for extension on Officers Club. Three huts were relocated and converted to tin. Construction continued on Base Chapel.

17. Exchange. Gross sales at the exchange totaled \$4,066.75. The concessionaire, James S. LEE Tailor's gross sales totaled \$4,107.15. Consolidating the enlisted and officer's barber shops doubled the size of the concessionaire's sales room.

#### 18. Logistics

(a) The fourth and last wall has been completed.

(b) Air freight processed by organic aircraft during the period was as follows:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Phu Bai	53,916 lbs
Dong Ha	48,813 lbs
Total	102,729 lbs

#### 19. Communications:

a. The wire section installed an alert/interphone system for Group Supply, going from the Navy Supply Office to each Squadron Material section.

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b. Switch Boards were relocated in the Jamesway shelter in order to make room for a central telephone mainframe to be installed in December.

c. Telephone service to the west apron, G-4 Hospital, and Naval Construction Battalions was disrupted from 18-21 November when the 112 pair cable servicing that area was inadvertently destroyed in the construction of the runway extension. The wire section aided by the "Flamingo" Air Force detachment and a backhoe bulldozer from MCB-5 relaid the cable and restored service in four days with little or no sleep. Over 1000 feet of 50 pair cable was laid both under and above ground. Five telephone poles were set for the overhead span.

d. Message traffic for the month decreased slightly to 3,500 messages. Approximately 1100 of these were outgoing.

e. The following transactions were affected by the Repair Section:

- (1) 138 pieces of equipment
- (2) 4 pieces to higher echelon maintenance
- (3) 3 pieces returned from higher echelon maintenance
- (4) 105 pieces returned to sections
- (5) 166 requisitions processed

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MAG-16 - SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 002100H OCTOBER 20 012100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 132.1 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 456 PAX, 69.4 TONS OF CARGO AND 9 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 260 SORTIES.

SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE INCLUDED A TOTAL OF 44.6 HOURS FLOWN IN 131 SORTIES, CARRYING 223 PASSENGERS AND 28 TONS. THE US ARMY'S 120TH AVIATION COMPANY CONTRIBUTED 4.8 HOURS IN 4 SORTIES WHILE MAINTAINING AN AVERAGE AVAILABILITY OF 4 AIRCRAFT. PRAIRIE MISSIONS WERE ALL ROUTINE WITH NO SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS KEPT FLIGHT OPERATIONS TO A MINIMUM.

IN THE DANANG AREA LT. GEN. KRUECK WAS FAMILIARIZING HIMSELF WITH AREA AND THE ENEMY SITUATIONS. NORMAL MED EVAC, ADMIN, LOGISTIC, AND RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN SUPPORT OF III MAF. THREE US MIA's WERE EMERGENCY EVACUATED FROM AT999467. NO FIRE WAS RECEIVED. FOUR CH-46A's FROM HMM-164 HELPED HMM-161 OFF-LOAD FROM THE USS IWO JIMA CARRYING 69 PASSENGERS AND 29 TONS OF CARGO.

MAG-36 AIRCRAFT OPCON TO MAG-16 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS AT DONG HA AND DANANG SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE:

1. VMO-6 FLEW 14 HOURS IN 42 SORTIES CARRYING 20 PASSENGERS WHILE MAINTAINING 6 AIRCRAFT.
2. HMM-363 FLEW 34.2 HOURS IN 120 SORTIES CARRYING 131 PASSENGERS AND 2.5 TONS OF CARGO WHILE MAINTAINING 8 AIRCRAFT.
3. HMM-165 FLEW 6.7 HOURS IN 24 SORTIES WHILE MAINTAINING 3 AIRCRAFT.

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MAG-16 - SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 012100H TO 022100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 194.4 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 920 PAX, 34.7 TONS OF CARGO AND 23 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 502 SORTIES.

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IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE 101.9 HOURS WERE FLOWN IN 346 SORTIES CARRYING 1158 PASSENGERS AND 42.5 TONS OF CARGO. THE US ARMY CONTRIBUTED 15.7 HOURS FOR 26 SORTIES WHILE HMM-165 FROM MAG-36 ADDED 13.8 HOURS FOR 87 SORTIES CARRYING 295 PASSENGERS AND 22 TONS OF CARGO. THE ARMY HAD 4 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE AND 165 HAD 3. NO MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF I CORPS TODAY.

IN THE LOCAL AREAS MISSIONS WERE OF A ROUTINE NATURE. THE O-1C DETACHMENT FLEW NORMAL VISUAL AND PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT IN ALL THREE TAORs AND TEAMED UP WITH VMO-6 FOR A CONVOY ESCORT. THREE CH-46A's WERE USED IN SUPPORT OF THE AIR FORCE; ONE FOR SAR NORTH AND TWO ON A BIRD CONTROL MISSION. HMM-369 RETURNED TO MAG-36 TODAY, BEING RELIEVED "ON STATION" BY 263's AIRCRAFT RETURNING FROM DONG HA.

VMO-6's DETACHMENT AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN SUPPORTED MAG-16 WITH 35.0 FLIGHT HOURS FOR 87 SORTIES. THEY CARRIED 20 PASSENGERS AND EXPENDED 3,125 ROUNDS OF 7.62 mm AMMO. VMO-6 HAD 5 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE.

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OUR OWN MED EVAC UH-34D RECEIVED HEAVY AUTOMATIC FIRE AND ONE HIT ON HIS APPROACH TO THE PICKUP ZONE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

SUPPORT FROM THE VMO-6 DETACHMENT TOTALED 22.5 HOURS WITH 49 SORTIES AND 17 TASKS, CARRYING 6 PAX. VMO-6 EXPENDED 2500 ROUNDS OF 7.62 AMMUNITION IN FIRE SUPPRESSION.

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C-16 - SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 022100H TO 032100H NOVEMBER 1966

C-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 243.6 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 1132 PAX, 61.0 TONS ~~ONE~~ OF CARGO AND 43 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 664 SORTIES.

OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 133.6 FLIGHT HOURS, 344 SORTIES, CARRYING 574 PASSENGERS AND 70.5 TONS OF CARGO. US ARMY GUNSHIP SUPPORT TO OPERATION PRAIRIE TOTLED 17.3 HOURS AND 28 SORTIES, WITH AN AVERAGE AVAILABILITY OF 4 AIRCRAFT. HMM-165 HAD AN AVERAGE OF 3 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE 12.1 HOURS, 58 SORTIES, CARRYING 69 PASSENGERS AND 21 TONS OF CARGO. ALL MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE WERE ROUTINE.

IN THE DANANG AREA MAG-16 FLEW VIP, MED EVAC, RECON, AND ADMIN FLIGHTS. HMM-263 PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION FOR MARTHA RAYE, AND THE HAMS-16 C-117 CARRIED GENERAL LEE TO QUIN NHON. A TROOP SHUTTLE WAS CONDUCTED FOR THE 9TH MARINES, AND HMM-263 PROVIDED AN ADMIN RUN FOR CO, 9TH MARINES. AT NOONTIME, THREE CH-46's WERE SCRAMBLED TO PHU BAI TO AWAIT AN EMERGENCY TROOP LIFT INTO AN AREA WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF VC HAD BEEN SPOTTED. JOINING THE TWO PHU BAI SPARROW HAWK CH-46's, THEY LIFTED 169 TROOPS FROM 1/4 TO A DROP ZONE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MILES SOUTHEAST OF PHU BAI. THE LANDING WAS UNOPPOSED.

