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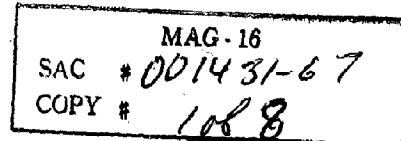
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 To: Commanding General, First Marine Air Wing (Attn: G-3)
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
Marine Aircraft Group 16
Marble Mountain Air Facility
Republic of Vietnam
Period covered: 1 through 30 November 1967

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PART I
Organizational Data

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1. Command Composition

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	E. O. REED	Colonel	1-30 November 1967
XO, MAG-16	S. G. BEAL	LtCol	1-30 November 1967
Adjutant	A. L. Madsen	1stLt	1-30 November 1967
S-1 Officer	T. A. GOLDSBOROUGH	Major	1-30 November 1967
S-2 Officer	D. V. HOLLES	Major	1-30 November 1967
S-3 Officer	F. M. KLEPPSATTEL, JR.	LtCol	1-30 November 1967
S-4 Officer	M. E. EDWARDS	Major	1-30 November 1967
CO, H&MS-16	L. J. FLANAGAN	LtCol	1-30 November 1967
CO, MABS-16	S. J. FULTON	LtCol	1-30 November 1967
CO, HMM-265	W. R. BEELER	LtCol	1-30 November 1967
*CO, HMM-361	D. M. WILSON	LtCol	1-30 November 1967
CO, HMM-363	R. LEWIS	LtCol	1-30 November 1967
CO, VMO-2	P. M. CROSSWAIT	LtCol	1-30 November 1967
CO, HMM-463	J. L. SADOWSKI	LtCol	1-30 November 1967
**CO, 245th SAC	G. W. LEWIS	LtCol, AUS	27-30 November 1967

2. Task Organization

H&S-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMM-265 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 *HMM-361 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMM-363 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMM-463 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 **245th SAC - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

* Dropped to SLF on 160001H November 1967

** Joined as OPCON MAG-16 on 270001H November 1967

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	72	444	0	0
MABS-16	22	679	4	29
HMM-265	31	157	1	3
HMM-361	42	152	1	0
HMM-363	41	157	1	0
VMO-2	39	132	1	0
HMM-463	51	255	1	0

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4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. United States Senator H. CANNON visited the Command on 17 November 1967.

b. United States Citizens Committee for Vietnam Representative, Mr. SHEPHERD, visited the Command on 23 November 1967.

c. Rear Admiral G. S. MORRISON, Ass't Com, LFG, visited the Command on 28 November 1967.

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PART II
Narrative Summary

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a. Operation Kentucky	1-30 November
b. Operation Neosha	1-30 November
c. Operation Wheeler	1-30 November
d. Operation Scotland	1-11/29-30 November
e. Operation Wallowa	1-30 November
f. Operation Osceola	1-30 November
g. Operation Knox	1-5 November
h. Operation Granite	1-6 November
i. Operation Lancaster	1-30 November
j. Operation Essex	6-19 November
k. Operation Napoleon	6-30 November
l. Operation Fcster	12-30 November
m. Operation Cove	20-22 November

2. General Summary. MAG-16 supported operations in all TAOR's. The Group also supported U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, ROK Marine Corps and ARVN Units throughout I Corps.

3. Chronological Summary

1 November - Operations in the Danang TAOR were normal. MAG-16 provided a detachment of five UH-34D's and four UH-1E aircraft at Chu Lai to support the ROK Marine Corps Brigade on a continuing basis.

2 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 895506, no injuries.

3 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal. The VMO-2 APD Aircraft flew in support of the 3rd MARDIV and was hit by enemy fire at coord. YD 0967, no injuries.

4 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR operations were greatly hindered due to inclement weather.

5 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal.

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6 November - In the Chu Lai area one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at unknown coordinates, no injuries. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: two HMM-363 UH-34D's, coord. BT 004554, no injuries; one HMM-361 UH-34D, coord. AT 913383, two minor injuries.

7 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR MAG-16 units flew in support of Operation Essex.

8 November - In the Chu Lai area one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at coord. BS 777856 resulting in one fatality. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one VMO-2 UH-1E, coord. BT 002609, no injuries; one HMM-160-1G, coord. AT 895543, no injuries. MAG-16 units flew in support of Operation Essex. The VMO-2 APD aircraft flew in support of the 3rd MARDIV.

