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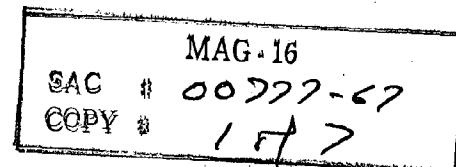
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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)  
 Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1-31 May 1967, submission of  
 Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1B  
 Enccl: (1) MAG-16 Command Chronology  
 1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.  
 2. This letter is DECLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16  
MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY  
REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM  
Period covered: 1 through 31 May 1967

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PART I  
Organizational Data

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<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	S. F. MARTIN	Colonel		1-31May67
CO, MAG-16(Fwd)	A. L. PHILLIPS	Colonel		1-31May67
EXO, MAG-16	O. V. GALLENTINE	LtCol		1-31May67
Adjutant	A. L. MADSEN	1stLt		1-31May67
S-1 Officer	K. D. VANEK	Major		1-31May67
S-2 Officer	Y. JOHNSTONE	Captain		1-31May67
S-3 Officer	H. E. MENDENHALL	LtCol		1-5May67
	R. D. BIANCHI	LtCol		6-31May67
S-4 Officer	M. T. JANNELL	LtCol		1-31May67
CO, H&MS-16	W. E. DEEDS	LtCol		1-31May67
OIC, SubUnit #1	S. E. FIELD	Captain		1-26May67
CO, MABS-16	C. E. WYNER	LtCol		1-31May67
CO, HMM-163	W. C. KELLY	LtCol		1-31May67
CO, HMM-265	R. L. COVER Jr.	LtCol		1-31May67
CO, HMM-361	E. W. TRAUT	LtCol		1-23May67
	H. A. BRUCE	Major		24-31May67
CO, HMM-363	M. E. DAY	Major		1-31May67
OIC HMM-463 Det.	W. R. BETTER	LtCol		1-22May67
CO, HMM-463	S. G. BEAL	LtCol		23-31May67
CO, VMO-2	W. F. HARRELL	LtCol		1-31May67
CO, VMO-3	K. W. TOWNSEND	Major		1-31May67
OIC, MATCUL-62	R. O. MEYER	Captain		1-25May67
	J. W. MCGEE	Captain		26-31May67
OIC, MATCUL-68	J. O. BETTER	Captain		1-31May67

2. TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 \*SU #1 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-163 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN  
 HMM-265 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN  
 HMM-361 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-363 - Dong Ha, RVN  
 HMM-463 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 VMO-3 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN  
 MATCUL-62 - Dong Ha, RVN  
 MATCUL-68 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN  
 \*Deactivated 26 May 1967

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Squadron	USMC		USN	
	Off	Bal	Off	Bal
H&MS-16	86	542	0	1
SU #1	9	53	0	0
MABS-16	22	817	6	22
HMM-163	45	187	2	3
HMM-265	48	194	1	2
HMM-361	47	186	1	3
HMM-363	49	176	1	3
HMM-463	58	198	1	3
VMO-2	42	163	1	2
VMO-3	27	132	1	1
MATCU-62	5	50	0	0
MATCU-68	5	75	0	0

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND

- a. Lieutenant General V. H. KRULAK visited the command on 1 May.
- b. Major General L. E. ROBERTSHAW visited the command on 4, 11, 14, 23, 28, and 30 May.
- c. Brigadier General R. P. KELLER visited the command on 24 May.

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Narrative Summary

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1. Special Operations

a. Operation Prairie IV	1-31 May
b. Operation Union I	1-25 May
c. Operation Shawnee II	1-21 May
d. Operation Crockett	13-31 May
e. Operation Hickory	17-28 May
f. Operation Beau Charger	18-31 May
g. Operation Duval	19-31 May
h. Operation Choctaw	22-31 May
i. Operation Union II	26-31 May

2. General Summary

a. The emphasis of operations supported by MAG-16 shifted during mid-May from Operation Union south of Danang to Operation Hickory north of Dong Ha and operations near Khe Sanh. The assets of the Group were augmented during the month by the arrival of the main body of HMM-463 with 22 CH-53 helicopters and the arrival of the remainder of VMO-3 with 9 additional UH-1E's.

b. The Group lost the support of the CH-37's which were taken out of commission and the unit deactivated. The "Deuces" carried a big share of the logistic cargo, lifted by MAG-16, since their arrival in country during September 1965. Though their lift capability is replaced many times over by the CH-53's, the belching roar of the "Deuces" will be missed as they pass from the scene.

