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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)  
 Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 April 1968, submission of  
 Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1B  
 Encl: ✓ (1) MAG-16 Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
Marble Mountain Air Facility  
Republic of Vietnam  
Period covered: 1 through 30 April 1968

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PART I  
Organizational Data

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<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	E. O. REED	Colonel	1-30 April
CO, MAG-16	S. G. BEAL	LtCol	1-30 April
Adjutant	G. J. MAREK	1stLt	1-30 April
S-1 Officer	T. A. GOLDSBOROUGH	Major	1-30 April
S-2 Officer	D. V. HOLLES	Major	1-3 April
S-2 Officer	W. C. COWPERTHWAIT	Major	4-30 April
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CO, HMM-361	F. W. CRONE	Major	1-30 April
CO, HMH-463	J. L. SADOWSKI	LtCol	-1 April
CO, HMH-463	J. G. WALKER	LtCol	2-30 April
CO, 245th SAC	L. W. GARTEN	LtCol AUS	1-17 April
CO, 245th SAC	J. B. CARLISLE	Major AUS	18-30 April

2. Task Organization

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HML-167 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-265 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
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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	49	468	0	0
MABS-16	18	645	4	25
VMO-2	44	151	1	0
HML-167	12	43	0	0
HMM-265	51	204	1	0
HMM-361	44	150	1	0
HMH-463	64	300	1	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. On 7 April 1968 Major General Norman J. ANDERSON, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, presented 1 Silver Star, 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 3 Bronze Stars and 17 Purple Heart Medals during a visit to the command.

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- b. Brigadier General R. P. KELLER visited the command on 17 April 1968.
- c. Brigadier General H. S. HILL visited the command on 22 April 1968
- d. On 26 April 1968, Lieutenant General WALT, Major General VanRyzin and Major General Anderson visited the command. General WALT presented the Silver Star Medal to MGySgt R. M. LURIE

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a. Operation Lancaster II	1-30 April
b. Operation Kentucky	1-30 April
c. Operation Wheeler/Wallowa	1-30 April
d. Operation Saline/Napoleon	1-30 April
e. Operation Muscatine	1-30 April
f. Operation Samurai IV	1-30 April
g. Operation Pegasus	1-11 April
h. Operation Houston	1-30 April
i. Operation Black Dragon	1-9 April
j. Operation Carentan II	1-22 April
k. Lancaster III	10-11 April
l. Operation Pegasus/Lam Son	10-16 April
m. Operation Brilliant Dragon II	9-30 April
n. Operation Burlington Trail	8-30 April
o. Operation Norfolk Victory	8-22 April
p. Operation Jasper Square	10-14 April
q. Operation MacArther	16-30 April
r. Operation Scotland II	17-30 April
s. Operation Charlton	17-18 April
t. Operation Jeb Stuart II	18-30 April
u. Operation Delaware/Lam Son	19-30 April
v. Operation Baxter Garden	19-26 April
w. Operation Samurai V	19-21 April
x. Operation Rice	18-30 April
y. Operation Ballard Valley	-30 April

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## 2. General Summary

a. MAG-16 supported Marine, Army, Navy, ARVN, and ROK units throughout ICTZ during the month.

b. VMO-2 pilots and maintenance personnel worked closely with 1st Marine Division personnel perfecting and improving the use of Airborne Personnel Detector.

c. Firefly flights were launched often during the month consisting of one UH-1E with a powerful light and two more UH-1E gunships following to attack any targets lighted up.

## 3. Chronological Summary

1 April - One HMM-361 UH-34D was hit by enemy small arms fire and mortars on approach to a zone at coord. AT 970592, minor injuries to pilot.

2 April - One HMM-265 CH-46A was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT069520 and forced to land. No injuries resulted.

3 April - One HMM-463 was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 108620, no injuries. One HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord. BT 027513, no injuries.

4 April - One HMM-463 CH-53A was hit at coord. YD 335620, no injuries. In support of Operation Pegasus, HMM-265 launched one CH-46A on a night LFE mission to transport whole blood from Danang to Quang Tri.

5 April - One HMM-265 CH-46A took SA hits at coord. AT 065619 and was forced to land. A perimeter was set up around the aircraft while recovery teams worked throughout the day. The aircraft was externalled back to Marble Mountain by CH-53A at dusk. One HMM-361 UH-34D was hit at coord. AT 958695, no injuries.

6 April - MAG-16 operations in all areas were normal.

7 April - Four VMO-2 gunships flew a search and destroy mission in the area 15 miles SW of Danang, resulting in 10 structures destroyed, 20 structures damaged, and 50 confirmed enemy kills. One HMM-265 aircraft was forced to land after receiving enemy fire at AT 985588. The aircraft was recovered by CH-53A at 1900H. One HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 968590, no injuries.

8 April - One HMM-265 aircraft was forced to land after receiving heavy SA fire from coord. AT 993578. One MAG-16 O-1C crew sighted 10 NVA with 60mm mortar and directed fixed wing on target to destroy it. Two HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft were hit by enemy fire, one at coord. BT 165208, one at coord. YD 346635, no injuries.

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9 April - One HMM-265 CH-46A was hit by enemy small arms fire at coord. BT 077517, no injuries. One VMO-2 UH-1E was hit at coord. AT 144529, no injuries.

10 April - One HMM-361 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire from coord. AT 967535, no injuries. HMM-265 launched 8 CH-46A's on a strike mission inserting 170 U.S. Marines at coord. AT 822534. One HMM-265 CH-46A took four hits from enemy fire at coord. AT 993568, no injuries.

11 April - One VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 982554 causing leg wounds to pilot.

12 April - One HMM-265 CH-46A was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 9153, no injuries.

13 April - One HMM-361 UH-34D was hit by coord. BT 050665, no injuries. One HMM-265 CH-46A was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 025570, no injuries, and one at coord. ZC 040480 also resulting in no injuries.

14 April - One VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 023595 causing minor injury to the pilot. One HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. YD 9114 causing minor wounds to gunner. A second CH-53A was hit at coord. YD 9614 causing minor wounds to co-pilot.

15 April - One HMM-463 CH-53A was damaged by shrapnel from incoming mortar rounds at Khe Sanh Combat Base.

16 April - One HMM-265 CH-46A was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 050508, no injuries.

17 April - One HMM-361 UH-34D aircraft was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 086666, no injuries. A VMO-2 crew flying an O-1C spotted a wounded Marine in a fighting hole. The Marine moved an arm and leg. Crew reported same to ground unit nearby.

18 April - Two HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft were hit, one at coord. BT 005536, no injuries, and one at coord. BT 017548, no injuries.

19 April - One HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord BT 002582 by enemy fire, no injuries. One VMO-2 UH-1E was hit at coord. BT 023596 resulting in minor wounds to pilot

20 April - One HML-167 UH-1E was destroyed and all four crewmen killed when the aircraft received hostile fire while on a rocket run at coord. AT 9055. The aircraft crashed and burned. Only one body was recovered.

21 April - One HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. YD 2754.

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22 April - One HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 886532, no injuries.

23 April - Two HMM-361 UH-34D's were hit by incoming mortars at Chu Lai Air Base causing minor damage.

24 April - One HMM-265 CH-46A was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 985495, no injuries. One VMO-2 UH-1E was hit at coord. AT 852502, no injuries. One HMM-463 CH-53A was hit and downed by enemy fire at coord. XD 5605. A second CH-53A was destroyed and all crew members were injured when the aircraft crashed while picking up an external load of ammo at Phu Bai Air Base, not due to enemy action.

