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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
Marine Aircraft Group 16
Marble Mountain Air Facility
Republic of Vietnam
Period covered: 1 through 31 August 1967

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<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	S. F. MARTIN	Colonel	1-31 August 1967
ExO, MAG-16	O. V. GALLENFINE	LtCol	1-31 August 1967
Adjutant	A. L. MADSEN	1stLt	1-31 August 1967
S-1 Officer	K. D. VANEK	Major	1-31 August 1967
S-2 Officer	A. W. WOLSON	Captain	1-31 August 1967
S-3 Officer	W. F. HARRELL	LtCol	1-31 August 1967
S-4 Officer	M. E. EDWARDS	Major	1-31 August 1967
CO, H&MS-16	G. A. STEPHENS	Major	1-31 August 1967
CO, MABS-16	C. E. WYDNER	LtCol	1-31 August 1967
CO, HMM-163	W. C. KELLY	LtCol	1-31 August 1967
CO, HMM-164	M. T. JANNELL	LtCol	1-31 August 1967
CO, HMM-361	H. A. BRUCE	Major	1-31 August 1967
CO, HMM-363	R. LEWIS Jr.	LtCol	1-31 August 1967
CO, VMO-2	P. M. CROSSWART	LtCol	1-31 August 1967
CO, VMO-3	K. W. TOWNSEND	Major	1-17 August 1967
	G. R. HUNTER	LtCol	18-31 August 1967
CO, HMH-463	S. G. BEAL	LtCol	1-31 August 1967
OIC, MATCU-62	R. W. DAMBROSIO	1stLt	1-31 August 1967
OIC, MATCU-68	W. D. SKOV	Captain	1-2 August 1967
	C. H. BODMER	1stLt	3-31 August 1967

2. Task Organization

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMM-163 - Hue-Phu Bai, RVN
 HMM-164 - Hue-Phu Bai, RVN
 HMM-361 - Dong Ha, RVN
 HMM-363 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 VMO-3 - Hue-Phu Bai, RVN
 HMH-463 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 MATCU-62 - Dong Ha, RVN
 MATCU-68 - Hue-Phu Bai, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
H&MS-16	78	520	0	0
MABS-16	25	882	6	26
HMM-163	51	181	1	2
HMM-164	45	184	1	0
HMM-361	42	171	1	0
HMM-363	45	166	1	1
VMO-2	37	142	1	0
VMO-3	41	147	1	0

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<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
HMH-463	54	186	1	0
MATCU-62	6	66	0	0
MATCU-68	5	83	0	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. General Wallace M. GREENE Jr., CMC, visited the command on 8 August 1967.

b. Major General N. J. ANDERSON visited the command on 12 August and 26 August 1967.

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PART II
Narrative Summary

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1. Special Operations

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| a. Operation Fremont | 1-31 August |
| b. Operation Kingfisher | 1-31 August |
| c. Operation Ardmore | 1-31 August |
| d. Operation Cumberland | 1-31 August |
| e. Operation Pike | 1-3 August |
| f. Operation Rush | 5-9 August |
| g. Operation Beacon Gate | 7-11 August |
| h. Operation Cochise | 11-28 August |
| i. Operation Yazoo | 27-31 August |
| j. Operation Belt Drive | 27-31 August |
| k. Operation Swift | 29-31 August |

2. General Summary

a. MAG-16 supported operations in all TAOR's, also the Group supported U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, ROK Marine Corps and ARVN units throughout I Corps.

b. The major enemy effort against MAG-16 units came on 28 August when MMAF and Dong Ha came under rocket and artillery attacks and 30 August, when Phu Bai came under mortar attack. Numerous personnel casualties, equipment casualties, and facility damage occurred at all bases.

3. Chronological Summary

1 August - Operations in all TAOR's were normal.

2 August - Operations in the Dong Ha and Phu Bai areas were normal. One HMM-363 UH-1H was hit by enemy fire 15 miles southwest of Danang no injuries.

3 August - Operations in the Danang and Dong Ha areas were normal. Operating from Phu Bai, one HMM-164 CH-46A was shot down while attempting to extract a recon team in the Ashau valley. One crewmember and three troops KIA, three crewmembers and five troops WIA. The survivors were recovered by another CH-46A which was also hit by heavy enemy fire, no casualties. One VMO-3 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire while supporting this operation, no casualties.