OUR O-1C AIRCRAFT NETTED TWO CONFIRMED AND 25 PROBABLE VC KIA IN TWO SEPERATE TAC(A) MISSIONS TWENTY MILES SOUTHEAST OF PHU BAI.

ON AN ESCORT MISSION FOR AN ARVN EMERGENCY MED EVAC, THE CO-PILOT OF THE VMO-6 GUNSHIP WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEG. THE AIRCRAFT WAS OPERATING OUT OF PHU BAI, BUT THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ABOUT TEN MILES EAST OF DONG HA.

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MAC-16 - SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 032100H TO 042100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAC-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 214.9 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 1877 PAX, 113.0 TONS

OF CARGO AND 54 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 736 SORTIES.

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OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 96.6 FLIGHT HOURS, 376 SORTIES, CARRYING 985 PASSENGERS, AND 60 TONS OF CARGO. US ARMY UH-1E GUNSHIP SUPPORT TO OPERATION PRAIRIE CONSISTED OF 4.7 FLIGHT HOURS, 8 SORTIES AND AN AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY OF 4. HMM-165 FROM MAC-36 ASSISTED MAC-16 WITH 13.3 FLIGHT HOURS IN 74 SORTIES CARRYING 322 PASSENGERS AND 12 TONS OF CARGO. THEIR AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY WAS 3. 114 PASSENGERS AND 500LBS WERE LIFTED IN SUPPORT OF 2/5. 3/3, 3/4, AND 2/5 WERE RESUPPLIED WITH 30,750 LBS AND 34 PASSENGERS. 3/3 RECEIVED ADDITIONAL RESUPPLY OF 18,100 LBS AND 88 PASSENGERS.

IN THE DANANG AREA MAC-16 FLEW VIP, MED EVAC, RECON AND ADMIN FLIGHTS. SPARROW HAWK WAS LAUNCHED ON AN EMERGENCY RECON RETRACTION. NO FIRE WAS TAKEN. A NORMAL RECON RETRACTION RECEIVED FIRE IN THE LANDING ZONE. NO HITS WERE TAKEN. THE 1ST DIV. AM COURIER RECEIVED FIRE. NO HITS WERE TAKEN. BLUE SPRINGS WAS LAUNCHED. THE C-1C DETACHMENT CONTROLLED TWO ARTY MISSIONS AND ONE AIRSTRIKE. THE C-117D FLARE DROP AIRCRAFT FLEW 5.7 HOURS AND DROPPED 61 FLARES. THE C-117D FLYING FROM DANANG TO CHU LAI CARRIED 39 PASSENGERS AND 1 TON OF CARGO. ONE CH-46A LAUNCHED WITH "THE JOLLY GREEN" ON SAR NORTH. THE MISSION WAS ABORTED AT 270/55 CHANNEL 46 WHEN WORD WAS RECEIVED THAT THE DOWNED PILOT HAD BEEN PICKED UP.

SUPPORT FROM THE WO-6 DETACHMENT CONSISTED OF 28 HOURS OF FLIGHT TIME IN 29 SORTIES AND 12 TASKS CARRYING 9 PASSENGERS.

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.C-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 187.0 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 516 PAX, 89.7 TONS OF CARGO AND 70 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 555 SORTIES.

IN OPERATION PRAIRIE, TODAY, 80.1 HOURS WERE FLOWN IN 345 SORTIES CARRYING 444 PASSENGERS AND 92 TONS OF CARGO. THE US ARMY's 120TH AVIATION COMPANY PROVIDED 14.0 HOURS IN 22 SORTIES WHILE MAINTAINING FOUR AIRCRAFT IN COMBAT READY STATUS. HMM-165 FLEW 16.4 HOURS IN 86 SORTIES TO COMPLEMENT MAG-16's PRAIRIE PACKAGE WHILE MAINTAINING 3 AIRCRAFT.

IN THE PHU BAI AREA MISSIONS WERE ROUTINE IN NATURE. ON TWO MED EVAC MISSIONS SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED WITH NO HITS REPORTED. THE FIRE INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT ZD024178 AND YD835035.

IN THE DANANG AREA FIVE MED EVAC MISSIONS BY HMM-263 AND VMO-6 WERE FLOWN. THREE OF WHICH RECEIVED FIRE WITH ONE HIT RECORDED. THE FIRE INCIDENTS WERE AT AT983570, BT030600, AND AT945170 WHERE THE AIRCRAFT TOOK ONE ROUND. ONE TAOR SWEEP RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM AT965637 WITH NO RECORDED HITS. SUPPRESSIVE FIRE ACCOUNTED FOR 2000 ROUNDS OF 7.62 AND 5 2.75 ROCKETS. VMO-6 FLEW 6.4 HOURS IN 35 SORTIES, CARRYING 4 PASSENGERS. THE O-1C's SWEPT THE TAOR AND RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM CAVES AT AT644508 AND AT849500. THEY CALLED IN AIRSTRIKES ON BOTH POSITIONS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

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MAC-16 - SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 052100H TO 062100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAC-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 294.9 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 1813 PAX, 64.9 TONS  
OF CARGO AND 19 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 773 SORTIES.

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IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE MAC-16 FLEW 91.7 HOURS FOR 347 SORTIES CARRYING 543 PASSENGERS AND 93 TONS OF CARGO. THE US ARMY ADDED 4.1 HOURS FOR 6 SORTIES. THEY HAD 3 OF THEIR GUNBIRDS AVAILABLE. HML-165 LENT THEIR SUPPORT WITH 18.5 HOURS FLOWN FOR 64 SORTIES CARRYING 28 PASSENGERS AND 37 TONS OF CARGO. 165 HAD 4 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE.

IN THE DANANG AREA HML-265, VMO-2, VMO-6 THE O-1C'S AND FLIGHTS FROM MAC-12 TEAMED UP TO LIFT TWO RIFLE COMPANIES FOR 3RD BN 1ST MAR. ONLY LIGHT SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED. MAC-16 ALSO SUPPORTED THE AIR FORCE TODAY BY LAUNCHING ON A "BIRD CONTROL" MISSION AND STANDING SAR NORTH.

IN SUPPORT OF I CORPS "OPERATION LONGSTREET" HML-164 MADE AERIAL DELEVERY OF 4000# TO A MOUNTAIN TOP IN THE "LONGSTREET" AREA. SPARROW HAWK WAS LAUNCHED ON AN EMERGENCY TROOP RETRACTION JUST SOUTH OF DANANG BUT NO FIRE WAS REPORTED.

INFORMATION ON VMO-6 IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR TODAY.

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MAC-16 - SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 062100H TO 072100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAC-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 200.0 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 709 PAX, 13.6 TONS OF CARGO AND 56 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 535 SORTIES.