3. Chronological Summary

1 May - A VMO-3 UH-1E was shot down 20 miles SSW of Dong Ha. All four crewmembers were injured, none seriously. The aircraft was destroyed in the subsequent crash landing. Two other VMO-3 UH-1's were hit by ground fire while flying cover for the downed crew. The HMM-363 medevac helicopter was hit by fire 6 miles NW of Dong Ha. None of the crew was injured. HMM-463 CH-53's recovered two UH-34's from the Tam Ky area to the USS Okinawa.

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2 May - Operations in all TAOR's were normal. An HMM-363 helicopter was hit by ground fire 10 miles SE of Dong Ha. Upon landing at LZ #2 just north of Marble Mountain, LtGen. WALT's chase helicopter, a UH-1E from VMO-2, lost directional control when the tail rotor struck a fence, went out of control, crashed and burned. Only the pilot and crewchief were aboard and neither was seriously injured.

3 May - Near Khe Sanh, two VMO-2 UH-1E's were hit by ground fire. None of the crewmembers were injured. An HML-361 UH-34 made a precautionary landing at Nui Lac Son after experiencing a power loss. The helicopter was returned to MMAF by a CH-53.

4 May - An HMM-163 UH-34 lost tail rotor control at Quang Tri and made a forced landing. The aircraft was not recovered this date. At Marble Mountain, an HMM-363 UH-34 turned over on the mat after maintenance personnel installed hydraulic servo lines backwards. No one was injured in the incident. Later in the day the HMM-361 medevac helicopter was shot down 3 miles south of Marble Mountain. The crew and medevacs were injured slightly in the crash landing. The helicopter burned. VMO-2 escorted Sparrow Hawk on three separate occasions.

5 May - A CH-53 recovered one UH-34 from Dong Ha and one from Quang Tri, both aircraft lifted to the USS Okinawa. East of Que Son, another CH-53 was hit by ground fire. No injuries resulted. A third CH-53 experienced engine failure south of Danang. Parts of the failed engine penetrated the cabin of the helicopter injuring one of the crewmembers. The aircraft returned to Marble Mountain without further incident. Operations in all TAOR's were normal.

6 May - Operations in all TAOR's were normal.

7 May - An HMM-463 CH-53 effected recovery of two UH-34's from the Danang TAOR. All other operations were normal.

8 May - Three UH-34's from HMM-361 and two from HMM-363 were hit by ground fire. No injuries resulted in any of the incidents. HMM-463 CH-53's recovered two UH-34's, one to Ky Ha, one to MMAF. Operations were normal in all MAG-16 operating areas. Dong Ha received a mortar attack at 0030H.

9 May - A VMO-2 UH-1 was hit by fire NW of Khe Sanh and a VMO-3 UH-1 was hit NW of Hue. None of the crew of the VMO-2 helicopter was injured but the pilot of the VMO-3 helicopter was wounded.

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10 May - An HMM-265 CH-46 was hit by fire in the Khe Sanh area. None of the crew was injured. In the Danang area, the HMM-361 medevac helicopter was downed twice due to hostile ground fire. On the first occasion the helicopter was flown to Hill 55 after sustaining several hits. One crewmember was WIA. On the second occasion the aircraft was hit while in the zone, flew a short way to a secure area and shut down. In the incident two crewmembers were WIA, one seriously. An attempt to recover the second aircraft by CH-53 was unsuccessful due to enemy fire and darkness. A VMO-2 UH-1 made a precautionary landing at Hill 55 after experiencing mechanical difficulties and that aircraft remained in the zone over night.

11 May -- West of Khe Sanh, an HMM-363 helicopter lifting from Hill 821 S settled on take-off and crashed. None of the crew was injured. An HMM-265 helicopter was hit by fire on a recon insert mission north of Khe Sanh. An HMM-363 helicopter resupplying the "Rockpile" west of Dong Ha incurred damage when the aircraft settled on landing. Northwest of Hue, a VMO-3 UH-1 was hit by fire on a medevac escort mission. No injuries resulted. An O-1C crashed immediately after take-off from Marble Mountain after experiencing engine failure. Neither the pilot or observer were injured. An HMM-361 helicopter made a precautionary landing at Dai Loc when the chip indicator light illuminated. The aircraft was left in the zone. The CH-53's from HMM-463 made four aircraft recoveries. Two UH-34's were lifted to Marble Mountain, one from Hill 55, the other from SW of Hill 55, a UH-1 from Hill 55 to Marble Mountain and a UH-34 from near Que Son to Ky Ha.