9 November - In the Chu Lai area one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at coord. BS 5589, no injuries. In the Danang TAOR the VMO-2 APD aircraft flew in support of the 1st MARDIV.

10 November - In the Chu Lai area one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at coord. BS 7282, one minor injury. Operations in the Danang TAOR were normal. Two HMM-463 CH-53A's were hit by enemy fire: one at coord. YD 472555, no injuries; one between Phu Bai and MMAF, no injuries.

11 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal. One HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. YD 100705, two minor injuries.

12 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal.

13 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR two HMM-363 UH-34D's were hit by enemy fire: one at coord. AT 893526, no injuries; one at coord. AT 910530, no injuries.

14 November - In the Chu Lai area one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. BS 704853, no injuries. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord. AT 895514, no injuries; one HMM-463 CH-53A, coord. AT 979609, no injuries.

15 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. One HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. YD 240540, no injuries. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 980515, no injuries. The VMO-2 quick reaction armed helicopters flew escort on SLF aircraft during the emergency extraction of recon team "Panama Hat" at coord. ZC 164614. One HMM-463 CH-53A transported 901 Vietnamese civilian refugees in 2.8 hours from the battle area of Operation Foster.

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16 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord. AT 881512, no injuries; one VMO-2 UH-1E, coord. AT 809511, one minor injury.

17 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord ZC 203632, no injuries; one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord. BT 102628, no injuries; one HMM-463 CH-53A, coord. BT 320200, no injuries; one HMM-463 CH-53A, coord. AT 875385, one minor injury.

18 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord. BT 034595, no injuries; one VMO-2 UH-1E, coord BT 034500, no injuries.

19 November - In the Chu Lai area one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. BS 772865, no injuries. In the Danang TAOR one H&S-16 O-1G was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 905525, no injuries. The VMO-2 APD aircraft flew in support of the 1st MARDIV.

20 November - In the Chu Lai area one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. BS 785863, no injuries. In the Danang TAOR one H&S-16 O-1G was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 867524, no injuries.

21 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one H&S-16 O-1G, coord. AT 866533, no injuries; one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord. AT 863537, no injuries; one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord AT 865533, one minor injury.

22 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one VMO-2 UH-1E, coord. AT 863538, no injuries; one VMO-2 UH-1E, coord. AT 841530, no injuries. The VMO-2 APD aircraft flew in support of the 1st MARDIV.

23 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 882479, no injuries. The VMO-2 APD aircraft flew in support of the 1st MARDIV.

24 November - In the Chu Lai area one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. BS 773857, one minor injury. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 053644, no injuries. One HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. YD 482420, no injuries.

25 November - In the Chu Lai area one ROK Marine was killed when struck by the blade of an HMM-363 UH-34D at coord. BS 474869. Operations in the Danang TAOR were normal.

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26 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire during approach for landing at An Hoa Airfield, no injuries. One HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 872522 resulting in one major injury. One HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. YD 635376, no injuries.

27 November - In the Chu Lai area one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at unknown coordinates, no injuries. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-265 CH-46A was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 877518, no injuries. At 270001H MAG-16 assumed OPCON of the 245th Surveillance Airplane Company.

28 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 884510, no injuries.

29 November - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal.

30 November - In the Chu Lai area one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. BS 788858, no injuries. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-265 CH-46A, coord. BT 040596, one minor injury; one HMM-463 CH-53A, coord. unknown, no injuries.

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PART III Significant Events

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a. Number Joined	352
b. Number Dropped	187
c. Promotions	
(1) Maj to LtCol	1
(2) Capt to Maj	7
(3) 1stLt to Capt	9
(4) 2ndLt to 1stLt	4
(5) Cpl to Sgt	6
(6) LCpl to Cpl	3
(7) Pvt to Pfc	1

2. Awards

a. Bronze Star Medal

2ndLt J. B. GOGULSKI	MABS-16
Sgt F. M. D. HOLT	MABS-16
Pfc D. B. MONZON	MABS-16

b. Distinguished Flying Cross

Major C. H. PITMAN	HMM-265
Capt P. A. KUEGER	H&MS-16

c. Air Medal

H&MS-16	7
MABS-16	6
HMM-265	58
HMM-361	95
HMM-363	4
VMC-2	41
HMH-463	46

d. Navy Commendation Medal

HMM-265	1
HMM-363	1
HMH-463	1

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H&MS-16	2
MABS-16	7
HMM-265	2
HMM-361	5
HMM-363	4
HMH-463	1