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OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 85.0 FLIGHT HOURS, 323 SORTIES, CARRYING 593 PASSENGERS AND 21.6 TONS OF CARGO. US ARMY UH-1E GUNSHIP SUPPORT TO OPERATION PRAIRIE CONSISTED OF 8.5 HOURS, 11 SORTIES AND AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY OF 4. HUE-165 FROM MAC-36 ASSISTED MAC-16 WITH 11 HOURS OF FLIGHT TIME AND 56 SORTIES CARRYING 207 PASSENGERS AND 15 TONS OF CARGO WITH AN AVAILABILITY OF 4 AIRCRAFT.

IN THE DAYANG AREA MAC-16 FLEW VIP, MED EVAC, RECON, LOGISTIC AND ADMIN FLIGHTS. LOGISTICS AND TACOPS LIFTED TO AT995566 AND BT001620. SMALL ARMS FIRE RECEIVED IN BOTH ZONES. NO HITS WERE TAKEN. SPARROW HAWK WAS LAUNCHED AT 1750H, PICKING UP 24 TROOPS AT HILL 55 AND DROPPING THEM 800 METERS AWAY AT AT970629. FIRE WAS TAKEN AND RETURNED BY UH-1E ESCORT. NO HITS TAKEN. UH-24B MED EVAC AIRCRAFT RECEIVED FIRE ON 7 SEPERATE MED EVAC MISSIONS. MED EVAC AIRCRAFT WAS HIT 2 OUT OF THE 7 TIMES. NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. UH-1E MED EVAC ESCORT RECEIVED FIRE FROM AT996604, PILOT AND COPILOT MIA WITH MODERATE INJURIES. EMERGENCY AMMO RESUPPLY TO AT996604. FIRE RECEIVED AND RETURNED BY UH-1E ESCORT. UH-1E ESCORT CONTROLLED FIXED WING AIR STRIKE ON ENEMY POSITION AT AT992601. VMO-6 DETACHMENT AT MAC-16 WAS UNABLE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE REPORT OF HOURS FLOWN AND SORTIES DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION FROM TWO MIA PILOTS. INCOMPLETE REPORT INDICATES 11.5 HOURS AND 33 SORTIES. MISSING INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE O-1C DETACHMENT CONDUCTED ONE PHOTO MISSION AND CONTROLLED 2 AIR STRIKES.

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

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 271.9 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 936 PAX, 116.9 TONS OF CARGO AND 023 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN <sup>7/8</sup> 612 SORTIES.

OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 70 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 362 PAX AND 73 TONS OF CARGO IN 253 SORTIES. US ARMY GUNSHIP SUPPORT TOTLED 5 FLIGHT HOURS IN 12 SORTIES WITH AN AVERAGE AVAILABILITY OF 3 AIRCRAFT. HMM-165 CONTRIBUTED 4 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 8 PAX AND 13.5 TONS OF CARGO IN 18 SORTIES, WITH AN AVERAGE AVAILABILITY OF 4 AIRCRAFT. ALL MISSIONS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE WERE ROUTINE, WITH OUR CH-37'S FROM HAMS-16 SU/1 PROVIDING THE MAJORITY OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO 1/11, 3/3, AND 2/5.

IN THE PHU BAI TAOR, HMM-163 AND HAMS DET "A" SUPPORTED THE THIRD DIVISION WITH MED EVAC AND OBSERVATION FLIGHTS, AS WELL AS ROUTINE LOGISTIC, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND TACTICAL LIFTS.

IN THE CHU LAI TAOR, OUR O-1CJs CONTINUED TO PROVIDE OBSERVATION FLIGHTS, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS.

IN THE DANANG TAOR THE HML-263 MED EVAC AND THE VMO-6 ESCORT COMPILED AN EXTRAORDINARY NUMBER OF FIRE INCIDENTS IN SEVENTEEN SEPERATE MEDEVAC MISSIONS. THE MED EVAC AIRCRAFT ALONE DELIVERED 1500 ROUNDS IN SUPPRESSIVE FIRE, WHILE THE ESCORT DELIVERED 19,600 ROUNDS AND 36 ROCKETS IN NINE SEPERATE INCIDENTS. FOR THE SECOND DAY RUNNING, A CREW-MEMBER OF THE MEDEVAC TEAM WAS WOUNDED. HMM-163's MEDEVAC GUNNER WAS HIT IN THE FOOT AND EVACUATED TO C-MED, WHERE HE IS REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION. OTHER TAOR MISSIONS WERE ROUTINE, WITH VMO-6 REPORTING LIGHT SNIPER FIRE APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES SOUTH OF DANANG ON A CONVOY ESCORT FLIGHT.

VMO-6 SUPPORT TO MAG-16 TOTLED 27.2 HOURS IN 80 SORTIES CARRYING 5 PAX AND 2 BATTLE EVACS.

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MAG-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 032100H TO 092100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 279.5 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 1,159 PAX, 274.1 TONS OF CARGO, AND 40 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 711 SORTIES.

OPERATION PRARIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 62.3 FLIGHT HOURS, 188 SORTIES, CARRYING 216 PAX, AND 91.5 TONS OF CARGO. US ARMY UH-1E GUNSHIP SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRARIE CONSISTED OF 1.5 HOURS, 4 SORTIES. HMM-165 FROM MAG-36 ASSISTED MAG-16 WITH 13.2 HOURS FLIGHT TIME AND 53 SORTIES, CARRYING 48 PAX AND 16.7 TONS OF CARGO.

IN THE DAVANG AREA THE NORMAL TROOP, LOGISTIC, VIP, RECON, ADMIN, AND MED EVAC FLIGHTS WERE FLOWN. SMALL ARMS AND/OR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS KNOWN TO BE RECEIVED ON SIX OCCASIONS, WITH TWO SEPERATE HIT INCIDENTS AND NO INJURY TO PERSONNEL.

FROM THE PHU BAI AREA HMM-163 REPORTED THREE AIRCRAFT HITS, ONE WITH MODERATE INJURY TO PILOT AND CO-PILOT. ALL HITS WERE TAKEN ON A RECON RETRACTION MSN H-1109-13.

VMO-6 FLEW A TOTAL OF 25.2 FLIGHT HOURS, 76 SORTIES, WITH 5 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE. TOTALS FOR MAG-16 DO NOT INCLUDE HMM-165 OR VMO-6.

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MAC-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 092100H TO 102100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 216.2 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 997 PAX, 23.9 TONS OF CARGO, AND 31 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 753 SORTIES.

IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRATICIE MAG-16 FLEW 56.3 HOURS FOR 124 SORTIES, CARRYING 240 PAX AND 18.0 TONS OF GEAR. IN SUPPORT OF I CORPS IN THE DONG HA AREA A MAJOR TROOP LIFT WAS ACCOMPLISHED. MAG-16 LOGGED 12.9 HOURS FOR 78 SORTIES CARRYING 711 TROOPS IN ADDITION TO HCL-165'S 12.8 HOURS FOR 76 SORTIES CARRYING 666 TROOPS TO GIVE "CHARLIE" A GOOD SIZED BIRTHDAY PRESENT. 165 HAD ALL FOUR OF THEIR BIRDS AVAILABLE TODAY. THE US ARMY SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 16.3 HOURS FOR 23 SORTIES WITH 3 GUNSHIPS AVAILABLE.