25 April - One HMM-361 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 873550, which severed the tail rotor control cable. Partial control of the aircraft was maintained by the crew-chief who used a pair of water-pump pliers to pull on the tail rotor cable. The aircraft was finally safely landed after two attempts.

26 April - One HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord. AT 997577, no injuries. One HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. YD 975142 resulting in minor wounds to a passenger.

27 April - One HMM-265 CH-46A was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 882520, no injuries.

28 April - MAG-16 operations in all areas were normal.

29 April - One HMM-463 CH-53A received one hit from enemy fire at coord. AT 982661, no injuries. A second CH-53A was hit by enemy small arms fire at coord. YD 235623, no injuries.

30 April - MAG-16 operations in all areas were normal.

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PART III  
Significant Events

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~~SECRET~~1. Personnel

a. Number Joined	287
b. Number Dropped	168
c. Promotions	
(1) 1stLt to Capt	1
(2) 2ndLt to 1stLt	3
(3) SSgt to GySgt	1
(4) Sgt to SSgt	4
(5) Cpl to Sgt	41
(6) ICpl to Cpl	24
(7) EFC to ICpl	46

2. Awards

## a. Silver Star Medal

Captain Lawrence S. NOWAK	MABS-16
WgSgt Robert M. LURIE	H&MS-16

## b. Distinguished Flying Cross

Major James P. KIZER	HMM-265
Captain Michael R. MILLER	HMM-265
Captain George E. LEE	HMM-265
Captain Frank J. KENNEDY	HMH-463

## c. Bronze Star Medal

1stLt Jack S. WARNER
1stLt William R. POWELL

## d. Air Medal

H&MS-16	23
HMM-265	82
VMO-2	3
HMH-463	109
MABS-16	27

## e. Purple Heart Medal

HMM-265	6
HMM-361	3
HMH-463	2

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## f. Navy Commendation Medal

HMM-265 1

## g. Good Conduct Medal

H&amp;MS-16 2

3. Casualties (Hostile)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Capt.	W. E. DANIELL	1Apr68	7½ Miles SW Danang, RVN
Capt.	G. A. BARR	11Apr68	11 Miles SSW Danang, RVN
Cpl	R. G. DOUGHERTY	14Apr68	2 Miles E Hue Phu Bai, RVN
2ndLt	D. J. FREDOVIC	14Apr68	4½ Miles E Dong Ha, RVN
Capt.	A. J. LIND	19Apr68	8 Miles S Danang, RVN
Major	W. J. WALKER	20Apr68	12 Miles SSW Danang, RVN
1stLt	G. C. GUSTARE	20Apr68	12 Miles SSW Danang, RVN
Sgt	G. A. ZUTTERMAN	20Apr68	12 Miles SSW Danang, RVN
Cpl	W. C. PARSONS	20Apr68	12 Miles SSW Danang, RVN
Cpl	P. L. SMITH	23Apr68	8 Miles SW Danang, RVN
HMC	R. R. LANGLEY	25Apr68	5 Miles SSW Danang, RVN

4. Civic Action

a. Medical. MAG-16 doctors and corpsmen treated a total of 2,546 patients during the month of April. Classes on health and sanitation are being held for 7 Vietnamese Nationals.

b. Education. Every Thursday during the month housemaids were instructed for ½ hour on how to speak English. Seven students are presently studying under the General Walt Scholarship Program. Every month \$500 RVN is donated by the MAG-16 Civic Action Office from funds allocated by 1stMAW.

c. Projects. MAG-16 personnel installed electrical wiring in the Hoa Long dispensary. A second well was dug at the dispensary and a sink was installed. The Vietnamese Language school began operations during the month with 20 people per class.

d. Give-Away. MAG-16 donated 1 masons kit, 40 feet of steel pipe, 1 porcelain sink, 25 feet of 2 X 4 lumber, 2½ gallons of paint, 4800 pounds of canned goods and clothing to local villages and orphanages.

5. Moral-Welfarea. Schedule of Weekly Religious Services

Sunday	Catholic Confession	0730
	Catholic Mass	0800

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Sunday (Cont'd)

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

Monday through Saturday

Catholic Mass	1800
Protestant Prayer Services	1900

Thursday

World Religious Classes (Interdenominational)	1830
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Saturday

Protestant Choir Practice	
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6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence

a. 246 fire incidents were reported during the month.

b. 39 of the above resulted in aircraft hits, the same number as in the previous month.

c. 14 spot reports of intelligence value were received from air-crew and other sources.

d. Statistical Data

Flight hours per fire incident	23.6
Flight hours per aircraft hit	149.1
Flight hours per spot report	415.3

7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-265</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>HMM-361</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>
Hours	1372.7	Hours	1146.9
Sorties	5148	Sorties	3996
Pax	9871	Pax	1952
Evacs	403	Evacs	881
Cargo (Tons)	943 Tons	Cargo (Tons)	37 Tons

<u>HMH-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>TAR</u>
Hours	1060.9	26 UH-34
Sorties	2689	4 UH-1E
Pax	11,717	9 CH-46
Cargo (Tons)	2815.6 Tons	

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<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>O-1C/G</u>	<u>HML-167</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>
Hours	951.0	786.8	Hours	566.5
Sorties	2942	317	Sorties	1785
Pax	976	0	Pax	1225
Evacs	5	0	Evacs	3

<u>HMS-16</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>
Hours	67.0	7.6	4.3
Sorties	61	5	2
Pax	843	0	0
Cargo (Tons)	9.6 Tons	0	0

<u>245th SAC</u>	<u>OV-1B/C</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Hours	977	Hours	6840.7
Sorties	486	Sorties	17,431
Pax	0	Pax	26,584
Evacs	0	Evacs	1,292
Cargo (Tons)	0	Cargo (Tons)	3805.2 Tons

8. Ground Defense. During the month additional bunkers and defense positions were built and existing bunkers and defensive wire were repaired and renewed.

9. Motor Transport. During April the Motor Transport Section traveled 62,778 miles, hauled 1,879,000 gallons of water, 24,800 gallons of MOGAS, 37,200 gallons of diesel fuel, 2085 gallons of A/C oil, 2210 tons of cargo, and transported 36,170 passengers.

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

<u>Station</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	141,795	478,061
An Hoa	6,114	61,535
TOTAL	147,909	539,596

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

<u>Field</u>	<u>A/C Standby</u>	<u>A/C Fires</u>	<u>Structural Fires</u>
MMAF	22	1	3
An Hoa	1	1	1

12. Base Operations

a. During the month construction progressed on the east parking apron. Ultimately MCB-128 will pave the apron with asphalt.

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b. Total operations handled by MAF Tower are as follows:

(1) Fixed Wing Operations	4,723
(2) Helicopter Operations	18,387
(3) Total Operations	23,110
(4) IFR Operations	296

13. Food Services. There were approximately 195,300 meals served at MAF messhall.

14. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. During the month of April, Water Point processed a total of 1,866,275 gallons of water. Of this total 1,858,275 gallons were potable and 8000 gallons were non-potable. Two wells are now in operation.

b. Paint Shop. During the month Paint Shop personnel completed twenty-seven (27) work orders.

c. Electric Shop. During the month Electric Shop personnel completed ninety-eight (98) work orders.

d. Plumbing Shop. During the month Plumbing Shop personnel completed twenty-five (25) work orders.

e. Refrigeration Shop. During the month Refrigeration Shop Personnel completed twenty-six (26) work orders.

f. Heavy Equipment Shop. During the month Heavy Equipment Shop personnel completed eight hundred and four (804) equipment runs throughout the base.

g. Carpenter Shop. During the month Carpenter Shop personnel completed sixty-five (65) work orders.

h. Base Laundry. The Base Laundry processed 59,275 pounds of clothing during the month and collected organizational gear to be turned over to the civilian laundries.

i. Combat Air Crew Quarters (Officer's Quonset huts) were completed, air-conditioning units installed and quarters were occupied during the month.