12 May - In the Dong Ha area, an HMM-363 helicopter was shot down on take-off from Con Thien. Two crewmembers were KIA, two WIA. The aircraft burned. Operations at Phu Bai and Danang were routine.

13 May - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were routine. In the Danang TAOR, a joint UH-34 and CH-53 troop lift was completed by aircraft from MAG-16 and MAG-36. The lift consisted of approximately 500 troops carried from Hoi An to an "LZ" six (6) miles south of Hoi An. Two UH-36L helicopters were hit by enemy fire while on a medevac mission. One crewmember was WIA and one aircraft forced to land at Hill 55. The downed UH-34 was recovered by a CH-53.

14 May - A CH-53 attempting recovery of a CH-46 from Khe Sanh to MMAF was forced to set the CH-46 down at Quang Tri due to severe turbulence and deteriorating weather conditions. The HMM-363 medevac helicopter crashed on a night emergency mission. Ground fire severed the tail rotor drive shaft causing loss of directional control. None of the crew was injured. Phu Bai operations were normal. In the Danang area, the HMM-361 medevac helicopter was hit by intense enemy fire wounding both pilots and killing the corpsman. The aircraft was flown by the wounded pilots to MMAF.

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15 May - In the Dong Ha area, four HMM-265 CH-46's conducted an emergency logistics lift into the besieged fortress at Con Thien. The HMM-363 medevac helicopter was slightly damaged when the pick-up zone was mortared while the aircraft was on the deck. A CH-53 lifted the CH-46 from Quang Tri to MMAF. Operations at Phu Bai were normal. A Sparrow Hawk mission at Danang was launched against a reported 200 VC troops. VMO-2 gunships launched as escort. No sightings were made.

16 May - Near Dong Ha, the HMM-363 medevac helicopter took several hits and the VMO-3 escort gunship was also hit. No injuries resulted. An HMM-265 CH-46 received multiple hits while attempting a recon insert. The mission was aborted. Operations at Phu Bai were routine. HMM-361 escorted by VMO-2 gunships conducted a night emergency resupply mission from Tam Ky to Que Son.

17 May - Operations in all TAOR's were routine. An O-1C crashed one mile north of Dong Ha after experiencing engine failure. The pilot and observer were uninjured.

18 May - During the early morning hours the airfield at Dong Ha was mortared and rocketed with damage to two UH-1's. During the day the O-1C which crashed on 17 May was recovered to Dong Ha. The second O-1C at Dong Ha was hit by fire 3 miles east of Gio Linh. The pilot and observer were uninjured. The same O-1C ground looped on landing causing damage to one of the landing gear. In the Phu Bai area, a VMO-3 UH-1 was hit by fire without injury to any of the crew. An HMM-163 UH-34 made a forced landing at PK-17 northwest of Hue. The helicopter was recovered by a CH-53. A second HMM-163 UH-34 crashed at Quang Tri after suffering engine failure. No injuries resulted. In the Danang TAOR, two HMM-361 UH-34's landed at An Hoa with mechanical problems. Both were recovered by CH-53.

19 May - Operations at Dong Ha were primarily in support of Operation Hickory which began in the DMZ today. The HMM-363 medevac helicopter was hit by fire two miles northeast of Con Thien. A VMO-2 UH-1 was hit while providing escort for an emergency resupply mission to the same location. No injuries resulted from either action. No significant operations were conducted in the Phu Bai and Danang areas. An HMM-463 CH-53 was hit by fire near Que Son. No injuries resulted.

20 May - Operation Hickory dominated the support requirements at Dong Ha. Operations at Phu Bai and Danang were normal. An HMM-463 CH-53 recovered an ROK O-1C to Chu Lai. The recovery was made under heavy small arms fire however the aircraft was not hit.

21 May - Near Khe Sanh, two VMO-3 UH-1's were hit while providing support to ground forces. No injuries resulted. Operations at Dong Ha, Phu Bai and Danang were normal. Dong Ha received a mortar attack at 2300H.