IN THE DANANG AREA THE NORMAL TROOP, LOGISTICS, RECON, VIP, ADMIN, AND MED EVAC MISSIONS WERE FLOWN. ONE CH-47A LOST A EXTERNAL WHICH LANDED IN A RICE PADDY. THE EXELIT ON THE EXTERNAL (GENERATOR) FAILED AT 2000 FEET AND THE ARMY SENT A PATROL TO BLOW IT UP. WHILE RETRACTING COMPANIES OF 1/2 AND 1/9 FIRE WAS RECEIVED BY THE CH-47A'S AS WELL AS ON A RECON RETRACTION. NO HITS WERE REPORTED. THE MED EVAC SEEMED TO BE BACK ON A NORMAL FOOTLINE AFTER THE PAST FEW HECTIC AND COSTLY DAYS.

INFORMATION ON TWO-6 NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS DATE.

THIS GROUP FLEW 31 MED EVAC MISSIONS, EVACUATING 5 EMERGENCY, 16 PRIORITY, AND 10 ROUTINE BATTLE CASUALTIES.

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MAG-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 102100H TO 112100H NOVEMBER 1966.

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 197.4 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 1657 PAX, 24.5 TONS OF CARGO, AND 22 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 525 SORTIES.

OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 197.8 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 3496 PAX, 126.2 TONS OF CARGO, AND THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 476 SORTIES. US ARMY GUNSHIP SUPPORT TOTALLED 9.4 FLIGHT HOURS IN 27 SORTIES, WITH AN AVAILABILITY OF 4 AIRCRAFT. TWO CH-46A'S CARRIED 337 ARVN TROOPS FROM QUANG TRI TO YD 311378. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF PRAIRIE.

TWO CH-46A'S AND ONE "JOLLY GREEN" LAUNCHED ON A NORTH SAR MISSION. NO PICK UP WAS MADE. 37MM ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS TAKEN WITH NO HITS.

IN THE DANANG TAOR HML-263 FLEW 18 MED EVAC MISSIONS. AT 1845H THE MED EVAC AIRCRAFT WAS HIT WITH 7 ROUNDS WHILE IN THE LZ WAITING FOR THE MED EVAC. NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. TWO OTHER UH-34D'S RECEIVED FIRE DURING THE DAY. ONE OF THESE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT WITH NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.

UHO-6 FLEW A TOTAL OF 25.6 FLIGHT HOURS, 54 SORTIES, WITH 4 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE.

TOTALS FOR MAG-16 DO NOT INCLUDE HML-165 OR UHO-6.

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 22 MED EVACS WHICH CONSISTED OF 4 EMERGENCY, 2 PRIORITY, AND 11 ROUTINE.

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MAG-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 112100H TO 122100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 174.4 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 1058 PAX, 129.2 TONS OF CARGO, AND 48 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 551 SORTIES.

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IN OPERATION PRAIRIE, TODAY 53.9 FLIGHT HOURS WERE FLOWN IN 144 SORTIES, CARRYING 432 PAX, AND 35.9 TONS OF CARGO. THE US ARMY'S 120TH AVIATION COMPANY PROVIDED 5.7 HOURS IN 12 SORTIES WHILE MAINTAINING 4 COMBAT READY AIRCRAFT. TWO CH-37'S CARRIED 37,000 LBS OF CARGO AND 45 PAX IN SUPPORT OF 3/3 AND 25,000 LBS OF CARGO AND 58 PAX IN SUPPORT OF 2/5 ON 11 NOV. WEATHER CONDITIONS KEPT FLIGHT OPERATIONS TO A MINIMUM.

IN THE DANANG AREA OPERATIONS WERE ALSO HAMPERED BY THE UNFAVORABLE WEATHER. ONE RECON EXTRACTION, FROM BT010475, WAS MOVED FROM 1600H, AS SCHEDULED TO 1145H, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A MOMENTARY HEIGTENING OF THE CLOUD LAYER. THE MISSION WAS COMPLETED BY TWO HMM-164 AIRCRAFT ESCORTED BY TWO VMO-2 BIRDS IN THE MARGINAL WEATHER WITH NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED. TWO HMM-265 AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED AT 0720H TO AT991676 TO EXTRACT 22 US WIA'S AND 1 ARVN WIA. THEY WERE ESCORTED BY A VMO-6 GUNSHIP.

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 48 MED EVACS WHICH CONSISTED OF 16 EMERGENCY, 20 PRIORITY, AND 12 ROUTINE CASUALTIES

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MAG-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 122100H TO 132100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 212.7 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 647 PAX, 104.1 TONS OF CARGO, AND 48 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 655 SORTIES.

MAG-16 SUPPORT FOR OPERATION PRAIRIE CONSISTED OF 60.8 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 436 PAX, AND 77.6 TONS OF CARGO IN 281 SORTIES. ARMY GUNSHIPS CONTRIBUTED AN ADDITIONAL 3.8 FLIGHT HOURS AND 8 SORTIES. NO SIGNIFICANT OCCURANCES HIGHLIGHTED OUR ACTIVITIES AT DONG HA DURING THIS PERIOD.

MOST OF THE FLYING IN THE DANANG, PHU BAI AND CHU LAI AREAS WAS ROUTINE, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS AS FOLLOW. AN H&MS-16 DET "A" O-1C SPOTTED FOUR VC ON A ROAD AND A BOAT CROSSING THE NEARBY SONG VU GIA RIVER APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MILES SOUTHWEST OF DANANG. THE O-1C TOOK SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE BOAT AND RETURNED IT WITH HIS FOUR WP ROCKETS, SINKING THE BOAT AND KILLING THREE VC. AN HH-365 CH-46 WAS LAUNCHED IN THE VERY EARLY MORNING TO EVACUATE SEVEN ARVN WOUNDED FROM A POINT FIVE MILES SOUTHWEST OF DANANG. FOURTEEN WERE EVACUATED BY THE TIME THE MISSION WAS COMPLETE.

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 20 MED EVAC MISSIONS TODAY, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 48 MED EVACS WHICH CONSISTED OF 8 EMERGENCY, 1 PRIORITY, AND 39 ROUTINE.

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MAG-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 132100H - 142100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 189.7 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 1304 PAX, 41.6 TONS OF CARGO, AND 9 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 641 SORTIES.

OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 47.7 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 364 PAX, 36.7 TONS OF CARGO, AND THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 141 SORTIES. US ARMY GUNSHIP SUPPORT TOTAL 5.8 FLIGHT HOURS IN 16 SORTIES WITH AN AVAILABILITY OF 4 AIRCRAFT. WEATHER CONDITIONS KEPT FLIGHT OPERATIONS TO A MINIMUM.

IN THE DANANG AREA OPERATIONS WERE ALSO HAMPERED BY UNFAVORABLE WEATHER.