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15. Exchange. During the month of April, Exchange sales totaled \$53,323.62. Sales for James S. LEE totaled \$4,383.25; for Saehan Photo, \$1,844.40; for Huynh Phung Gift Shop, \$7,158.80; for Nguyen-Thi-Thu-Nhinh Barber Shop, \$1,744.70; and for Sax Tailor, \$9,286.00.

16. Ordinance. During the month, the Ordnance Section issued a total of 3308 2.75" White Phosphorus and High Explosive rockets; 373,020 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition; 7560 rounds of 5.56mm ammunition for FAM firing and 1020 pounds of assorted smoke.

17. Logistics. The Air Freight and Passenger Section processed 367,465 pounds of cargo and 549 passengers.

18. Communications

a. Total volume of message traffic handled was 8078. Sixty-one (61) hours of down time were experienced.

b. One hundred and four (104) items of equipment were processed by the repair section.

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CO	Carlisle, James B.	MAJ	18-30 Apr 68

3. Task Organization

Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

4. Air Operations - Period 1-30 April 1968

Type Aircraft	OV-1B,C U-6A
Hours	977
Sorties	486
Pax	N/A
Evacs	N/A
Cargo (tons)	N/A

  
 JAMES B. CARLISLE  
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H&MS-16	54	500	Ø	Ø
MABS-16	20	650	3	19
VMO-2	47	155	1	Ø
HML-167	22	96	Ø	Ø
HMM-163	56	241	1	Ø
HMM-265	52	207	1	Ø
HMM-361	44	150	1	Ø
HMH-463	46	275	1	Ø

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#### 4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. On 1 May 1968 Major General Norman J. ANDERSON, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 for Marine Observation Squadron 2, Marine Air Base Squadron 16 and Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 16 Change of Command ceremonies.

b. On 3 May 1968 Brigadier General GLICK visited and toured Marine Aircraft Group 16.

c. On 15 May 1968 Brigadier General HILL visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 to observe damage from the rocket attack of 12 May 1968.

d. On 19 May 1968 Brigadier General HILL again visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 and presented: One (1) Silver Star Medal, six (6) Distinguished Flying Cross Medals and one (1) Gold Star in lieu of second Distinguished Flying Cross Medal.

e. On 20 May 1968 Major General ANDERSON visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 to inspect the damage from the early morning mortar attack. The General also attended cocktails and dinner as Colonel REED's guest.

f. On 20 May 1968 Brigadier General HISE visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 to inspect the damage from the early morning rocket attack.

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1. Special Operations

a. Operation LANCASTER II	1-31 May 1968
b. Operation KENTUCKY	1-31 May 1968
c. Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA	1-31 May 1968
d. Operation SALINE/NAPOLEON	1-31 May 1968
e. Operation MUSCATINE	1-31 May 1968
f. Operation SCOTLAND II	1-31 May 1968
g. Operation SAMURAI V	1-31 May 1968
h. Operation HOUSTON	1-31 May 1968
i. Operation BURLINGTON TRAIL	1-31 May 1968
j. Operation DELAWARE/LAMSON 218	11-18 May 1968
k. Operation RICE	1-18 May 1968
l. Operation CARENTAIN II	1-18 May 1968
m. Operation ALLEN BROOK	8-31 May 1968
n. Operation BRILLIANT DRAGON III	1-26 May 1968
o. Operation CONCORDIA SQUARE	12-17 May 1968
p. Operation LEATHERNECK SQUARE	12-31 May 1968
q. Operation NEVADA EAGLE	19-31 May 1968
r. Operation JEB STUART III	17-31 May 1968
s. Operation MAMELUKE THRUST	15-31 May 1968
t. Operation BALLARD VALLEY	1-2 May 1968
u. Operation PRAIRIE FIRE	10-16 May 1968
v. Operation BRILLIANT DRAGON V	26-31 May 1968

2. General Summary

a. MAG-16 supported Marine, Army, Navy, ARVN and ROK units throughout the ICTZ during the month.

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b. HMM-361 returned to CONUS while HMM-163 was relocated from Quang Tri to MMAF. The heavy lift capabilities of the CH-53A were readily visible throughout the conduct of this move.

c. All squadrons have worked heavily during the month in support of Operations ALLEN BROOK and MAMELUKE THRUST.

d. HMM-265 has been heavily used for reconnaissance inserts and extracts under many varying conditions and situations.

e. HML-167 grew from a paper squadron to an operational squadron with its own assigned missions. During the month the newly formed squadron flew medevac escort, resupply escort, recon inserts and extracts, APD missions, VIP flights, visual reconnaissance and was available to fly fire-fly searchlight missions if needed.

### 3. Chronological Summary

1 May - Eight (8) CH-53A aircraft from HMM-463 moved 100 tons of cargo in support of Operations KENTUCKY and SCOTLAND II. One (1) UH-34D was administratively moved by a CH-53A. One (1) CH-53A was lost at sea enroute to Helo-Haven aboard the USS Valley Forge; one (1) crew member was lost in the crash. One (1) UH-34D from HMM-361 had an engine failure at 100 ft., just after picking up an emergency medevac from LZ-13; the aircraft crashed and was considered a strike, none of the crew were injured. A nearby VMO-2 escort aircraft flew the medevac to the hospital. HMM-265 aircraft rotated three (3) pairs of recon teams.

2 May - Eleven (11) CH-46s from HMM-265 flew in support of Operation BALLARD VALLEY along "Charlie Ridge", southwest of Danang. One (1) CH-53A of HMM-463 administratively moved two (2) UH-34D aircraft.

3 May - HML-167 scored their first confirmed KBA's since becoming an operational squadron. The UH-1E gunships were credited with three (3) KBAs while escorting CH-46 aircraft in the vicinity of AT 8953. VMO-2 gunships were credited with fourteen (14) confirmed KBAs while supporting an emergency quick reaction mission. One (1) CH-53A received minor battle damage in the vicinity of AT 8750. Another CH-53A working in support of Operation LAMSON 218 moved 107 tons of cargo.

4 May - One (1) UH-34D was recovered from the field and two (2) UH-1E aircraft were administratively moved by CH-53A aircraft. Five (5) CH-53As supporting Operations SCOTLAND II and LAMSON 218 carried 129 tons of cargo and 432 troops. Four (4) HMM-265 CH-46s conducted an emergency extract of a reconnaissance team west of Thuang Duc. One (1) O-1 aircraft conducted fixed wing strikes on NVA/VC hiding in a bunker complex with a result of three (3) KBA.

5 May - MMAF received 41 rounds of 82mm mortar fire about 0230H. One (1) CH-53A came under intense enemy 50 caliber fire northeast of

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Dong Ha; the aircraft was extensively damaged and would have crashed except for the skill and experience of the aircraft commander.