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22 May - At Dong Ha, late evening emergency resupply missions were conducted in support of Operation Hickory. At Phu Bai, HMM-265 and VMO-3 carried out an emergency retraction mission. A CH-53 recovered the UH-34 from Quang Tri. South of Danang, a late evening Sparrow Hawk mission conducted with five HMM-361 UH-34's and escorted by UH-1's from VMO-2 and VMO-6 inserted 60 troops around a down MAG-36 CH-46. One UH-34 and one VMO-2 UH-1 were hit during the mission. None of the crew was injured.

23 May - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were normal. At Danang, the main body of HMM-463 off-loaded at Marble Mountain adding 22 CH-53A helicopters to the Group aircraft inventory.

24 May - A VMO-2 UH-1 made a forced landing 3 miles east of Khe Sanh. A security force was placed around the aircraft. Recovery efforts were unsuccessful due to high canopy. An HMM-265 CH-46 made a forced landing east of Dong Ha near the mouth of the Cam Viet River after #2 engine failure. A VMO-6 UH-1 was lifted by CH-53 from 6 miles SE of Phu Bai to Phu Bai. Danang operations were routine.

25 May - The UH-1 down 3 miles east of Khe Sanh was successfully recovered by CH-53. Two VMO-3 UH-1's flying escort for the recovery were hit by ground fire. None of the crew was injured. Phu Bai operations were normal. Eight HMM-164 CH-46's with crews were assigned OPCON MAG-16 from the SLF, the aircraft being based at MMAF.

26 May - Near Dong Ha, an HMM-265 CH-46 was hit while on an emergency resupply mission in the Operation Hickory area. Two HMM-363 UH-34's received intense fire and were hit while a VMO-3 UH-1 was forced down after taking hits. None of the crewmembers of the four helicopters was injured. Phu Bai operations were normal. South of Danang six HMM-361 UH-34's and five VMO-2 and VMO-6 gunships conducted a strike in support of Operation Union II. Two UH-34's were hit during the 139 man troop lift.

27 May - Operations in all TAOR's were normal. Two CH-53's and one HMM-361 UH-34 were hit by fire during routine missions. No injuries occurred and damage to aircraft was limited.

28 May - Operations in all TAOR's were routine. HMM-463 CH-53's recovered three UH-34's, one from LZ 412 south of Danang to MMAF, one from the III MAF admin pad to MMAF and one from SW of Ky Ha to Ky Ha.

29 May - Operations in all TAOR's were again normal. A UH-34 was recovered by a CH-53 from south of Con Thien.

30 May - Dong Ha operations were normal. In the Phu Bai area, three VMO-3 UH-1's were hit by fire resulting in one aircraft being forced to land 3 miles west of Phu Bai. Two crewmembers were WIA. During recovery

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operations with a CH-53, the pendant being used to lift the helicopter separated allowing the UH-1 to fall. The UH-1 exploded and was completely destroyed on impact. The CH-53 was under enemy fire during the recovery. In the Danang area, a CH-53 was hit by fire during a resupply mission. An HMM-361 UH-34 made a successful forced landing at LZ 412 south of Da Nang after experiencing power loss. While attempting to recover an HMM-362 UH-34 from the ROK Marine CP south of Chu Lai, the CH-53 recovery aircraft went IFR in dust, lost directional control and made a hard landing damaging both the UH-34 and the CH-53. A successful recovery of a Vietnamese UH-34 was made by another CH-53 from south of Phu Bai to Danang Air Base.

31May - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were routine. CH-53's made two aircraft recoveries, one from LZ 412 to MMAF and one from 6 miles west of Cam Ky to Ky Ha.

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### PART III Significant Events

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1. PERSONNEL

a. Number of joinings	144
b. Number of drops	236
c. Promotions:	
(1) Captain to Major:	2
(2) 1stLt to Captain	6
(3) 2ndLt to 1stLt	16
(4) SSgt to GySgt	5
(5) Sgt to SSgt	9
(6) Cpl to Sgt	4
(7) LCpl to Cpl	42
(8) PFC to LCpl	13

2. AWARDS

## a. Distinguished Flying Cross

LtCol E.W. TRAUT	HMM-361
Major L.E. GAILLY	O-1C
Major J.M. SCHMIDT	HMM-164
Capt. A.C. CHAPMAN	HMM-164
Capt. S.E. FIELD	H&MS-16
Capt. W.R. HYATT	HMM-361
Capt. J.C. ZOLLER	HMM-163

## b. Air Medal

HMM-265	139
HMM-163	455
HMM-164	33
HMM-361	322
HMM-363	133
VMO-2	410
VMO-3	140
MABS-16	1

## c. Navy Commendation Medal

HMM-163	1
HMM-361	3
H&MS-16	1

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## d. Purple Heart Medal

HMM-265	15
HMM-163	4
HMM-361	11
HMM-363	1
VMO-2	5
VMO-3	1
H&MS-16	1
MABS-16	4

3. CASUALTIES (HOSTILE)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
HM2	Dennis G. HERBERLING	4 May 67	3 miles SE of Danang

At approximately 0030 8 May 1967, MAG-16 units located at Dong Ha received a heavy mortar attack inflicting numerous casualties while evading fire.