SPARROW HAWK AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED ON FIVE OCCASIONS, THE LATTER FOUR NOT BEING COMPLETED DUE TO WEATHER. HML-163 REPORTED AN AIRCRAFT DOWN AT SEA BUT SUBMERGED ONLY TO THE ROTOR HEAD. UDT PERSONNEL WERE FLOWN OUT TO RECOVER THE MACHINE GUNS AND INVESTIGATE SALVAGE POSSIBILITIES. UH-34D ON MED EVAC MSN 12A WAS SHOT DOWN IN ZONE AND PILOT INJURED (END THROUGH LEG) AT 0820H. AT 1500H TACTICAL AIR RECOVERY MSN H-34 AND MAG-36 UH-1E ESCORT RECEIVED FIRE FROM AREA IN VICINITY, OF DOWNED AIRCRAFT. H-34 DEPARTED AFTER DEPOSITING MAINT. CREW IN ZONE, ESCORT WAS SHOT DOWN WITH THREE FATALITIES - LONE SURVIVOR WAS ROSEANN 6 WHO WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED AND EVACUATED TO HILL 55 BY ARMORED VEHICLE THEN BY HELICOPTER TO C-4 HOSPITAL.

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 9 MED EVAC FLIGHTS CONSISTING OF 6 EMERGENCY, 0 PRIORITY, AND 1 ROUTINE FLIGHTS AND EVACUATED A TOTAL OF 9 CASUALTIES.

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MAG-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 142100H TO 152100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 53.5 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 120 PAX, 11.1 TONS OF CARGO, AND 34 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 176 SORTIES.

OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 5.6 HOURS CARRYING 14 PASSENGERS AND .1 TONS OF CARGO IN 25 SORTIES. THE ONLY OPERATIONS FLOWN TODAY WERE BY H-34'S DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS. THE ARMY DID NOT FLY AT DING HA TODAY.

IN THE LOCAL OPERATING AREA WEATHER DRAMATICALLY CURTAILED OPERATIONS. THE O-10 ASSIGNED TO THE CHU LAI AREA WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE ONE SWEEP OF THE TAOR BEFORE WEATHER FORCED CANCELLATIONS. THE MED EVAC WAS RECEIVING FIRE QUITE OFTEN TODAY DUE TO REDUCED CEILINGS. ONE MED EVAC ACFT WAS DAMAGED DURING AN EVACUATION IN THE SAME AREA WHERE THE UH-1E AND UH-34D WERE SHOT DOWN YESTERDAY. THE ACFT WAS FLOWN OUT OF THE ZONE SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 9 MED EVAC FLIGHTS CONSISTING OF 9 EMERGENCY, 15 PRIORITY, AND 10 ROUTINE. MAG-16 EVACUATED A TOTAL OF 34 CASUALTIES.

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MAG-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 152100H TO 162100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 190.1 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 1036 PAX, 74.8 TONS OF CARGO, AND 64 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 480 SORTIES.

OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 85.7 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 816 PAX, AND 66.5 TONS OF CARGO. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 232 SORTIES. US ARMY GUNSHIP SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 9.3 FLIGHT HOURS IN 18 SORTIES WITH AN AVAILABILITY OF 4 AIRCRAFT. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS AT DONG HA LIMITED FLIGHT OPERATIONS. IN THE PHU BAI AREA, ONE UH-34D WAS SHOT DOWN ON A MED EVAC MISSION WITH NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. THE AIRCRAFT SUFFERED STRIKE DAMAGE.

IN THE DANANG AREA, OPERATIONS WERE ONCE AGAIN LIMITED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. 4 RECON INSERTIONS AND 2 RETRACTIONS WERE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED. THE MED EVAC AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED ENEMY .50 AND 30 CAL. FIRE AT AT915565 AND RETURNED FIRE. NO HITS WERE TAKEN BY THE MED EVAC AIRCRAFT. A MAG-16 O-1C CONTROLLED ARTILLERY ON CAVES AND A TRENCH LINE AT AT845508.

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 27 MED EVAC FLIGHTS CONSISTING OF 43 EMERGENCY, 7 PRIORITY, AND 14 ROUTINE AND EVACUATED A TOTAL OF 64 CASUALTIES.

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MAG-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 162100H TO 172100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 189.7 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 639 PAX, 56.1 TONS OF CARGO, AND 13 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 427 SORTIES.

OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 23.7 HOURS FLOWN IN 79 SORTIES, CARRYING 58 PAX AND 36.5 TONS OF CARGO. THE US ARMY'S 120TH AVIATION COMPANY FLEW 5.5 HOURS IN 10 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF III MAF WITH AN AVAILABILITY OF 2 COMBAT READY AIRCRAFT.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS AGAIN CURTAILED FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE DONG HA AREA.

IN THE DANANG AREA THE RECON TEAM "COBRA" WAS FINALLY EXTRACTED FROM ZG 162468. A TOTAL OF 8 MED EVAC MISSIONS WERE FLOWN TODAY IN SUPPORT OF GROUND UNITS. ONE MISSION RECEIVED FIRE FROM BT138615 AT 1715H WITH NO RECORDED HITS.

VMO-6 COMPLEMENTED MAG-16 OPERATIONS WITH 6.7 HOURS FLOWN IN 20 SORTIES WHILE MAINTAINING 4 AIRCRAFT IN COMBAT READINESS.

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 8 MED EVAC MISSIONS TODAY. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 13 MED EVACS WHICH CONSISTED OF 3 EMERGENCY, 1 PRIORITY, AND 3 ROUTINE.

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MAC-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 172100H TO 182100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAC-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 142.0 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 690 PAX, 67.7 TONS OF CARGO, AND 26 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 516 SORTIES.

SUPPORT FOR OPERATION PRAIRIE CONSISTED OF 45.7 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 222 PAX AND 27.5 TONS OF CARGO IN 190 SORTIES. US ARMY GUNSHIPS FLEW 2.7 HOURS WITH 4 SORTIES, WHILE MAINTAINING AN AVAILABILITY OF 3 AIRCRAFT. POOR WEATHER AT DONG HA HAS HELD MISSIONS TO A MINIMUM.

MISSIONS WERE ROUTINE THROUGHOUT THE PHU BAI AND DA NANG TAOR'S WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO CH-46A'S MISSIONS WHICH RESULTED IN HITS. THE FIRST OF THESE WAS SUSTAINED ON TAKEOFF FROM THE I CORPS "D" PAD, WHICH IS WITHIN THE DA NANG CITY LIMITS. ONE HIT WAS TAKEN IN A ROTOR BLADE. LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, AN HMM-164 CH-46 WAS FORCED TO LAND WHEN IT TOOK A HIT SIX MILES SOUTH OF DA NANG. THE AIRCRAFT WAS LEFT FOR THE NIGHT AT LZ RAILBIRD, WHERE MAINTENANCE CREWS WILL REPAIR IT IN THE MORNING. THE UH-1E GUNSHIPS ESCORTING THE MISSION EXPENDED THEIR OWN ORDNANCE AND SEVERAL FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING ON THE AREA FROM WHICH THE FIRE ORIGINATED, WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. NO INJURIES WERE SUFFERED IN EITHER FIRE INCIDENT.

26 BATTLE EVACS WERE LIFTED IN 12 MED EVAC MISSIONS. OF THESE, 14 WERE EMERGENCY, 8 PRIORITY, AND 4 ROUTINE.

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

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 116.3 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 702 PAX, 37.2 TONS OF CARGO, AND 17 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 382 SORTIES.