6 May - Two (2) UH-34D aircraft were carried by HMM-463 aircraft; one (1) a field recovery and the other an administrative move. Three (3) HMM-265 aircraft worked on recon inserts and extracts; the lead aircraft crashed, at AT 887348, and was completely destroyed; however, none of the crew were injured.

7 May - One (1) HMM-361 UH-34D was shot down at AT 968555 and was landed without crashing; heavy enemy ground fire prevented a CH-53A from recovering the UH-34D. One (1) other UH-34D was recovered from the field by the CH-53A. Four (4) HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft working in support of Operation ALLEN BROOK received six (6) small arms hits, taking no casualties. One aircraft destroyed one (1) automatic weapons position and accounted for two (2) KBA.

8 May - HMM-361's UH-34D shot down on 7 May was completely destroyed by fixed wing on command from higher authority. HMM-265 CH-46 aircraft were used extensively for recon inserts and extracts. One (1) VMO-2 UH-1E received three small arms hits with no crew injuries.

9 May - HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft administratively carried one (1) UH-34D while HMM-265 continued recon inserts and extracts. One (1) UH-1E was shot down near LZ-413 with no injuries to the crewmembers. HMM-361 had one (1) pilot hit by small arms fire which resulted in minor injuries. Night medevac UH-34Ds received heavy automatic and 50 caliber fire on seven (7) different occasions.

10 May - Two (2) CH-46As from HMM-265 were shot down and destroyed while working in support of the U.S. Army on an emergency troop lift in the vicinity of Kham Duc. One (1) of the aircraft was destroyed by small arms and 50 caliber fire while the other aircraft received a direct hit from a flat trajectory rocket. In this action, two (2) crewmembers were wounded and one (1) pilot was officially listed as MIA. Rapidly the zone was overrun by an estimated 2 regiments of NVA. Over 116 troops and 7 crewmembers escaped the enemy in the dense jungle and rejoined to hand carve a crude landing zone about 1000 meters from their original position. A division of CH-46A aircraft escorted by Army gunships and numerous flights of fixed wing rescued all those who escaped. CH-53A aircraft carried two (2) UH-34Ds and one (1) UH-1E on administrative moves. One (1) UH-1E received three small arms hits while escorting night medevac aircraft.

11 May - CH-53A aircraft continued to move cargo and troops in support of Operation LAMSON 218. One (1) HMM-361 medevac aircraft was hit by small arms wounding one of the crewmen in the shoulder. HMM-265 conducted normal recon inserts and extracts.

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12 May - Twenty (20) rounds of 122mm rocket fire impacted at MMAF. Five (5) HMM-265 aircraft evacuated 83 troops from Kham Duc under continuous mortar, heavy small arms and 50 caliber fire from the surrounding hillsides; one (1) of the aircraft made a forced landing at An Hoa. HMM-167 aircraft sighted rockets being launched from BT 091635 and immediately engaged the enemy. The crew also skillfully adjusted artillery into the position and observed secondary explosions.

13 May - CH-53A aircraft administratively carried one (1) UH-34D. All other operations were normal.

14 May - An O-1 crew spotted NVA with mortars in the open and conducted airstrikes on them with 2 KBA, 2 bunkers and 5 fighting holes destroyed and one secondary explosion. CH-53A aircraft recovered two (2) UH-1E aircraft from the field. Two (2) CH-46A aircraft from HMM-265 carried 21 tons of cargo to various ROK outposts near Hoi An.

15 May - O-1 crewmembers ran airstrikes which resulted in 2 KBA, 3 bunkers and 1 mortar destroyed. Aircraft from HMM-463 recovered one (1) CH-46A from the field and moved two (2) UH-34Ds administratively. CH-46A aircraft ran normal recon inserts and extracts. HMM-361 medevac aircraft received heavy automatic weapons fire causing three (3) hits with no injuries and no substantial damage to the aircraft.

16 May - One (1) UH-34D crashed at the NSA Hospital helicopter pad due to fuel starvation of the engine. The aircraft was a strike, but no one was hurt in the accident. CH-53A aircraft continued to support Operation SCOTLAND II.

17 May - While supporting Operation LAMSON 218, three (3) CH-53A aircraft moved 50 tons of cargo and 725 troops. One (1) UH-34 was administratively moved by a CH-53A. HMM-163 arrived at MMAF from Quang Tri. Six (6) CH-46A aircraft lifted 537 ARVN Rangers to field positions 12 miles south of Danang.

18 May - HMM-463 aircraft made a field recovery of one (1) CH-46A and one (1) UH-1E, as well as administratively carrying one (1) CH-46A and three (3) UH-34 aircraft. HMM-265 aircraft were active in Operation BRILLIANT DRAGON III and ALLEN BROOK as well as recon inserts and extracts.

19 May - One (1) CH-53A received strike damage at BT 205132 with no injuries to the crew. One (1) UH-34D was administratively moved by HMM-463. HMM-163 began normal operations under the cognizance of MAG-16.

20 May - Thirty-one (31) rounds of 81mm mortar fire impacted at MMAF. One (1) CH-46A and one (1) UH-34D were administratively carried by HMM-463. Two (2) CH-46A from HMM-265 supporting Operation ALLEN BROOK carried 15 tons of combat cargo, 99 troops and 31 medevacs.

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21 May - MAG-16 operations in all areas were normal.

22 May - A VMO-2 gunship received and returned fire with the results of six (6) confirmed KBA. Twenty (20) rounds of 82mm mortar fire were received at MMAF. A section of CH-46A aircraft working in support of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST killed six (6) NVA/VC in the area of AT 835555.

23 May - HMM-163 UH-34D aircraft were used extensively for medevac missions in support of Operations ALLEN BROOK and MAMELUKE THRUST. All other squadrons conducted normal operations.

24 May - HMM-463 moved troops and cargo in support of Operation LAMSON 218 and administratively moved one (1) UH-34D. One (1) CH-46A from HMM-265 was diverted from Operation ALLEN BROOK to pick up ARVN med-evacs. Upon landing in the zone the aircraft was overfilled by 46 ARVN soldiers. While the crewmembers tried to remove enough troops to bring the weight to flyable limits, the aircraft received a direct hit from a B-40 rocket. The aircraft was destroyed by the ensuing fire, most of the medevacs were killed and all of the crewmembers were injured.

25 May - One (1) UH-1E and one (1) UH-34D were administratively carried by HMM-463 aircraft while all other squadrons conducted normal operations.

26 May - HMM-265 conducted extensive recon inserts and extracts. One (1) UH-1E from HMM-167 was credited with four (4) confirmed enemy KBA. In addition, O-1 crews conducted artillery and fixed wing destroyed three (3) enemy bunkers.

27 May - CH-53A aircraft worked in support of Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE II lifting 79 tons of cargo as well as recovering one (1) UH-34D from the field. O-1 aircrews discovered an enemy bunker complex and directed airstrikes against the same, destroying nine (9) bunkers, two (2) fighting holes and setting off one (1) secondary explosion. At the same time, two (2) VMO-2 gunships directed artillery fire on a hut and engaged a sampan, accounting for 3 confirmed KBA.

28 May - HMM-463 carried six (6) UH-34Ds. Four (4) of the six were administratively carried while the remaining two were recovered from the field. The CH-53s also supported Operation SCOTLAND II lifting 46 tons of combat cargo. HMM-265 conducted normal recon missions while VMO-2 aided HMM-163 in their normal medevac work.