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4 August - One VMO-3 UH-1E and one HMM-164 CH-46A were hit by enemy fire while extracting a recon team north of Khe Sanh, two troops WIA. Operations in all TAOR's were normal. Dong Ha received one round of artillery at 2200H, negative damage or casualties.

5 August - Operations in the Dong Ha area were normal. The ammo dump at Phu Bai exploded at approximately 1830H, no damage or casualties to MAG-16 assets. In the Danang area, two HMM-363 medevac UH34D's were hit by enemy fire on two missions, no casualties.

6 August - Operations in all TAOR's were normal. An OLC from H&MS-16 made a forced landing at coordinates YD191708. The pilot and AO were rescued.

7 August - The OLC down in the Dong Ha area on 6 August was flown out at first light. Operations in the Phu Bai and Dong Ha areas were normal. One HMM-363 UH34D was hit by enemy fire seven miles southwest of Danang, one crewmember WIA. One VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire in the same area, no casualties.

8 August - Operations in the Dong Ha and Phu Bai areas were normal. In the Danang TAOR one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire ten miles southeast of Danang, no casualties.

9 August - Operations in the Dong Ha and Phu Bai areas were normal. In the Danang area, one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by ground fire ten miles south of Danang. One HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire in the same area, no casualties on either aircraft.

10-11 August - Operations were normal in all TAOR's

12 August - Operations in the Dong Ha and Phu Bai areas were normal. In the Danang TAOR, one OLC from H&MS-16 crashed on take off from MMAF. The pilots escaped with minor injuries and the aircraft and two TAFDS bladders were destroyed by fire. One VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire 9½ miles south of Danang, no casualties. One HMM-463 CH53A was hit by enemy fire twenty six miles south of Danang, no casualties.

13 August - In the Dong Ha area, one HMM-361 UH34D was hit by enemy fire at coordinates YD 5247, no casualties. In the Phu Bai area, one VMO-3 UH1E was hit by enemy fire at coordinates YD526004, no casualties. Two HMM-363 UH34D's were hit by enemy fire, one at coordinates AT923502, the other at coordinates BT015585, no casualties from either incident.

14 August - Operations were normal in all TAOR's.

15 August - Operations were normal in the Dong Ha and Phu Bai areas. One HMM-363 UH34D was hit by enemy fire fifteen miles southeast of Danang, two crewmembers WIA.

16 August - Operations were normal in the Dong Ha and Danang TAOR's. In the Phu Bai area, one HMM-164 CH46A was hit by enemy fire at coordinates YD605385, no casualties.

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17 August - Operations were normal in all TAOR's.

18 August - Operations in the Phu Bai and Dong Ha areas were normal. One VMO-2 UH1E was hit by enemy fire, no casualties.

19 August - Operations in the Dong Ha and Phu Bai TAOR's were normal. In the Danang area, one HMM-363 UH34D and one HMM-463 CH53A were hit by enemy fire, no casualties.

20 August - Operations were normal in the Dong Ha area. In the Khe Sanh area, one CH46A from HMM-164 was hit by enemy fire at coordinates XD904498, one crewmember and one passenger KIA, one crewmember WIA. One UH1E from VMO-3 was hit by enemy fire at the same time, in the same area, no casualties. In the Phu Bai area, one HMM-164 CH46A was hit by enemy fire at coordinates YD372442, no casualties. In the Danang area one HMM-463 CH53A was hit by enemy fire 28 miles south of Danang, no casualties. One HMM-363 UH34D was hit by enemy fire at coordinates AT985275, no casualties.

21 August - Operations in the Dong Ha area were normal. In the Phu Bai area, one HMM-164 CH46A was hit by enemy fire at coordinates YD568168, no casualties. In the Danang area, two HMM-363 UH34D's were hit by enemy fire, one at coordinates AT997618, no casualties; the other at coordinates BT013628, one passenger WIA.

22 August - Operations in the Dong Ha and Phu Bai TAOR's were normal. In the Danang area one HMM-363 UH34D was hit by enemy fire at coordinates BT023515, two crewmembers WIA.