SUPPORT FOR OPERATION PRAIRIE CONSISTED OF 22.9 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 68 PAX, 14.4 TONS OF CARGO, AND 0 MED EVACS IN 53 SORTIES. US ARMY GUNSHIPS FLEW 5.0 HOURS WITH 4 SORTIES WHILE MAINTAINING AN AVAILABILITY OF 3 AIRCRAFT. POOR WEATHER AT DONG HA HAS HELD MISSIONS TO A MINIMUM.

MISSIONS IN THE DANANG AND PHU BAI TAORS WERE THE USUAL.

17 BATTLE EVACS WERE LIFTED IN 14 MED EVAC MISSIONS. OF THESE 10 WERE EMERGENCY, 4 PRIORITY, AND 3 ROUTINE

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

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 265.9 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 958 PAX, 191.9 TONS OF CARGO, AND 42 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 711 SORTIES.

OPERATION PRAIRIE HELICOPTER SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 83.8 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 504 PAX, AND 103.1 TONS OF CARGO IN 275 SORTIES. U. S. ARMY GUNSHIPS FLEW 15.0 HOURS ACCOMPLISHING 36 SORTIES WITH AN AVAILABILITY OF 3 AIRCRAFT. OPERATIONS IN THE PHU BAI AREA WERE ROUTINE.

IN THE DANANG AREA, OPERATIONS WERE HAIPERED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, TWO RECON TEAM INSERTIONS AND ONE EXTRACTION WERE ACCOMPLISHED. ALL OTHER MISSIONS WERE NORMAL. TWO MED EVAC MISSIONS RECEIVED <sup>were</sup> LIGHT SMALL ARMS FIRE. NO KIIS WERE TAKEN. TWO OH-46A'S IN SUPPORT OF I CORPS CARRIED 29,200 POUNDS OF CARGO AND 31 ARVN PAX IN THE QUE SON AREA. 42 BATTLE EVACS WERE LIFTED IN 14 MISSIONS. OF THESE 19 <sup>were</sup> EMERGENCY, 7 PRIORITY, AND 16 EMERGENCY.

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MAG-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 202100H - 212100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 239.8 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 808 PAX, 53.2 TONS OF CARGO, AND 30 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 578 SORTIES.

MAG-16 SUPPORTED OPERATION PRAIRIE WITH 46.6 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 367 PAX AND 28.7 TONS OF CARGO. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 180 SORTIES. US ARMY GUN-SHIPS PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL 10.1 FLIGHT HOURS AND 13 SORTIES, WITH AN AVERAGE AVAILABILITY OF 3 AIRCRAFT. ALL MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF TASK FORCE DELTA WERE ROUTINE.

IN THE DANANG AREA, A MORNING RECON TEAM INSERTION MISSION WAS HAMPERED BY A SERIES OF TROUBLES BEGINNING WITH MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AND ENDING WITH BAD WEATHER. AS A RESULT, ONLY ONE OF THE THREE SCHEDULED INSERTS WAS COMPLETED, AND THIS ONLY MOMENTS BEFORE WEATHER TOOK OVER. THE SECOND AND THIRD INSERTS WERE POSTPONED AND LATER ABORTED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER IN THE MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF AN HOA.

TWO CH-46A'S OF HMM-265 WERE SENT TO CHU LAI, WHERE THEY PARTICIPATED IN A MAG-16 STRIKE. FIRE WAS TAKEN BUT NO HITS.

MOST SIGNIFICANT WAS THE SUCCESSFUL RESUPPLY OF THE SPECIAL FORCES UNIT OPERATING WEST OF PHU BAI. DESPERATE AFTER SEVERAL DAYS WITHOUT FOOD, THEY HAD BEEN CUT OFF FROM AIR SUPPORT BY BAD WEATHER UNTIL LATE THIS AFTERNOON. HMM-164 RESPONDED TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION, AND LT.COL. WARREN C. WATSON LED HIS FLIGHT THROUGH SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION. LT.COL WATSON'S AIRCRAFT WAS THE ONLY ONE IN THE FLIGHT TO TAKE A HIT, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE EXPOSED TO ALMOST CONTINUOUS SNIPER FIRE. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES TAKEN.

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 25 MED EVAC MISSIONS, LIFTING 30 BATTLE EVACS, OF WHICH 13 WERE EMERGENCY, 14 WERE PRIORITY, AND 3 WERE ROUTINE.

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MAG-16 SITREP - PERIOD COVERED 212100H - 222100H NOVEMBER 1966

MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 114.2 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 437 PAX, 75.9

TONS OF CARGO, AND 9 MED EVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 295 SORTIES.

MAG-16 SUPPORTED OPERATION PRAIRIE WITH 51.5 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 346 PAX AND 63.4 TONS OF CGO. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 165 SORTIES.

U.S. ARMY GUNSHIPS PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL 4.7 FLIGHT HOURS AND 8 SORTIES WITH AN AVAILABILITY OF 3 AIRCRAFT.

MISSIONS WERE ROUTINE THROUGHOUT THE DANANG AND PHU BAI TAORS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION: AT 0940H, THE UH-1E ASSIGNED TO CG, III MAF STRUCK A FENCE WHILE LANDING AT THE III MAF HELO PAD. BRIGADIER GENERAL PLATT WAS ABOARD AS A PASSENGER; THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO PASSENGER OR CREW. THE AIRCRAFT WAS REMOVED BY A CH-46 AT 1330H AND WAS DELIVERED TO MMAF WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

9 BATTLE EVACS WERE LIFTED IN 7 MISSIONS. OF THESE 2 WERE EMERGENCY, 2 PRIORITY, AND 5 ROUTINE.

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MAG-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 216.3 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 1644 PAX, 130.7 TONS

OF CARGO AND 21 MEDEVACGS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 623 SORTIES.

MAG-16 SUPPORTED OPERATION PRAIRIE WITH 59.3 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING

499 PAX AND 54.7 TONS OF CARGO AND TWO MEDEVACGS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED  
IN 201 SORTIES.US ARMY GUNSHIPS PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL 3.2 FLIGHT HOURS FLYING 8  
SORTIES WITH 3 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE.MISSIONS WITHIN THE DANANG AREA WERE ROUTINE WITH THE FOLLOWING EX-  
CEPTION: AT 1625H AN OIC WAS FIRED UPON, WHERE UPON AN AIR STRIKE  
WAS USED AS A RETALIATION MEASURE. TWO LIVELY SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS  
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MAC-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 258.6 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 1517 PAX, 80.7 TONS OF CARGO, AND 28 MEDEVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 743 SORTIES.

MAC-16 SUPPORTED OPERATION PRAIRIE WITH 97.0 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 1189 PAX, 56.1 TONS OF CARGO, AND 2 MEDEVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 329 SORTIES.

US ARMY GUNSHIPS PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL 10.7 FLIGHT HOURS WITH 26 SORTIES AND 3 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE.