29 May - Two (2) CH-46A aircraft supported Operation ALLEN BROOK moving 85 troops, 27.6 tons of cargo and 75 medevacs including one emergency NVA prisoner; the lead aircraft received six (6) hits during the day, but no injuries were reported. Two (2) UH-34Ds and one (1) CH-46A were administratively moved by HMM-463.

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30 May - One (1) CH-53A aircraft carried one (1) A-4 aircraft administratively from Chu Lai to MMAF for shipment to CONUS. Other CH-53A aircraft supported Operation SCOTLAND II lifting 17 troops and 113 tons of cargo. All other squadrons conducted normal operations.

31 May - While supporting Operation LAMSON 218, two (2) CH-53A aircraft moved 707 troops. Other CH-53A aircraft carried two (2) UH-34Ds on administrative moves. All other squadrons in MAG-16 conducted normal operations.

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Significant Events

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1. Personnel

- a. Number joined: 233
- b. Number dropped: 166
- c. Promotions:
  - (1) Major to LtCol 1
  - (2) 2ndLt to 1stLt 2
  - (3) SSgt to GySgt 3
  - (4) Sgt to SSgt 4
  - (5) Cpl to Sgt 11
  - (6) LCpl to Cpl 10
  - (7) PFC to LCpl 81
  - (8) Pvt to PFC 5

2. Awards:

a. Silver Star Medal

Capt D. E. LOVE O-1 Det

b. Distinguished Flying Cross

LtCol S. G. BEAL	H&MS-16
Major R. M. FRANKLIN	H&MS-16
Major W. L. WHELAN	HMM-265
Major W. L. WHELAN	HMM-265 (Gold Star in lieu of second DFC)
Major R. L. YANKE	HMM-265
Captain R. T. CARLSON	HMH-463

c. Bronze Star Medal

Cpl R. S. TURNER HMM-265

d. Air Medal

MABS-16	6
VMO-2	11
HMM-361	23
HMH-463	27
HMM-265	398

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## e. Purple Heart Medal

H&MS-16	1
HMM-265	1
HMH-463	1

## f. Good Conduct Medal

H&MS-16	1
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3. Casualties

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Major	R. ZELlich	4 May 1968	11½ Miles SSE Danang, RVN
2ndLt	J. C. WARD	4 May 1968	11½ Miles SSE Danang, RVN
Cpl	J. MAZIAR	4 May 1968	11½ Miles SSE Danang, RVN
1stSgt	M. F. BELESKEY	4 May 1968	11½ Miles SSE Danang, RVN
Sgt	J. C. HENSCHel	5 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
1stLt	M. E. FLATER, Jr.	6 May 1968	12 Miles S Danang, RVN
1stLt	M. N. BRYANT	6 May 1968	12 Miles S Danang, RVN
2ndLt	F. J. PRATT	6 May 1968	12 Miles S Danang, RVN
Capt	A. LOROCCA	7 May 1968	10 Miles S Danang, RVN
Capt	L. M. BARKSDALE	9 May 1968	14 Miles SW Danang, RVN
1stLt	H. H. FLEMING III	10 May 1968	45 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	J. J. DAVIS	10 May 1968	45 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	K. D. HURLEY	10 May 1968	45 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Cpl	T. E. ENGLISH	12 May 1968	10 Miles S Danang, RVN
Cpl	T. E. HANDSAKER	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
Sgt	J. A. OUBRE	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	R. L. FREEMAN	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	C. W. PEIRCE	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	A. S. HERNANDEZ	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
Sgt	C. K. GRAY	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	E. J. RUVOLIS	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	B. A. SAMPSON	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
PFC	C. E. SHAYNE	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	J. D. JONES	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	D. C. GERKIN	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
Sgt	D. F. RICHARDS	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
SSgt	B. J. COOK	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	R. J. BARTLETT	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
Sgt	F. H. EASY	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
SSgt	D. A. HAWLEY	12 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
GySgt	P. GOMEZ, Jr.	15 May 1968	5 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Capt	K. B. HOLLAND	17 May 1968	4 Miles SSW Khe Sanh, RVN
Cpl	V. W. VERNON	18 May 1968	20 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Cpl	A. M. MORGAN	20 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	C. F. WITTIG	20 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
SSgt	W. D. REEVES, Jr.	20 May 1968	MMAF, RVN

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Cpl	S. M. MAILEY	20 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	J. W. McGLEY	20 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	J. A. PAUSE	20 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
Sgt	J. R. DEBIAS	22 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	I. L. HAMMONDS	22 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
Sgt	J. M. KEARNEY	22 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	R. A. WINKLE	22 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	E. W. FREDERHASEN	22 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	C. J. KIRK	22 May 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	R. J. HARRINGTON	23 May 1968	11 Miles S Danang, RVN
Capt	E. C. DESAUSSURE	24 May 1968	11 Miles SE Danang, RVN
1stLt	R. P. POWERS II	24 May 1968	11 Miles SE Danang, RVN
Cpl	R. L. SMITH	24 May 1968	11 Miles SE Danang, RVN
LCpl	L. L. ANDERSON	24 May 1968	11 Miles SE Danang, RVN
HN	J. M. SAMS	30 May 1968	7 Miles SSW Danang, RVN

#### 4. Civic Action

a. Medical. During the month of May, doctors and corpsmen from MAG-16 assisted at the Stella Maris Dispensary/Orphanage, the Protestant Orphanage and at the Boys Town Orphanage. In their continuing effort to win the trust and confidence of the local populace, the medical department treated 2189 patients, and gave physical examinations to Vietnamese workers on Thursdays. Throughout the month, seven (7) Vietnamese Nationals underwent training in health and sanitation to be better prepared to help their own country and people.

b. Education. Aboard MMAF, housemaids were instructed in English for a 1/2 hour period each Thursday. At MCB-128 two classes in English were conducted during the month while at the same time, the DSAC Chaplain worked with his students for 26 hours. During the month four (4) educational movies were shown to a total viewing audience of 705 children and adults.

c. Projects. MAG-16 worked with other local commands in the reconstruction of houses, a school, a dispensary and a Pagoda. The Group continued its support of the Hoa-Long village contingency fund.

d. Give-Away. MAG-16 donated 72 sheets of tin for a new school and Pagoda destroyed by friendly fire. In addition, 102 bags of cement, 2 carpenters kits, 1 water pump, and assorted school kits were donated. Also, 1120 people at the Stella Maris Dispensary/Orphanage received a total of 2465 pounds of clothing. Through the Group Chaplains the Southern Baptist Mission of Danang and the An Hoa Protestant Church each received \$100.00, while St. John's Seminary received 29,000 pounds of PX goods.

5. Morale-Welfare. During the month of May, MAG-16 Chaplains provided Sunday and daily religious services at MMAF in addition to weekly services

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at An Hoa Airfield. The Group Catholic Chaplain also conducted Masses at the chapels of the 5th Comm. Bn. and MCB-128. One Memorial Service was conducted during the month with 48 attending.

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

6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence. 456 fire incidents were reported during the month of May, this constitutes an increase of 210 from the month of April. 98 of these fire incidents resulted in aircraft hits, this was an increase of 59 from the month of April. Because of the significantly increased fire incidents, flight hours per fire incident was 16.3, a decrease of 7.3 hours per fire incident from the previous month. In like manner, flight hours per aircraft hit were 75.7, a decrease of 73.4 hours per aircraft hit from the previous month, while hours per aircrew spot report increased 43.4 to 463.7 for the month of May. Enemy anti-aircraft fire was responsible for eleven (11) WIA and one (1) MIA, five (5) aircraft crashes, of which only one (1) was recovered, and the aborting of two missions. On the other hand, MAG-16 aerial gunners and aircraft inflicted 25 confirmed KIA and 1 possible KIA on the enemy while destroying 3 structures, one (1) possible 30 caliber position and damaging 15 other structures.