VMO-2 personnel stationed at Dong Ha

1stLt	Paul W. MARQUARD
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HMM-363 personnel stationed at Dong Ha

Capt	David L. HOLLAND		
1stLt	Francis D. SMITHSON		
1stLt	William F. COLLIER		
2ndLt	James E. CASTI		
SgtMaj	Emmie L. O'NEAL		
GySgt	David A. PHILLIPS		
HMC	Roy D. STEGALL		
SSgt	Richard A. AGOSTA		
SSgt	Constantine G. AMBROSE		
Cpl	Gary L. HANSON		
HM3	Russell J. GIULLIANO		
LCpl	Johnathan A. CRAIG		
LCpl	Larry G. MULLEN		
GySgt	Ambrose F. BOWSER		
Major	John L. PIPA	9 May 67	Thon Tan Dien
Capt	William A. TINSLEY, III	9 May 67	Quang Tri Province
LCpl	Dennis J. JOBE	9 May 67	Quang Tri Province
Capt	Wayne R. HYATT	10 May 67	New La Huan (1)
2ndLt	Roger A. HERMAN	10 May 67	New La Huan (1)
Cpl	Richard D. BEAUCHANE	10 May 67	New La Huan (1)
Sgt	John E. SOMMERS	10 May 67	New La Huan (1)
Cpl	Patrick J. MULLIGAN	10 May 67	1½ miles SW My Loc
LCpl	Ronald E. SIMPSOM	10 May 67	1½ miles SW My Loc

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RNK	NAME	DATE	PLACE
SSgt	Richard A. HALL	10 May 67	My Loc
Cpl	Richard W. RENNER	10 May 67	5 miles E Hill 881
Capt	Richard L. BASINGER	12 May 67	700 meters S Con Thien
1stLt	George HADZEWYCZ	12 May 67	700 meters S Con Thien
Cpl	John W. JACKSON	12 May 67	700 meters S Con Thien
LCpl	Ronald R. HARLINE	12 May 67	700 meters S Con Thien
Capt	Charles M. HAVICAN	12 May 67	700 meters S Con Thien
HMR	Kenneth R. RANDAL	13 May 67	18 miles NW Phu Bai
1stSgt	Charles G. COOPER	13 May 67	8 miles SW Danang
HMR	Auburn D. MCCOMB	14 May 67	21 miles S Danang
1stLt	Wilfred P. WOIDYLA	14 May 67	21 miles S Danang
Capt	Wayne R. HYATT	14 May 67	21 miles S Danang
Cpl	William P. GOLDSTON	16 May 67	10 miles W Dong Ha
Major	Thomas P. DUNLAP	16 May 67	10 miles W Dong Ha
2ndLt	Ronald D. FLEMING	16 May 67	10 miles W Dong Ha
MSgt	John J. ORR	16 May 67	Con Thien
HMR	Roy D. STEGALL	16 May 67	Con Thien
CySgt	Earl H. DRAKE	16 May 67	Con Thien

At approximately 0330 18 May 1967, MAG-16 units located at Dong Ha received a mortar attack inflicting numerous casualties while evading fire.

H&MS-16 personnel stationed at Dong Ha

Col	Allen L. PHILLIPS
2nd Lt	Richard J. KERCH
2nd Lt	Richard W. BOLTON
GySgt	James J. RILEY
Sgt	Charles E. OSBORNE

MABS-16 personnel stationed at Dong Ha

2nd Lt	James J. CASEY
WO-1	Jean B. HALL
GySgt	Charles F. BRAILEY Jr.
Cpl	Kenneth K. JORGENSEN
HM3	B. H. GASTON
PFC	Bradley S. MADDOX
PFC	Alvino G. CLOWE
PFC	Willie J. SANDERS
PFC	Don E. WIRTH

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1stLt Robert C. FRANCIS  
 2ndLt Paul A. SHEENAN  
 Cpl Lawrence D. ABRAO  
 LCpl Samuel W. LACORTE

MATCU-62 personnel stationed at Dong Ha

Sgt Robert T. EGAN  
 Sgt Arthur D. FARAH

VMO-2 personnel TAD to Dong Ha

Major Ralph L. TAYLOR Jr.