MSNS WITHIN THE DANANG AND PHU BAI TAOS WERE ROUTINE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS: AT 1416H TWO CH-46'S MEDEVACED THREE (3) KIA FROM AT 993409 ON MSN 11F. AT 1817H SPARKOWIAK CONDUCTED AN EMERGENCY RETRACEMENT OF TWELVE (12) TROOPS FROM AT 991409. LATE ENTRY FROM 231825H: HFM-263 REPORTED .50CAL FIRE RECEIVED FROM AT 9435. NO HITS RECEIVED.

MAC-16 CARRIED 28 MEDEVACS, OF WHICH WERE 5 EMERGENCY, 9 PRIORITY, 14 ROUTINE.

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MAC-16 SITREP 242100H - 252100H NOV 1966

MAC-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 162.3 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 391 PAX, 30.8 TONS OF CARGO AND 109 MEDEVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 424 SORTIES.

MAC-16 SUPPORTED OPERATION PRAIRIE WITH 15.3 HOURS CARRYING 61 PAX, 16.3 TONS OF CARGO AND 6 MEDEVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 45 SORTIES.

U.S. ARMY GUNSHIPS PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL 1.0 HOURS UTILIZING THE THREE AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR 2 SORTIES.

MISSIONS WITHIN DANANG AND PHU BAI TAORS WERE ROUTINE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS: AT 1600H ONE O-10 RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM (AT 981351) ARTILLERY RETURNED. AT 1420H 24 NOV UH-34 RECEIVED FIRE FROM AT 983616. AT 0820H 2 UH-34 RECEIVED FIRE FROM AT 980618. AT 1500H 4 UH-34 RECEIVED FIRE AND RETURNED FIRE AT BT 001610. ALSO FIRE FROM AT 953620 AT 0920H. ALSO FIRE FROM ZG 1652, 2155, 2055 BETWEEN 1520 - 1530.

A MEDEVAC TO THE REPOSE WAS NOT COMPLETED DUE TO WX AND NO COMM WITH SHIP.

MAC-16 CARRIED 109 MEDEVACS, OF WHICH, 65 WERE EMERGENCY, 30 PRIORITY AND 14 ROUTINE.

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MAG-16 SITREP 252100H - 262100H NOV 1966

MAG-16 FLIGHT OPERATIONS WERE CURTAILED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM WANCY. THERE WERE NO FLIGHT OPERATIONS AT PHU BAI, NOR ANY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE. IN THE DANANG TAOR ONE BRAVE HELICOPTER CREW LAUNCHED ON A WEATHER CHECK AND RETURNED SHORTLY WITH AN UNFAVORABLE REPORT. THE REPOSE SHUTTLE HAD TO BE ABORTED AS THE SHIP COULD NOT BE FOUND IN THE AREA. THIS GROUP FLEW 0 MEDEVAC MISSION, EVACUATING 0 EMERGENCY, 0 PRIORITY AND 0 ROUTINE CASUALTIES.

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OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 46.3 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 200 PAX AND 66.4 TONS OF CARGO IN 133 SORTIES. U.S. ARMY GUNSHIPS PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL 1.6 FLIGHT HOURS AND 4 SORTIES, WITH AN AVERAGE AVAILABILITY OF 3. FLIGHTS AT DONG HA WERE ROUTINE.

IN THE DA NANG TAOR, WEATHER HELD FLYING TO A MINIMUM ONCE AGAIN, BUT TWO FLIGHTS STAND OUT AS THE DAY'S SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS. THE FIRST OF THESE WAS THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF A 34 MAN UNIT OF 3ST BN, 1ST MARINES, CAUGHT IN A FLASH FLOOD ON THE HOI AN RIVER ABOUT TWELVE MILES SOUTH OF DANANG. AFTER SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO GET THROUGH THE WEATHER, A FLIGHT OF TWO HH-164 CH-46'S, ESCORTED BY TWO UH-1H HUEYS, WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE THE MISSION. THE TROOPS WERE FORCED TO ABANDON TWO MECH. ANICAL MULES BECAUSE THE FLOODING RIVER PREVENTED MOVING THEM TO A SUITABLE PICKUP POINT. ONE OF THE 46'S RECEIVED A HIT FROM ENEMY FIRE. THE SECOND NOTABLE MISSION WAS THE EMERGENCY EXTRACTION OF A 12 MAN RECON TEAM IN THE NONG SON VALLEY SOUTH OF AN HOA. THREE OF HH-263'S UH-34'S PENETRATED THE WEATHER ON RADAR TO AN HOA, AND THEN ACCOMPLISHED THE MISSION VISUALLY. THEY ENCOUNTERED NO OPPOSITION DURING THE PICKUP, AND RETURNED TO DANANG AGAIN ON INSTRUMENTS.

THIS GROUP FLEW 6 MEDEVAC MISSIONS EVACUATING 5 EMERGENCY, 10 PRIORITY AND 14 ROUTINE CASUALTIES.

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MAC-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 190.1 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 716 PAX, 129.2 TONS OF CARGO AND 14 MEDEVAC.

OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 70.9 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 165 PAX, 95.0 TONS OF CARGO IN 225 SORTIES.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE DAU BAI TAOR WERE ROUTINE.

IN THE DANANG TAOR THE MEDEVAC AIRCRAFT ON TWO SEPARATE MISSIONS RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE BUT TOOK NO HITS. THREE RECON TEAMS WERE RETRACTED AND ONE TEAM INSERTED WITH NO FIRE TAKEN.

THIS GROUP FLEW 9 MEDEVAC MISSIONS EVACUATING 1 EMERGENCY, 4 PRIORITY AND 9 ROUTINE CASUALTIES.

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MAC-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 221.3 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 2300 PAX, 60.6 TONS OF CARGO AND 29 MEDEVAC'S. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 784 SORTIES.

OPERATION PRAIRIE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 88.1 FLIGHT HOURS, CARRYING 573 PAX AND 36.1 TONS OF CARGO IN A TOTAL OF 258 SORTIES. THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS.

OPERATION MISSISSIPPI KICKED OFF TODAY, AND MAC-16'S EFFORTS WERE LARGELY INVOLVED IN PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE UNITS WHICH WENT IN TODAY. WEATHER PLANES LAUNCHED IN THE EARLY MORNING, FOLLOWED BY OBSERVATION HELICOPTERS, TO THOROUGHLY CHECK THE OPERATING AREA. AT 0900 THE WARNING CALL FOR A 1030 L-HOUR CAME DOWN, AND OUR CH-46'S WENT TO WORK LIFTING TROOPS FOR 3/7 AND 2/5. THROUGHOUT THE DAY, OUR O-1C'S PROVIDED OBSERVATION AND CONTROLLED FIXED WING STRIKES TO PREPARE LANDING ZONES AND SILENCE ENEMY WEAPONS, WHILE THE GUNSHIP HU-16'S ESCORTED THE CH-46'S ON LARGE TROOP LIFTS AND RECON INSERTIONS FOR TEAMS FROM FIRST RECON BN. THERE WERE SEVERAL FIRE INCIDENTS IN CONNECTING WITH THE OPERATION, BUT ONLY ONE MAC-16 CASUALTY. ONE OF THE ASSAULT TROOPS ALSO BECAME A CASUALTY WHEN THE HELICOPTER IN WHICH HE WAS RIDING WAS STRUCK BY ENEMY FIRE.