23 August - In the Dong Ha area one HMM-361 UH34D was hit by enemy fire at coordinates YD221613, no casualties. One OLC from H&MS-16 was hit by enemy fire at coordinates XD972488, no casualties. Operations in the Phu Bai area were normal. In the Danang area one HMM-463 CH53A was hit by enemy fire, no casualties.

24 August - Operations in the Dong Ha and Phu Bai area were normal. In the Danang area, one HMM-463 CH53A was hit by enemy fire at coordinates AT847457, no casualties.

25 August - Operations in the Dong Ha and Phu Bai TAOR's were normal. In the Danang area one HMM-463 CH53A was hit by enemy fire at coordinates BT0737.

26 August - Operations in all TAOR's were normal.

27 August - One HMM-361 UH34D was hit by mortar fragments while in a landing zone at coordinates XD970478, no casualties. In the Phu Bai area one HMM-463 CH53A was hit by enemy fire at coordinates XD8523, no casualties. HMM-463 recovered two UH-1E's externally.

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28 August - MIAF came under attack by 140mm rockets at 0120H. An estimated 40 rockets were fired, 31 impacted within the confines of MIAF. Damage to equipment included two UH1E's (H&MS-16) destroyed, one UH-34D (HMM-363) destroyed, one UH-1E and two UH-34D (H&MS-16) damaged, two UH-34D (HMM-363) damaged, ten CH53A (HMH-463) damaged. Damage to base facilities included two holes in runway, one hole in each parking ramp (east and west), two enlisted billets destroyed, one flight line shack destroyed, several structures, the dispensary, mess hall, and supply buildings were damaged. Personnel casualties were 4 KIA, 1 DOW, 80 WIA.

Dong Ha came under attack from artillery/rockets at 0600H, 1040H and 1850H. Casualties were one KIA, 20 WIA. Damage to equipment included one CH46A (HMM-164) destroyed, one UH-34D (HMM-361) destroyed, two CH46A's (HMM-164, HMM-165) damaged, six UH34D's (5-HMM-361, 1-HMM-163) damaged, four UH1E's (VMO-3) damaged, one C-130 damaged. Damage to base facilities included six holes in runway, control tower, GCA generators, messhall, and two billets damaged or destroyed, TAFDS (7 bladders) destroyed, bulk fuel farm damaged.

Operations in the Phu Bai area were normal.

29 August - Operations in all TAOR's were normal. HMH-463 CH53A's recovered four UH1E's and tow UH34D's externally.

30 August - Phu Bai came under mortar attack at 0020H. Casualties were 14 WIA. Two CH46A's (HMM-164) were damaged, seven UH34D's (HMM-163) damaged, five UH1E's (VMO-3) damaged. Damage to base facilities included three holes in parking ramp, three holes in runway, one water trailer destroyed, minor shrapnel damage to TAFDS.

Operations in the Dong Ha and Danang TAOR's were normal. HMH-463 retrieved one UH1E.

31 August - Operations in the Dong Ha and Danang TAOR's were normal. One VMO-3 UH1E was hit hit by enemy fire at coordinates YD781110, no casualties.

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1. Personnel

- a. Number Joined - 166
- b. Number Dropped - 222
- c. Promotions
 - (1) 1stLt to Captain 1
 - (2) 2ndLt to 1stLt 10
 - (3) Sgt to SSgt 12
 - (4) Cpl to Sgt 44
 - (5) LCpl to Cpl 8
 - (6) PFC to LCpl 13
 - (7) Pvt to PFC 1