3. Casualties (Hostile)

RANK	NAME	DATE	PLACE
1stLt	J. W. CUTCHER	6Nov67	6½ miles S An Hoi, RVN
GySgt	K. W. NOLAN	6Nov67	6½ miles S An Hoi, RVN
Cpl	R. R. CAUTHERN	8Nov67	16 miles SE Chu Lai, RVN
2ndLt	J. S. WARNER	10Nov67	15 miles SE Chu Lai, RVN
Capt	W. C. COPPERTHWAIT	11Nov67	10 miles NW Dong Ha, RVN
GySgt	R. R. LALONDE	11Nov67	10 miles NW Dong Ha, RVN
Cpl	N. W. BEAGER	17Nov67	22 miles SW Danang, RVN
Cpl	H. W. HOUSER, JR.	21Nov67	13½ miles SW Danang, RVN
Cpl	E. L. FREGER	26Nov67	2 miles N An Hoa, RVN

4. Civic Action

a. Medical. MAG-16 doctors and corpsmen held 17 sick calls treating a total of 3,763 patients.

b. Education. MAG-16 held 4 hours of English instruction for 368 students.

c. Projects. The MAG-16 Scholarship Fund continues to support 9 orphan boys through Junior High School and High School. HMH-463 is planning to render such financial and personal aid as is necessary to build a Maternity Clinic. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division has turned over to MAG-16 Civic Action Office, \$506.00 and 2200 Piasters to be used for the completion of the St. Clair Memorial Dispensary.

d. Giveaway. MAG-16 donated 8 bags of cement and 24 pieces of 2X4 lumber to be used in the construction of the St. Clair Memorial Dispensary. 75 sheets of tin were given to the Hoa Long Village Chief and a new roof was constructed to replace one blown off by high winds. MAG-16 donated 75 sheets of tin, 40 pieces of 2X4 lumber and 9 bags of rice to the New Life Hamlet to replace houses destroyed by VC elements.

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e. Government. The MAG-16 Civic Action Officer attended the opening ceremonies of a Village Civic Action Team composed of 2 platoons of boys and girls 16 to 18 years of age, who will assist the people of Hoa Long Village in civic action programs and village defense. A meeting of area Civic Action Officers and village officials was held at the Hoa Long Village Office.

f. Summary. III MAF has assigned MAG-16 as area coordinator for Civic Action programs and projects. Within this area the following units are represented:

MCB-7
MCB-128
5th Comm Bn.
3rd Amtrac Bn.
1st Log.

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 Service	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	

6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence

a. 127 no-hit fire incidents were reported during the month, up 4 from the previous month.

b. 57 hit fire incidents were reported during the month, up 9 from the previous month.

c. 44 spot reports of Intelligence value were received from air crews, evaluated and passed to higher headquarters, up 15 from the previous month.

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d. Statistical data

Flight hours per fire incident	29.7
Flight hours per aircraft hit	164.2
Flight hours per spot report	129.8

e. On 17 November this headquarters received, analyzed and passed to higher headquarters a report from the Hoa Long Village Chief concerning enemy units, activities and intentions in the Southeast Hoa Long district.

f. On 20 November a Marine of this command reported that an employee of the Post Exchange Concession Laundry located at NMAF had been asking questions concerning the operational use and capabilities of the 245th SAC OV-10. This information was referred to the 5th Counterintelligence Team.

7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-265</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>HMM-361</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>
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Hours	132.8	Hours	512.0
Sorties	360	Sorties	1614
Pax	634	Pax	1381
Evacs	58	Evacs	498
Cargo	24T	Cargo	64T

<u>HMM-363</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>
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Hours	1779.2	Hours	1516.1/1151.1/365.0
Sorties	5363	Sorties	4166
Pax	5789	Pax	1727
Evacs	1348	Evacs	20
Cargo	617T	Cargo	0

<u>HMH-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>TAR</u>	<u>245th SAC</u>	<u>OV-10/C</u>
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Hours	1118.2	21 H-34	Hours	59.7
Sorties	3223	11 H-1	Sorties	33
Pax	18,044	5 H-46	Pax	0
Evacs	0		Evacs	0
Cargo	2,820.2T		Cargo	0

<u>H&MS-16</u>	<u>O-10/O-G</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>
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Hours	892.1	40.0	16.9	0	0	4.9
Sorties	472	48	18	0	0	10
Pax	1	670	0	0	0	0
Evacs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cargo	0	13.5T	0	0	0	0

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Hours	6071.8
Sorties	15,307
Fax	28,246
Evacs	1924
Cargo	3,538.7T

8. Ground Defense. During the month of November at Marble Mountain Air Facility, additional bunkers were built and defense positions were constantly worked on and improved. Perimeter observation towers are in the process of being installed. There was no enemy contact at MMF.