HMM-265 personnel TAD to Dong Ha

Capt Mitchell O. SAWYER

At approximately 2300 21 May 1967, MAG-16 units located at Dong Ha received a mortar attack resulting the following casualties while standing fire:

H&MS-16 personnel stationed at Dong Ha

2ndLt Johnny M. FLOYD

HMM-363 personnel stationed at Dong Ha

GySgt John S. GUSTIN

MATCU-62 personnel stationed at Dong Ha

1stLt Leo V. CULP

PFC	David A. RICE	26 May 67	6½ miles NW Dong Ha
Sgt	Donald H. RANDALL	26 May 67	6½ miles NW Dong Ha
Cpl	Mariano G. GUIDO Jr.	26 May 67	1½ miles SW Con Thien
Cpl	Thomas L. REID	26 May 67	1½ miles SW Con Thien
Cpl	David J. BOESKOL	30 May	Ghon Vinh Lum

**4. CIVIC ACTION**

a. Medical. A total of 20 calls were held by the doctor and two MABS-16 Corpsman. They were held at the following dispensaries, Catholic Orphanage, Stella Maris Convent, Son-thuy-1 Dispensary in Hoa-Long Village. A total of 3,764 medical cases were seen and treated, 94 Dental cases. MAG-16 has increased its number of sick calls by four each week. The additional sick calls are being held at the Stella Maris Convent and the Catholic Orphanage. The Civic Affairs Officer MAG-16 has

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instituted a policy of taking interested Officers and Senior Staff NCO's on the unit med-caps. Many of these people are, or were unaware of what Civil Affairs is, and what it can accomplish in our local area. MCB-133 continues to cooperate to the utmost within its assigned area, and has treated a total of 1074 medical and 36 dental patients.

Fifth Communications has been unable to continue its med-cap program for lack of a doctor.

Station Hospital dental sick call was held on Monday and Thursday morning by Dental Officers and Dental Technicians at the dispensary provided by the Stella Maris Convent. 181 civilians from an area covering Anh Hi Village to Nom Nuoc were seen and treated (333 teeth removed). Three Dental Technicians in conjunction with a medical team treated 500 civilians (375 teeth removed) in various hamlets south of Danang.

b. Education. MAG-16 Protestant Chaplain is continuing to hold weekly English Classes with an average of 100 students per week. This program was mainly undertaken to teach the maids and mess workers some English so that their understanding of the personnel they are employed by would be better. This program is coming along well. At the present time four employees are attending night English Classes in Danang. Upon successful attendance they will be reimbursed, by the protestant Chaplain, the 500\$VN paid initially for tuition.

c. Projects. Volunteers from MABS-16 utilities section prefabricated a house for Mr. Cham, a civilian employee of MMAF. Utilities section also donated four (4) baby cribs to the Catholic Orphanage. These cribs were constructed by utilities section personnel during off-duty hours. Fifth Communications Battalion personnel painted the school house in Da Man Hamlet.

MCB-133 has arranged to loan a cement mixer to the Knights of Malta. A team of construction experts visited the Catholic Orphanage Convent and Hoa Long Village to survey for possible battalion projects.

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d. Giveaway. The medical department dispensed 700 bars of soap during med-caps. The MABS-16 Executive Officer accompanied a Med-cap to the Catholic Orphange and delivered to the Sisters ice-cream and candy for the children.

MCB-133 delivered 58lbs. of food, 120 lbs. of clothing, 100 bars of soap and 10 lbs. of seed to Son-Thuy 2.

e. Government. An initial meeting of the village chief, Hamlet Chief and Civil Affairs Officers of the Hoa-Long village was held at MCB-5 village My-Thi hamlet to discuss the need of a joint Vietnamese American Council to review grievances, and coordinate projects. The Governments Officials of this village area were very receptive and the first meeting will be on 1 June 1967.

f. Summary. No report was received from MCB-5 for this reporting period. The wife has returned to CONUS. MCB-7 Civil Affairs Officer has had insufficient time to become orientated.