2. Awards

a. Distinguished Flying Cross

Major J. E. CARROLL	HMM-163
Capt. M. L. MORRIS	HMM-361
Capt. R. E. FIX	HMM-363

b. Air Medal

HMM-163	171
HMM-164	254
HMM-361	167
HMM-363	84
VMO-2	104
VMO-3	224
HMM-463	232

c. Navy Commendation Medal

H&MS-16	1
MABS-16	11
HMM-163	1
HMM-361	1
HMM-363	1
VMO-2	1

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d. Purple Heart Medal

H&MS-16	2
MABS-16	10
HMM-361	1
HMM-363	21
VMO-2	1
VMO-3	3

3. Casualties (Hostile)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1stLt	John L. CONNOLLY Jr.	3Aug67	Ashau Valley
1stLt	William W. LINDSAY	3Aug67	Ashau Valley
Sgt	Dexter L. GORSKI	3Aug67	Ashau Valley
Cpl	Thomas A. GOPP	3Aug67	Ashau Valley
LCpl	Royce W. MCFADDEN	7Aug67	9 miles SE Danang
Cpl	Gregory D. WELLS	15Aug67	13 miles SE Danang
Cpl	Steven L. DORSSOM	20Aug67	5½ miles NE Khe Sanh
LCpl	Harold BAUCHIERO	20Aug67	5½ miles NE Khe Sanh
LCpl	John R. GEBEL	22Aug67	12 miles S Danang
Sgt	John C. DAVIS Jr.	25Aug67	5 miles NE Khe Sanh
LtCol	Glen R. HUNTER	26Aug67	At Nam Phu, RVN

At approximately 0125H 28 August 1967, MAG-16 units located at MMAF received a rocket attack inflicting numerous casualties:

LCpl	Philip R. CURRAN	LCpl	Dennis J. HUSH
Cpl	Terry L. ECKER	Sgt	Gerald J. NEFTLEBERG
Cpl	Robert H. STEELE	Sgt	Kenneth L. COBB
LCpl	Michael J. CALLER	Sgt	Robert J. YOUNG
Cpl	Joseph F. DILLON Jr.	Cpl	Stephan L. BRICKMEIER
SSgt	David J. DOLAN	Cpl	Thomas DULKIS
Cpl	Richard M. HANNON	Cpl	Martin T. HURYN
LCpl	William R. ANDERSON Jr.	Cpl	Thomas C. PRICE
LCpl	Harold D. ERB	Cpl	Thomas K SCHIFFER Jr.
LCpl	David R. FERGUSON	LCpl	Vance C. GROVE
PFC	Stephan D. BUCHANAN	LCpl	Raymond C. FOX Jr.
Sgt	Edward W. ANDREWS Jr.	LCpl	Neil O. MCNEILL
Sgt	David J. KLEBER	LCpl	William E. WHITE
Sgt	John W. PROCHAL	PFC	Richard F. FISHER
Cpl	Eddie L. BALLANCE III	HN	Lester E. TURNER
Cpl	Richard A. ENDSLEY	DT-3	L. W. LAMKA
Cpl	Frankie L. MILLER	DT-3	R. E. REGAN
Cpl	Sanford ZAVACK	DT-3	Lonnie L. VOJKUFKA
LCpl	Phillip C. HUDSON	HM-3	J. W. COLLINS
LCpl	Angel L. MORENO	GySgt	Frank A. CUTTING
PFC	Alvino G. CLOUSE	Sgt	Sam R. MERIDIETH

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Cpl	Franklin T. MATHERS	Cpl	David P. TADEN
LCpl	Arlan J. KENNEDY Jr.	LCpl	Terry S. COCHRANE
LCpl	Donald W. YUTES	LCpl	James F. GIBSON
PFC	John T. MOLL	LCpl	Lawrence E. HANCOCK
PFC	Willard W. WOODALL Jr.	LCpl	Michael F. JORDAN
Sgt	Howard R. POUND	Sgt	Raymond P. LINK
Sgt	John N. VRADENBURG Jr.	Sgt	Michael F. FITZGERALD Jr.
Sgt	Walter T. ECKENFELS	Sgt	Arthur R. SMITH Jr.
Sgt	Marcelo GONZALEZ Jr.	Sgt	Peter WORRALL
Sgt	Larry G. POWELL	Cpl	Arnold E. PUTNAM
LCpl	Dale F. BOZMAN	Cpl	Gerard A. ROY
Sgt	Ronald W. KIMBLER	Cpl	Dewey E. STEELE
Sgt	Ralph L. SHOEMAKER	Cpl	Michael W. TRIPP
Cpl	Frank H. MADERO	Cpl	Gergory D. WELLS
LCpl	Gary A. SVICAROVICH	LCpl	David F. CIANCIOCO Jr.
Sgt	Lawrence A. BOHALL	LCpl	Larry C. PATTERSON
Sgt	Claude L. R. VIAR	LCpl	Billy P. WAGSTER
Cpl	John DIFRANCESCO Jr.	LCpl	James M. WHICOMB
Cpl	Clyde L. EDGEELL	LCpl	Timothy C. WILSON