THIS GROUP FLEW 14 MEDEVAC MISSIONS, CARRYING 29 BATTLE EVACS, OF WHICH 5 WERE EMERGENCY, 15 PRIORITY, AND 9 ROUTINE.

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MAC-16 FLEW A TOTAL OF 198.9 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 468 PAX, 23.0 TONS OF CARGO AND 33 MEDEVACS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 432 SORTIES.

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THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS IN THE PHU BAI TAOR.

OPERATION MISSISSIPPI ACCOUNTED FOR THE MAJORITY OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE DANANG TAOR WITH 19.1 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 175 PAX AND 0.3 TONS OF CARGO IN 36 SORTIES. IN SUPPORT OF MISSISSIPPI TWO CH-46'S RECEIVED FIRE ENROUTE ON AN ARVN TROOP LIFT. NO HITS WERE TAKEN.

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THIS GROUP FLEW 25 MEDEVAC MISSIONS EVACUATING 12 EMERGENCY, 16 PRIORITY AND 5 ROUTINE CASUALTIES.

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## Part 1 - Organization data

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

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## TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facilities, RVN  
 MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facilities, RVN  
 HMM-164 - Marble Mountain Air Facilities, RVN  
 HMM-263 - Marble Mountain Air Facilities, RVN  
 HMM-265 - Marble Mountain Air Facilities, RVN  
 VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facilities, RVN  
 SU#1, H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facilities, RVN  
 MATCU-68 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN  
 HMM-163 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN

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## COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSITION

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Period</u>
CO MAG-16	K. L. REUSSER	Col	1-14 Nov 66
Acting CO	A. W. BARDEN	LtCol	15-21 Nov 66
CO MAG-16	F. M. HEPLER	Col	22-30 Nov 66
XO MAG-16	A. W. BARDEN	LtCol	1-30 Nov 66
Adjutant	P. A. OLSON	WO	1-30 Nov 66
S-1 Officer	O. G. MCDONALD	Maj	1-30 Nov 66
S-2 Officer	Y. JOHNSTONE	Capt	1-30 Nov 66
S-3 Officer	H. E. MENDENHALL	LtCol	1-30 Nov 66
S-4 Officer	M. T. JANNELL	LtCol	1-30 Nov 66
CO H&MS-16	L. O. DAVIS	LtCol	1-30 Nov 66
CO MABS-16	R. K. MCKITTRICK	LtCol	1-30 Nov 66
CO HMM-163	R. D. BIANCHI	LtCol	1-30 Nov 66
CO HMM-164	W. C. WATSON	LtCol	1-30 Nov 66

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CO HMM-263	L. L. DARBYSHIRE	LtCol	1-30 Nov 66
CO HMM-265	F. B. ELLIS	Maj	1-30 Nov 66
CO VMO-2	R. A. PLAMONDON	Maj	1-30 Nov 66
OIC, SU#1	J. L. NOLAN	Maj	1-30 Nov 66
OIC, MATCU-68	K. V. BERICHIOLLI	Capt	1-30 Nov 66

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>Squadron</u>	USMC		USN	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
H&MS-16	69	361	0	0
SU#1	13	58	0	1
MABS-16	21	497	4	8
HMM-163	55	160	1	5
HMM-164	45	171	1	4
HMM-263	49	157	1	4
HMM-265	42	171	1	3
VMO-2	52	135	1	3
MATCU-68	8	67	0	0

Following are listed personnel changes for the period 1 - 30 November 1966

a. Number of joinings: 224

b. Number of drops: 99

c. Promotions:

(1) MSgt to 1st Sgt	1	??
(2) GySgt to MSgt	0	
(3) SSgt to GySgt	3	
(4) Sgt to SSgt	4	
(5) Cpl to Sgt	1	
(6) LCpl to Cpl	13	
(7) Pfc to LCpl	16	
(8) Pvt to Pfc	3	
(9) SNCO to WO	0	
(10) SNCO to 2nd Lt	1	
(11) 2nd Lt to 1st Lt	2	
(12) 1st Lt to Capt	13	
(13) Capt to Maj	1	
(14) LtCol to Col	1	

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## CASUALTIES

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>SerNo/MOS</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Sgt	William J. TUOHY	654069/3261	MABS-16
	<u>NON-HOSTILE</u> - 1 Nov 66. MMAF. Truck backed-up over him. Evacuated to G-4 hospital, period about 48 hours.		
SSgt	Adam B. BAGLEY	1387530/6413	HMM-263
	<u>HOSTILE</u> - 8 Nov 66. Two miles S. E. Hill 55 near Thuy Bo (1). Wound missile penetrated right ankle. Flying as gunner Med-Evac mission. Hospitalized C-med, undetermined.		
2nd Lt	Robert M. NYE Jr.	092801/7335	HMM-163
	<u>HOSTILE</u> - 9 Nov 66. Twelve miles S. E. of Phu Bai. Wounded, missile lower extremity. Co-pilot in A/C during extraction with Recon Team. Treated and released from "A" Med.		
1st Lt	Donald F. WALKER	088248/7335	HMM-163
	<u>HOSTILE</u> - 9 Nov 66. Twelve miles S. E. of Phu Bai. Wounded, penetrating lower extremity of right side. To 3rd Med. Hosp. Four weeks. Pilot of A/C during extraction with Recon Team.		
Col	Kenneth L. REUSSER	011066/9907	H&MS-16
	<u>HOSTILE</u> - 14 Nov 66. One-half miles S. E. Hill 55, Quan Nam Province. Burned, 2nd and 3rd degree burns on body. Helo UH-1E crashed and burned on tactical air mission.		
Capt	James E. VAN GORDER Jr.	086689/7335	HMM-263
	<u>HOSTILE</u> - 14 Nov 66. Two miles S. E. Hill 55 near Thuy Bo (3) Quang Nam Province. Received gunshot wound penetrating left lower calf. To G-4 hospital, four weeks. Pilot of UH-34D. Hit by automatic fire on Med-Evac mission.		

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Sgt John G. KEEPER 2050165/6615 H&amp;MS-16

HOSTILE - 15 Nov 66. South of Phu Bai, Passenger on Army U6 Beaver A/C that left Dong Ha approximately 1514. A/C missing presumed crashed or down. Search conducted by Army as of the date of this report, negative results.

LCpl Donald J. WASLYNA 2175549/1391 HMM-163

HOSTILE - 16 Nov 66. Nine and one half miles S. E. of Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province. Wounded, missile upper back/shrapnel. Aerial gunner on A/C involved in emergency Med-Evac.

1st Lt Mark A. BEYMER 090325/7335 HMM-163

HOSTILE - 16 Nov 66. Nine and one half miles S. E. of Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province. Gunshot wound, perforating left leg, lower extremity. Co-pilot A/C involved in emergency Med-Evac.

SSgt Raymond L. HORWATH 1886918/6611 HMM-265

HOSTILE - 29 Nov 66. 22 miles S. W. Da Nang. Approaching Landing Zone on strike mission, slight laceration on right hand. Aerial gunner on CH-46 on strike mission.

  
O. G. MCDONALD  
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