7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-265</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>HMM-361</u>	<u>UH-34D</u> (1 - 17 May 1968)
Hours	1686.1	Hours	763.5
Sorties	5784	Sorties	2461
Pax	10,201	Pax	880
Evacs	1452	Evacs	785
Cargo (Tons)	1012.3 Tons	Cargo (Tons)	19.8 Tons

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Hours	980.2	UH-34D - 36 (31 Admin, 5 Field)
Sorties	3214	CH-46A - 10 ( 6 Admin, 4 Field)
Pax	9439	UH-1E - 11 ( 7 Admin, 4 Field)
Cargo (Tons)	3792.5 T	A-4 - 1 ( Admin)
		O-2 - 1 ( Field)

VMO-2      UH-1E      O-1C/G

Hours	1294.6	1123.8
Sorties	3538	432
Pax	903	- -
Evacs	17	- -
Cargo (Tons)	- -	- -

HML-167UH-1E

Hours	812.7
Sorties	2329
Pax	1588
Evacs	- -
Cargo (Tons)	- -

H&MS-16C-117DUH-34DCH-53AHMM-163UH-34D

Hours	83.1	34.3	3.7
Sorties	78	27	5
Pax	898	- -	- -
Cargo (Tons)	14.7 Tons	- -	- -

Hours	660.0
Sorties	1892
Pax	722
Evacs	654
Cargo (Tons)	51.4 Tons

245th SACOV-1B/CMAG-16TOTALS

Hours	987.0
Sorties	483
Pax	- -
Evacs	- -
Cargo (Tons)	- -

Hours	8429.0
Sorties	20,243
Pax	24,631
Evacs	2,908
Cargo (Tons)	4890.7 (Tons)

8. Ground Defense. During the month additional bunkers and defensive positions were built and existing bunkers and defensive wire were repaired and renewed. A new COC Bunker was completed and is fully operational now being used 24 hours a day.

9. Motor Transport. During the month of May 1968, the MMAF Motor Transport Section traveled 53,614 miles, hauled 1,212,100 gallons of water, 20,400 gallons of diesel fuel, 25,200 gallons of MOGAS, 2,200 gallons of A/C oil, 1,819 short tons of cargo and transported 29,277 passengers.

10. TAFDS. During the month of May 1968, the TAFDS Section issued the following amounts of fuel at the locations indicated:

<u>Station</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	151,120 gal.	679,388 gal.
An Hoa	4,550	108,313
<u>Hill 55</u>	- -	<u>26,797</u>
TOTAL	155.670 gal.	814,489 gal.

On 21 May 1968, TAFDS Section opened a system of 20,000 gallons of JP-4 at Hill 55.

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  - (Adjutant, S-1, S-2,
  - S-4, S-5, Gp Chaplain,
  - Comm O )

MAG-16 S&C Log No.

None

None

None

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
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Organizational Data

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<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	E. O. REED	Colonel	1-30 June 1968
XO, MAG-16	R. LEWIS, Jr.	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
Adjutant	G. J. MAREK	1stLt	1-30 June 1968
S-1 Officer	F. W. CRONE	Major	1-30 June 1968
S-2 Officer	R. G. FLYNN	Captain	1-30 June 1968
S-3 Officer	F. M. KLEPPSATTEL, Jr.	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
S-4 Officer	T. F. MILLER	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
CO, H&MS-16	M. G. ROBBINS	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
CO, MABS-16	W. E. SMILANICH, Jr.	LtCol	1-29 June 1968
CO, MABS-16	R. F. RICK	LtCol	30 June 1968
CO, VMO-2	S. J. FULTON	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
CO, HML-167	G. H. DUNN III	Major	1-30 June 1968
CO, HMM-265	W. L. WHELAN	Major	1-4 June 1968
CO, HMM-265	R. J. EDWARDS	LtCol	5-15 June 1968
O in C, HMM-265	R. L. YANKE	Major	16-30 June 1968
Det "A"			
CO, HMM-164	R. F. RICK	LtCol	16-29 June 1968
CO, HMM-164	W. E. SMILANICH, Jr.	LtCol	30 June 1968
CO, HMM-163	R. G. COURTNEY	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
CO, HMM-463	J. G. WALKER	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
CO, 245th SAC	J. B. CARLISLE	Major AUS	1-30 June 1968

2. Task Organization

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-163 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HML-167 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-265 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-15 June 1968  
 HMM-265 Det "A" - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 16-30 June 1968  
 HMM-164 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 16-30 June 1968  
 HMM-463 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, 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	52	535	0	0
MABS-16	20	657	3	21
VMO-2	46	166	1	0
HMM-163	47	184	1	0
HMM-164	41	188	1	0
HMM-265	50	195	1	0
HML-167	24	100	0	0
HMM-463	53	276	1	0

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a. On 9 June, 1968 Major General Simon J. ANDERSON, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 for an Awards Ceremony, in which he presented two (2) Bronze Star Medals and five (5) Purple Heart Medals. He also attended a social function at the MAG-16 CO's quarters.

b. On 17 June 1968, Major General ROBERTSON, Commanding General First Marine Division, attended a social function at the MAG-16 CO's quarters.

c. On 19 June 1968, Brigadier General, J. E. WILLIAMS, Assistant Division Commander, First Marine Division, toured and attended a briefing at Marble Mountain Air Facility.

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Narrative Summary

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| a. Operation LANCASTER III      | 1-30 June 1968  |
| b. Operation KENTUCKY           | 1-30 June 1968  |
| c. Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA    | 1-30 June 1968  |
| d. Operation SALINE/NAPOLEON    | 1-30 June 1968  |
| e. Operation MUSCATINE          | 1-30 June 1968  |
| f. Operation SCOTLAND II        | 1-30 June 1968  |
| g. Operation ALLEN BROOK        | 1-30 June 1968  |
| h. Operation BRILLIANT DRAGON V | 1 June 1968     |
| i. Operation NEVADA EAGLE       | 1-30 June 1968  |
| j. Operation MAMELUKE THRUST    | 1-30 June 1968  |
| k. Operation DRAGON PALACE      | 2-30 June 1968  |
| l. Operation SWIFT SABER        | 11-14 June 1968 |

2. General Summary

a. Marine aircraft supported Army, Navy, ARVN, ROK and Marine units throughout the ICTZ during the month.

b. HMM-265 and HMM-164 were used extensively in reconnaissance inserts and extracts.

c. During the month, HMM-265 and HMM-164 augmented the normal med-evac package and worked supporting Operations ALLEN BROOK and MAMELUKE THRUST.

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d. Aircraft from HMH-463 at Marble Mountain and Detachment "ALFA" aircraft at Quang Tri worked continuously resupplying and relocating elements of the 3rd MARDIV located in northern ICFZ.

e. HML-167 provided pilots on a temporary basis to HML-367 and VMO-6 while these squadrons experienced a critical pilot shortage.

### 3. Chronological Summary

1 June - CH-53A aircraft supported Operations MAMELUKE THRUST and SCOTLAND II carrying 119.8 tons of cargo during the day.