At approximately 0600H and 1100H 28 August 1967, the Dong Ha Combat Base received artillery attacks inflicting numerous casualties:

PFC	Bernard M. LUSK	PFC	John P. LETCHER
LCpl	Tommy C. THOMPSON	PFC	Larry L. WILCKENS
LCpl	David P. BENOIT	Cpl	Thomas G. BURKE
LCpl	Raymond L. VALDEZ	Sgt	David W. CLASPPELL
Cpl	Kenneth ORBES	Cpl	Terry M. MCPHEARSON Jr.
PFC	Woodrow C. CRONKRITE	LCpl	Frank C. BREACH
PFC	Enile A. PIKOLA	PFC	Stephan J. GREGORCZYK
SSgt	Hyson D. CURREY	Cpl	Charles L. SUTPHIN
Sgt	Dean A. CODGEN Jr.	LCpl	Randell B. LITTLE

From approximately 0030H until 0300H, 30 August 1967, the Hue-Phu Bai airfield came under mortar attacks inflicting numerous casualties:

Major	Jesse R. GREER	GySgt	Joe GUERRA
PFC	Richard W. MASTIN	SSgt	Charles E. MCCLAIN
SSgt	James D. HART Jr.	SSgt	Richard P. KELLON
PFC	Roger T. HOOKS	SSgt	Orville D. SMITH
Sgt	Dennis W. BILLET	SSgt	Harvey B. O'NEAL
GySgt	Earl H. DRAKE	SSgt	Edwin A. MAGEE

4. Civic Action

a. Medical. A total of 18 sick calls were held by MAG-16 medical personnel, treating 1761 patients. MCB-133 medical personnel treated 644 patients. MCB-7 medical personnel treated 1209 patients. At Station Hospital 892 patients were treated, 107 Vietnamese civilians were admitted as beneficiaries of the Civic Action Program, 38 major surgery cases, and 138 were treated as outpatients. The neurosurgeon performed 12 operations at ARVN

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hospital. The ophthalmologist treated 14 patients at Danang Civilian Hospital. A team of two corpsmen treated 12,432 patients and administered 3914 immunizations.

b. Dental. MAG-16 dental personnel treated 646 patients, MCB-133, 5 patients, MCB-7, 53 patients.

c. The rodent control and insecticide fogging programs continue.

d. Education. MAG-16 held four hours of English study for 368 students. MCB-7 held 20 hours of English study for 420 students.

e. Projects. Civic Action Officers in the area continue to plan for construction of the leper camp. The Medcap building in My Thi hamlet is 90% complete. MCB-133 has completed their Civic Action Centers. The old Civic Action Center was dismantled and moved to Hoa Long for construction of refugee homes. MCB-7 continues construction on the market place in Dong Giang refugee village. 5th Comm Bn. made arrangements for getting the school age children from Da Mou into the school at My Thi.

f. Giveaway. MAG-16 gave 150 pounds of food to the family of the health worker killed by the VC. 200 school kits were given to the orphanage. MABS-16 donated building material to replace the burned house in Thach Giang village. MCB-133 distributed six loads of scrap lumber, 4800 pounds of garbage was donated for livestock food. Wood was donated for a Boy Scout project. The battalion donated 23,600\$VN to the orphanage for use in a church/school building project. MCB-7 distributed 100 pounds of cement, 120 pounds of clothing, 45 pounds of food, medical items, 60 bars of soap, and 150 pounds of scrap tin at Son Thuy. The battalion contributed 1500\$VN to individual students and 7080\$VN to individual families.

g. Government. A great effort was expended to ensure the safety and security for the pending elections.

h. Summary. On 26 August 1967 Major General ANDERSON toured MMAF and its environs accompanied by Mr. LIN, chief of Hoa Long, and Mr. SUIR, the Hoa Long Police Chief. The party also visited the village of Son Thuy.

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

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Sunday Cont.