Mr. Lien village chief of Hoa Long presented to the Commanding Officer of MAG-16 a marble plaque thanking the officers and men for their aid to the Hoa Long Village.

5. MORALE/WELFARE

a. Schedule of weekly Religious Services

<u>Sunday</u>	Catholic Confession	0730
	Catholic Mass	0800
	Protestant Sunday School	0900
	Protestant Divine Services	1000
	Latter Day Saints Services	1300
	Catholic Confession	1730
	Catholic Mass	1800
	Protestant Evening Services	1900
	Protestant Communion	2000
<u>Monday through Saturday</u>	Catholic Mass	1800
	Protestant Prayer Services	1900
<u>Thursday</u>	World Religious Classes (Interdenominational)	1830
<u>Saturday</u>	Protestant Choir Practice	1830

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a. During the month of May, MAG-16 experienced the usual amount of combat damage to aircraft. The aircraft of the Group flew 10,518.4 flight hours, experienced 273 fire incidents of which 85 were aircraft hits. On the average MAG-16 flew 38 flight hours per fire incident and 122 flight hours per aircraft hit. The Group submitted 135 spot reports.

b. The S-2 continued to provide intelligence support for squadrons and adjacent units to the Air Facility. Developed intelligence was forwarded to adjacent, lower, and higher headquarters.

c. The S-2 Officer and S-2 Chief went to Group CP Forward (Alpha) to brief a joint strike for Operation Hickory.

7. AIR OPERATIONSHMM-163UH-34DHMM-265CH-46A

Hours 1341.6  
Sorties 3310  
Pax 3789  
Evacs 907  
Cargo 208.8 Tons

Hours 1205.9  
Sorties 3089  
Pax 6435  
Evacs 699  
Cargo 664.8 Tons

HMM-361UH-34DHMM-363UH-34D

Hours 1990.9  
Sorties 5335  
Pax 4048  
Evacs 1750  
Cargo 172.4 Tons

Hours 1640.8  
Sorties 5349  
Pax 3345  
Evacs 1583  
Cargo 567 Tons

VMO-2UH-1EVMO-3UH-1E

Hours 1714.4 1390.8/323.6  
Sorties 1389  
Pax 1994  
Evacs 0  
Cargo 0

Hours 955.6 615.0/340.3  
Sorties 2208  
Pax 590  
Evacs 31  
Cargo 0

HMH-463CH-53ASH-3CH-37C

Hours 739.4  
Sorties 1535  
Pax 3816  
Evacs 0  
Cargo 2120.3 Tons

Hours 131.6  
Sorties 238  
Pax 783  
Evacs 0  
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	<u>H&amp;MS-16</u>	<u>O-10</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	476.2	40.9	134.4	5.1	18.6	Hours	10,518.4	
Sorties	265	26	52	6	19	Sorties	22,821	
Pax	0	34	222	0	0	Pax	25,056	
Evacs	0	0	0	0	0	Evacs	4,970	
Cargo	0	2.0	75.5	0	0	Cargo	4,295.7 Tons	

\*Includes 123.3 hours from H&MS-16, while attached to MAG-16

8. AIR CONTROL

a. MATCUL-62 Operations

	<u>Dong Ha</u>	<u>Khe Sanh</u>
(1) VFR	22,010	12,901
(2) IFR	9	4
(3) GCA	123	90

b. MATCUL-68 Operations

	<u>MMAF</u>	<u>Hue/Phu Bai</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>
(1) VFR	15,595	20,308	2680
(2) IFR	None	749	None
(3) GCA	None	167	None

9. GROUND DEFENSE. No enemy contacts or incidents occurred during the month. Improvements of ground defense were continued. New sentry towers are under construction. Dong Ha received mortar attacks on 8, 18 and 21 May.

10. MOTOR TRANSPORT. The section traveled 105,658 miles during the month of May. The section hauled 915,160 gallons of water, 45,600 gallons of diesel fuel, and 37,200 gallons of gasoline, working on an around the clock schedule. There were twenty-six (26) vehicles and seven (7) pieces of heavy equipment deadlined at the end of the period.