2 June - All Squadrons conducted normal operations.

3 June - HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft supporting Operation ALLEN BROOK lifted 46 Marines, 11 tons of cargo, 21 medevacs and 3 NVA prisoners while receiving fire on ten (10) different occasions. HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft supported Operations SCOTLAND II, NAPOLEON/SALINE and KENTUCKY II.

4 June - At 0140H, HMM-265 CH-46A "Bald Eagle" aircraft made an emergency extract of three (3) survivors of a fifteen (15) man reconnaissance team that had been overrun. Other aircraft returned later in the morning and recovered the bodies of the remainder of the team.

5 June - HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft carried the following administrative TARs: three (3) UH-34Ds, one (1) UH-1E and one (1) CH-46A. HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft extracted 67 medevacs during the day under heavy mortar, small arms and 50 caliber fire while supporting Operation ALLEN BROOK.

6 June - One (1) VMO-2 UH-1E gunship received one round through the nose bubble causing serious injury to the pilot and slight damage to the aircraft. HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft carried two (2) UH-34D TARs one (1) of which was a field recovery and the other an administrative move.

7 June - HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft carried two (2) UH-34D TARs, one (1) of which was a field recovery and the other an administrative move.

8 June - HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft supported Operations ALLEN BROOK, MAMELUKE THRUST, SCOTLAND II, NAPOLEON/SALINE and KENTUCKY carrying 119 tons of cargo. HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft on a reconnaissance insert were forced to abort due to heavy enemy fire.

9 June - CH-53A aircraft carried 132 tons of cargo in support of operations throughout the ICFZ.

10 June - HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft flew in support of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST receiving small arms and mortar fire. These aircraft carried 76 troops, 5.5 tons of cargo and 7 medevacs. HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft carried 158.3 tons of cargo in support of Operations MAMELUKE THRUST, ALLEN BROOK, SCOTLAND II and NAPOLEON/SALINE.

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11 June - The aircraft of HMM-463 carried 200 tons of cargo and 654 troops supporting Operations ALLEN BROOK, SCOTLAND II and KENTUCKY. Two (2) UH-34Ds were recovered from the field and one (1) UH-34D was carried administratively.

12 June - While supporting Operation ALLEN BROOK, one (1) HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft was downed after receiving 19 hits in a landing zone while attempting to pickup medevacs; later in the day the crew was returned to MMAF. CH-53A aircraft moved 197 tons of cargo during the day in support of 3rdMARDIV units along the DMZ, in the vicinity of Khe Sanh and the Cua Viet.

13 June - The CH-46A aircraft downed on 12 June was successfully recovered from the field by a CH-53A Sea Stallion. HML-167 UH-1E gunships received and returned fire on four (4) occasions while escorting CH-46A medevac aircraft.

14 June - Two (2) VMO-2 UH-1E gunships were credited with four (4) KBAs. One (1) HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft made a forced landing in the vicinity of Liberty Bridge due to intense enemy fire. HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft carried 168 tons in support of units in the northern IGTZ.

15 June - The command group of HMM-265 departed MMAF at 1200H for the USS Valley Forge, LPH-3; the remainder of the Squadron (Detachment "A") remained at MMAF under the operational control of MAG-16. HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft recovered one (1) CH-46 from the field and moved another administratively. While supporting the 1stMARDIV, VMO-2 UH-1E gunships were credited with destroying four (4) structures, damaging two (2) more, one (1) KBA confirmed and six (6) KBA possible.

16 June - HMM-164 began operations at MMAF after arriving from SLF "B" aboard the USS Valley Forge. CH-53A aircraft flew three (3) TARs, administratively carrying two (2) A-4Cs and one (1) UH-34D. Detachment "A" of HMM-265 and HMM-163 conducted routine operations.

17 June - While supporting Operations KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND II and LANCASTER, five (5) CH-53 aircraft carried 217 tons of cargo and 378 combat troops.

18 June - One (1) HMM-265 Detachment "A" CH-46A aircraft made an emergency landing due to engine failure; the aircraft was repaired later by a maintenance recovery team and flown back to MMAF. HMM-463 CH-53A Sea Stallion aircraft carried five (5) TARs recovering two (2) UH-1Es and one (1) UH-34D from the field and moving two (2) other UH-34Ds administratively.

19 June - One (1) HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft (YH-17) missing since 19 February 1968 was found crashed at ZC197247 which is 16.5 NM on the 310° radial of the Danang TACAN. One (1) CH-46A crashed at Khe Sanh

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causing strike damage to the aircraft and minor injury to one crewman. Also, one (1) HMM-265 Detachment "A" CH-46A aircraft made a forced landing at Hill 37 because of transmission trouble.

20 June - HMM-265 Detachment "A" CH-46A aircraft down at Hill 37 was returned to MMAF.

21 June - All squadrons conducted normal operations.

22 June - HMM-164 CH-46A aircraft carried 712 troops and 17 tons of cargo in support of Operations ALLEN BROOK and MAMELUKE THRUST.

23 June - HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft recovered one (1) UH-1E from the field and moved one (1) CH-46A administratively.

24 June - All squadrons conducted normal operations.

25 June - HMM-164 CH-46A aircraft transported 254 troops and 52 medevacs.

26 June - One (1) HMM-463 Detachment "A" CH-53A at Quang Tri was forced to fly single engine from Camp Carroll to Quang Tri due to engine failure; the aircraft was unable to land and remain at Camp Carroll due to incoming mortar fire.

27 June - VMO-2 UH-1E aircraft were credited with ten (10) confirmed KBA. At 0119H, seven (7) 122mm rockets impacted at MMAF causing two (2) WIA, one (1) KIA, minor damage to ten (10) UH-34D and one (1) U.S. Army UH-1D as well as inflicting limited damage on area SEA huts.

28 June - HMM-164 CH-46A aircraft evacuated 93 medevacs from Operations MAMELUKE THRUST and ALLEN BROOK areas. HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft carried 193 tons of cargo in support of Operations SCOTLAND II and NAPOLEON/SALINE.

29 June - At 0145H twenty (20) 82mm mortars impacted at MMAF causing two (2) WIA and minor damage to one (1) bunker. HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft carried 163 tons of cargo while supporting Operations SCOTLAND and KENTUCKY.

30 June - All squadrons conducted routine operations.

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Significant Events

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a. Number Joined 467

b. Number Dropped 424

c. Promotions:

(1) GySgt to MSgt	2
(2) SSgt to GySgt	3
(3) Sgt to SSgt	3
(4) Cpl to Sgt	41
(5) LCpl to Cpl	17
(6) PFC to LCpl	27
(7) Pvt to PFC	3

2. Awards:

## a. Bronze Star Medal

Lance Corporal Peter M. McHUGH	HML-167
Lance Corporal Richard L. WADE	VMO-2

3. Casualties

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1stLt	R. W. McILVIAN III	2 June 1968	19 Miles S Danang, RVN
Capt	W. E. DANIEL	4 June 1968	11 Miles S Danang, RVN
Major	T. M. WHEELER	5 June 1968	12 Miles SSW Danang, RVN
1stLt	A. T. RASK, Jr.	5 June 1968	12 Miles SSW Danang, RVN
Cpl	D. G. PADGETT	5 June 1968	12 Miles SSW Danang, RVN
Capt	D. W. KOCH	6 June 1968	46 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Cpl	Z. H. DONALDSON	11 June 1968	9 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	J. P. McMAHON	12 June 1968	10 Miles S Danang, RVN
Sgt	G. S. MARTIN	14 June 1968	11 Miles S Danang, RVN
Cpl	D. M. GILROY	14 June 1968	10 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	S. J. WILLIAMSON	19 June 1968	An Hoa, RVN
LCpl	T. J. HOGAN	19 June 1968	An Hoa, RVN
Cpl	A. J. KENNEDY	19 June 1968	An Hoa, RVN
HM-2	S. G. TOLAN	26 June 1968	An Hoa, RVN
Sgt	J. J. OLIVER	26 June 1968	8 Miles S Danang, RVN
Cpl	R. W. HILBORN	26 June 1968	8 Miles S Danang, RVN