Latter Day Saints Service	1300
Catholic Confession	1730
Catholic Mass	1800
Protestant Evening Services	1900
Protestant Communion	2000

Monday through Saturday

Catholic Mass	1800
Protestant Prayer Services	1900

Thursday

World Religious Classes (Interdenominational)	1830
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Saturday

Protestant Choir Practice	1830
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6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence. During the month of August, MAG-16 flew 10,520.3 hours, experiencing the usual number of fire incidents and resulting damage to aircraft, including one CH-46A shot down on 3 August. 233 fire incidents were reported, 24% of which were hits, resulting in 45.15 flight hours per fire incident and 186.86 flight hours per hit. Aircraft crews submitted 107 spot reports for 98.32 flight hours per report.

MAG-16 installations received enemy mortar, artillery and rocket attacks resulting in numerous casualties and considerable damage to aircraft and base facilities. A comprehensive breakdown is found elsewhere in this report.

7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-163</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>HMM-164</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>
Hours	1485.0	Hours	724.5
*Sorties		Sorties	2049
*Pax	*See III 6	Pax	4984
*Evacs		Evacs	176
*Cargo		Cargo	256.4T
<u>HMM-361</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>HMM-363</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>
Hours	1315.2	Hours	1569.6
Sorties	5194	Sorties	4764
Pax	3957	Pax	2621
Evacs	998	Evacs	1244
Cargo	562.0T	Cargo	103.0T
<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>VMO-3</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>
	Armed/Slick		Armed/Slick
Hours	1642.6	Hours	1964.7
Sorties	1768	Sorties	3468
Pax	1418	Pax	746
Evacs	30	Evacs	17
Cargo	0	Cargo	0
	1358.0/284.6	RCA(CS)	8 E159

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<u>HMM-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>Tactical aircraft recoveries</u>
		<u>13 Jan 67 - 31 Aug 67</u>
Hours	1190.6	135 H34 2 H3
Sorties	3678	24 H46 1 Pilatus Porter
Pax	19,169	33 H1
Evacs	0	6 01
Cargo	4259.4T	

<u>H&MS-16</u>	<u>OLC/OIG</u>	<u>C117D</u>	<u>UH34D</u>	<u>CH46A</u>	<u>CH53A</u>	<u>UH1E</u>
Hours	426.4	77.5	37.6	3.5	14.8	68.3
Sorties	262	78	34	2	13	13
Pax	0	1050	25	0	0	0
Evacs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cargo	0	39.3T	1.0	0	0	0

<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Hours	10,520.3
*Sorties	21,380
*Pax	33,970
*Evacs	2,465
*Cargo	52,211

* Figures do not indicate HMM-163 statistics with the exception of flight hours. An addendum will be submitted when HMM-163 figures are available.

8. Air Controla. MATCU-62 Operations

	<u>Dong Ha</u>	<u>Khe Sanh</u>
(1) VFR	13,759	9170
(2) IFR	2	63
(3) GCA	163	248

b. MATCU-68 Operations

	<u>MMAF</u>	<u>Hue/Phu Bai</u>
(1) VFR	22,274	28,935
(2) IFR	0	0
(3) GCA	0	445

9. Ground Defense. During the month of August the command posts and bunkers were rebuilt and repositioned at MMAF. Perimeter lighting was installed along the entire MMAF perimeter. At Phu Bai the outer perimeter has been extended 300 meters, also new bunkers and fighting holes have been constructed. Defense positions are constantly being improved at Dong Ha and Khe Sanh. Enemy contacts were as follows:

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MMAF - 1
Phu Bai - 2
Dong Ha - 4

10. Motor Transport. The MMAF section traveled 84,040 miles during August. The section hauled 1,853,000 gallons of water, 28,800 gallons of Mogas, 44,400 gallons of diesel fuel, 51,833 passengers, 3,030 gallons of aircraft oil, and 106,214 gallons of JP-4 fuel. The Phu Bai/Dong Ha sections traveled 62,161 miles, hauling 443,400 gallons of water, 42,351 gallons of diesel fuel, 2,750 gallons of aircraft oil and 11,597 passengers.

11. TAFDS. During August, the section issued the following amounts of fuel at locations listed:

<u>Station</u>	<u>JP-4 (gal)</u>	<u>115/145 (gal)</u>
Marble Mountain	609,322	205,071
Phu Bai	386,110	197,104
Dong Ha	158,067	117,898
Total	1,153,499	520,073

On 12 August, the #2 JP-4 tank farm at MMAF was lost when an OLC crashed in the fuel pits. The tank farm was reconstructed and was in operation by 13 August. On 28 August, the complete tank farm at Dong Ha was destroyed by an artillery attack. Replacements were flown in, and the fuel farm was back in operation within 48 hours.