11. TAFDS

<u>Station</u>	<u>JP-4</u>	<u>115/145</u>
Marble Mountain	396,847	230,285
Dong Ha	283,353	176,120
Phu Bai	500,034	189,902
LSA	69,668	19,517
Total	1,249,902	615,824

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**SECRET**12. CRASH CREW

a. Marble Mountain Air Facility Crash Crew responded to a total of 30 standby/emergencies during the reporting period, including 1 helicopter crash and 1 O-1C off station crash, 4 flight lines fires, and one off station fire.

b. The Dong Ha Section of the MMAF Crash Crew responded to a total of 24 aircraft standbys, 12 fires and 8 med-evacs.

c. The Phu Bai Section of the MMAF Crash Crew responded to a total of 15 standbys and 172 med-evacs for this period.

d. The Khe Sanh Section of the MMAF Crash Crew responded to a total of 8 standbys and 19 med-evacs during the month of May.

13. BASE OPERATIONS. The Base Operations Section supported all MAG-16 operations during the month of May.

14. WEATHER. During the month of May, the weather service section supported MAG-16 in all tactical and non-tactical operations.

15. FOOD SERVICES. The Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhall served approximately 206,500 meals during the month. Bakery products utilized 22,000 pounds of flour. A complete interior clean-up, paint-up, fix-up program was initiated and is nearing successful completion at this date.

16. BASE DEVELOPMENT/UTILITIES. During the month 6 new men were joined. This section currently has 3 officers and 114 enlisted personnel assigned.

a. Water Point. The water point processed 1,207,910 gallons of potable water and 127,150 gallons of nonpotable water during the month of May. The section has produced 500,000 gallons of water more this month due to the warmer weather and increase of personnel in the Group.

b. Paint Shop. During the month of May the paint shop completed 33 projects. A total of 80 signs were painted and issued out.

c. Electric Shop. The electric shop personnel completed 92 projects and trouble calls during the month of May. The major projects completed were : Light switches were relocated at Group Supply, the new CP Bunker was wired and air conditioners hooked up, downed lines were repaired between the 500 area and 600 area and spot lights were installed on the new observation tower.

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d. Plumbing Shop. The plumbing shop completed 8 projects and numerous trouble calls during the month of May. Plumbing is well underway on the new guest house.

e. Refrigeration Shop. The refrigeration shop answered 16 projects and trouble calls during the month. An ice machine was hooked up in the messhall, 2 new coolers were installed in the EM Club, an ice machine was installed in the Officer's Club. One (1) MQ-51E was sent to 1stFSR for repairs.

f. Generator Shop. During the month of May the generator shop performed all first and second echelon maintenance with a minimum of breakdown. Various generators were provided for airbases at Phu Bai and Dong Ha. Two (2) 150KW and three (3) 120KW generators were received and put into use at MMAF.

g. Carpenter Shop. During the month of May the carpenter shop completed 114 work assignments and trouble calls. The guest house and E-5 Club are both nearing completion. Approximately 115 huts were re-tinned.

h. Laundry. During the month of May the base laundry processed 13,980 pounds of clothing and collected organizational gear to turn over to civilian laundry service. The laundry is continuing its individual bundle service to all ranks.

17. EXCHANGE. The exchange changed from a site exchange to a branch exchange of the First Marine Aircraft Wing System on 12 May 1967.

#### 18. LOGISTICS

a. The remainder of HML-463 and VMO-3 arrived 23 May; off loading was accomplished in 48 hours.

b. Base Operations building was completed.

c. The new Command Operations Center (COC) was completed.

d. Air Freight processed from MMAF during the period was:

<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Cu. Ft.</u>
562	360,880	19,265

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19. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Personnel gains kept pace with personnel losses.
- b. New telephone poles were installed in anticipation of the overhead cable system for MMAF. A 25 pair cable was layed under the runway to improve service to the west side of MMAF. HMH-463 phones were installed. The P. A. System was rewired and the speakers adjusted for more reliability. Relocated VMO-2 phone service to east side of MMAF.
- c. Message traffic was reduced by about 325 messages. This is in keeping with the Navy and Marine Corps policy of message traffic reduction. Total volume of messages processed were 6671 with 1418 originated by MAG-16. Long periods of down time was experienced by the teletype section due to the high temperature and dust problems in the message center van.
- d. The following transactions were effected by the repair section:
  - (1) 128 pieces of equipment processed by repair section.
  - (2) 32 pieces of equipment evacuated to higher echelon maintenance.
  - (3) 25 pieces of equipment returned from higher echelon of maintenance.
  - (4) 104 pieces of equipment returned to sections.
  - (5) 91 requisitions processed by supply section.

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