9. Motor Transport. During the month of November, the MAG-16 Motor Transport section traveled 92,287 miles, hauled 1,410,000 gallons of water, 26,400 gallons of MOGS, 50,400 gallons of diesel fuel, 3,645 gallons of A/C oil, 109,102 gallons of JP-4 fuel, 2,283 short tons of cargo and transported 54,060 passengers.

10. TAFDS. During the month of November, the TAFDS section issued the following amounts of fuel:

<u>Station</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMF	185,629 gal	493,152 gal
An Hoa	38,183 gal	73,139 gal
ROK	39,525 gal	None
Total	263,337 gal	565,291 gal

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

<u>Field</u>	<u>A/C Standbys</u>	<u>A/C Fires</u>	<u>Structural</u>	<u>A/C Crash</u>
MMF	26	0	2	0
An Hoa	5	1	1	0

12. Base Operations. During the month of November, the north over-run of runway 17-35 at MMF was paved with asphalt. Reconstruction of the existing runway began and will be completed during December.

13. Weather Service. The weather section supported all MAG-16 flight operations in the An Hoa and MMF areas.

14. Food Services. There were approximately 188,241 meals served at the MMF messhall during the month of November. Bakery products utilized approximately 24,000 pounds of flour.

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- a. Water Point. The water point personnel processed 1,566,425 gallons of water during the month, 118,300 of which were non-potable.
- b. Paint Shop. The paint shop personnel completed twenty projects. A total of fifty signs were painted.
- c. Electric Shop. Electric shop personnel completed one hundred four projects and answered numerous trouble calls.
- d. Plumbing Shop. Plumbing shop personnel completed sixteen work requests and answered numerous trouble calls.
- e. Refrigeration Shop. Refrigeration shop personnel completed fifteen work assignments.
- f. Carpenter Shop. Carpenter shop personnel completed seventy-five trouble calls and work assignments.
- g. Generator Shop. Generator shop personnel performed all first and second echelon maintenance with a minimum of breakdown.
- h. Laundry. During the month, the Base Laundry processed 26,805 pounds of clothing and collected organizational gear to turn over to the civilian laundry service.

16. Exchange. During the month of November, exchange sales were \$60,598.15.

17. Ordnance. During the month, the Ordnance Section issued 314,300 rounds of small arms ammunition, 4,582 rounds of 2.75 white phosphorus and high explosive rockets and over 1½ tons of assorted smoke and chemical agents.

18. Logistics. Air Freight and Passenger Section processed the following during the month of November:

<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Pounds Cargo</u>	<u>Cu. Ft. Cargo</u>
2,078	538,398	33,055

19. Communications.

- a. The wire section continued to install new cable and perform maintenance on existing cable in order to improve wire communications at MMAF. Four 2 man radio teams were temporarily assigned to the 1st Shore Party Battalion as Landing Zone Control Teams for operations being conducted by the 1st Marine Division.

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b. The message traffic increased by 625 during the month. Total volume of messages processed was 9,494 with 2,648 originated by MAG-16. Sixty-nine hours of down time was experienced due to break down of equipment and shortage of spare parts.

c. The following transactions were effected by the repair section:

- (1) 191 items of equipment processed.
- (2) 5 items of equipment evacuated to higher echelons of maintenance.
- (3) 10 items of equipment returned from higher echelons of maintenance.
- (4) 162 items of equipment returned to users.
- (5) 58 requisitions processed by supply section.

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FROM: Commanding Officer, 245th SAC

SUBJ: COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (for period 27-30 Nov 67)

REF: (a) 1st MAW Order 5750.1B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted: *245th SAC*

2. Command Composition

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO	Lewis, Glenn W.	LTC	27-30 Nov 67

3. Task Organization

Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 27-30 Nov 67

4. Air Operations - Period 27-30 November 1967

Type Aircraft	<u>OV-10B,C</u>
Hours	<u>59.7</u>
Sorties	<u>33</u>
Pax	<u>N/A</u>
Evacs	<u>N/A</u>
Cargo (tons)	<u>N/A</u>

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