12. Crash Crew. The Crash Crew responded as follows:

<u>FIELD</u>	<u>MEDEVACS</u>	<u>A/C STANDBYS</u>	<u>STRUCTURAL</u>	<u>A/C CRASH</u>	<u>A/C FIRES</u>
MMAF		32	2	1	4
Phu Bai	216	15	7		
Dong Ha		18	7		
Khe Sanh	16	4	1	1	

13. Base Operations. Base Operations continued to support tenant squadrons and visiting aircraft utilizing the airfields at MMAF, Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sanh. The east taxiways at MMAF were repaired in preparation for the winter monsoons.

14. Weather Service. The weather section supported all MAG-16 flight operations in I Corps during August.

15. Food Services

a. MMAF. There were approximately 210,000 meals served during August. Bakery products utilized approximately 24,000 pounds of flour.

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b. Phu Bai. There were approximately 81,500 A-ration meals and 5,090 B-ration meals served during August. Bakery products utilized approximately 2,700 pounds of flour.

c. Dong Ha. There were approximately 27,500 A-ration meals and 35,000 B-ration meals served during the month. Bakery products utilized approximately 2,500 pounds of flour.

16. Base Development/Utilities

a. Water Point. The waterpoint personnel processed 1,785,100 gallons of potable water and 68,100 gallons of non-potable water during August. Other various units were issued 228,950 gallons of potable water during this period.

b. Paint Shop. A total of sixty signs were painted during August. In addition, the messhall and three storehouses were painted.

c. Electric Shop. The electric shop completed forty-four projects and answered numerous trouble calls during August.

d. Plumbing Shop. Four work requests were completed and numerous trouble calls answered during August.

e. Refrigeration Shop. Refrigeration personnel answered 15 trouble calls during August. A close watch was held on units located at the dispensary and messhall.

f. Generator Shop. Generator shop personnel performed first and second echelon maintenance with a minimum of breakdown. A total of six generators were hit by shrapnel on 28 August.

g. Carpenter Shop. Approximately fifty trouble calls and work requests were completed during August.

h. Laundry. The base laundry processed 26,198 pounds of clothing during the month of August.

i. Progress Report for Phu Bai and Dong Ha. The utilities sections at both Phu Bai and Dong Ha were supported and supplied by MMAF. Continuous improvement and development at both airfields prevailed.

17. Exchange. During August, exchange sales were \$54,363.00. Sales for James S. Lee were \$3,205.50. Sales for Seaham Photo Service were \$1,650.30. Sales for Kim Young Portrait Section were \$355.00.

18. Ordnance. During August, the ordnance section issued 280,972 rounds of small-arms ammunition, 3,058 2.75 inch rockets and slightly over three tons of assorted smoke grenades, rocket launchers, and chemical agents. During the period 786 2.75 inch rockets were destroyed

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by fire at the ammunition supply point at Phu Bai.

19. Logistics. Air Freight processed the following from MMAF during August:

<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Pounds Cargo</u>	<u>Cu. Ft. Cargo</u>
6,062	854,333	64,329

20. Communications

a. Major C.R. NIX replaced Captain G. A. ENOS as MAG-16 Communications Officer.

b. Replacement of cable continued at MMAF, Phu Bai and Dong Ha. 5th Communications Battalion furnished assistance in restoring communications after the attack on MMAF on 28 August.

c. Radio communications remained good. Radio personnel were used by H&MS-16 for aircraft recovery teams on one occasion. Two radio operators were assigned to the 7th Marines to augment TACP's during Operation Cochise.

d. Total volume of messages processed was 6,870, of which 1495 were originated by MAG-16. Down time in the message center remained high due to temperature and dust problems, as well as non-availability of spare parts.

e. The following transactions were effected by the repair section.

- (1) 118 items of equipment processed.
- (2) 12 items of equipment evacuated to higher echelons of maintenance.
- (3) 18 items of equipment returned from higher echelons of maintenance.
- (4) 88 items of equipment were repaired locally and returned to users.

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