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~~SECRET~~4. Civic Action

a. Medical. During the month of June, doctors and corpsmen from MAG-16 assisted at the Stella Maris Dispensary/Orphanage, the Protestant Orphanage and at the Boys Town Orphanage. In their continuing effort to win the trust and confidence of the local populace, the medical department treated 1679 patients and gave medical checkups every Thursday to the MAG-16 Vietnamese workers.

b. Education. MAG-16 began support of nine (9) more students under the General WALT Scholarship program, bringing the total to sixteen (16).

c. Projects. Work is drawing to a close on the Hoa-Long dispensary, Elementary school and Housing project. Opening ceremonies for the dispensary are scheduled for 15 July. Families are already residing in their new houses.

d. Give-Away. The Nui Kim San Popular Forces received 1000 sandbags, 21 rolls of concertina wire, 17 rolls of barbed wire and 102 metal stakes for security around Hoa-Long dispensary and school. In order to continue construction on the dispensary and school, MAG-16 donated eight (8) 4" X 4" X 8' posts, 18 sacks of cement and 10 gallons of green paint.

5. Morale-Welfare. During the month of June 1968, MAG-16 Chaplains provided Sunday and daily religious services at MMAF in addition to weekly services at An Hoa Airfield. The Group Catholic Chaplain also conducted Masses at the chapels of the 5th Comm. Bn. and MCB-128. The Chaplains ministry and allied activities are reflected in the following figures:

<u>Divine Services</u>	<u>Sunday/Att</u>	<u>Weekday/Att</u>	<u>Total Services/Att</u>
Protestant	10 557	25 116	35 673
Catholic	10 837	25 290	35 1127
L.D.S.	5 65	4 21	9 76
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25 1459</b>	<b>54 427</b>	<b>79 1876</b>

<u>Memorial Services</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
	3	166

<u>Lectures</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
	4	123

a. Schedule of Weekly Religious Services

Sunday	Catholic Confession	0730
	Catholic Mass	0800
	Protestant Sunday School	0900

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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 Service	1900

<u>Thursday</u>	World Religious Classes (Interdenominational)	1830
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<u>Saturday</u>	Protestant Choir Practice	1830
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6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence. 234 fire incidents were reported during the month of June, this constitutes a decrease of 222 from the month of May. 52 of these fire incidents resulted in aircraft hits, this was a decrease of 46 from the month of May. Because of the significant decrease in fire incidents, flight hours per fire incident was 31.2, an increase of 14.9 hours per fire incident from the previous month. In a like manner, flight hours per aircraft hit were 140.4, an increase of 64.7 hours per aircraft hit from the previous month, while hours per aircrew spot report decreased 202.9 from 463.7 the previous month to 260.8 for the month of June.

7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-265</u> (1-15)	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>Det "A"</u> (16-30)	<u>HMM-164</u> (16-30)	<u>CH-46A</u>
Hours	645.3	270.3	Hours	489.8
Sorties	2283	944	Sorties	1868
Pax	3916	1355	Pax	1738
Evacs	756	145	Evacs	395
Cargo (Tons)	349.7 T	147.4 T	Cargo (Tons)	298.0 T

<u>HMH-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>TAR</u>
Hours	1082.6	UH-34D - 28 (19 Admin; 9 Field)
Sorties	3853	UH-1E - 7 (5 Admin; 2 Field)
Pax	8763	CH-46 - 5 (2 Admin; 3 Field)
Cargo (Tons)	4280.4 T	A-4C - 2 (2 Admin)
		O-1 - 1 (1 Admin)

<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>O-1C/G</u>	<u>HML-167</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>
Hours	1260.6	803.2	Hours	1051.5
Sorties	3231	306	Sorties	3165
Pax	195	- -	Pax	2057
Evacs	293	- -	Evacs	2

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<u>HMM-163</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>245th SAC</u>	<u>OV-1B/C, U-6A</u>
Hours	1661.9	Hours	876
Sorties	5736	Sorties	405
Pax	3168	Pax	--
Evacs	982	Evacs	--
Cargo (Tons)	264.4 T	Cargo (Tons)	--

<u>HMM-16</u>	<u>C-119D</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Hours	63.8	45.4	2.1	111.3	Hours	8252.5
Sorties	75	30	3	108	Sorties	21,899
Pax	927	--	--	927	Pax	22,119
Evacs	--	--	--	--	Evacs	2573
Cargo (Tons)	16.4	--	--	16.4	Cargo (Tons)	5356.3 T

8. Ground Defense. During the month additional bunkers and defensive positions were built and existing bunkers were improved. Concertina wire was layed along the MMAF beachfront.

9. Motor Transport. During the month of June 1968, the Marble Mountain Air Facility Motor Transport Section traveled 61,710 miles, hauled 1,590,900 gallons of water, 23,200 gallons of MOGAS, 15,600 gallons of diesel fuel, 990 gallons of A/C oil, 1864 short tons of cargo and transported 34,333 passengers.

10. TAFDS. During the month of June 1968, the TAFDS Section issued the following amounts of fuel at the locations indicated:

<u>Station</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	146,007 gal.	584,738 gal.
An Hoa	3,147	101,605
<u>Hill 55</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>176,222</u>
TOTAL	149,154 gal.	862,565 gal.

On 26 June 1968 TAFDS Section increased their capacity at Hill 55 from 20,000 gallons to 30,000 gallons of JP-4 fuel.

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

<u>Field</u>	<u>A/C Standby</u>	<u>A/C Fires</u>	<u>Structural Response</u>	<u>Structural Fires</u>
MMAF	34	3	3	3
An Hoa	5	0	2	2

12. Base Operations. During the month of June, reconstruction of the East parking apron from PSP to ASP was completed. Runway and taxiway painting was also completed. Windssocks were relocated closer to the ends of the runway and moved 125 feet from the edge of the runway.

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The tower conducted the following operations:

Fixed Wing Operations	4,223
Helicopter Operations	22,235
Total Operations	26,458
IFR Operations	40

13. Food Services. There were approximately 210,000 meals served at the MMAF messhalls during June. This figure represents an approximate increase of 6000 meals over the month of May.

14. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. During the month of June the Water Point personnel processed a total of 1,881,150 gallons of potable water. Of this total 46,000 gallons were issued to other units outside of MAG-16.

b. Paint Shop. During the month, the paint shop completed some twenty-five (25) work orders.

c. Electric Shop. The Electric Shop personnel completed 113 work orders during the month.

d. Plumbing Shop. The Plumbing Shop personnel completed twenty-seven (27) work orders.

e. Refrigeration Shop. This shop completed fifty (50) work orders.

f. Carpenter Shop. Ninety-seven (97) work orders were completed by carpenter shop personnel during the month of June.

g. Base Laundry. The Base Laundry processed 41,690 pounds of clothing during the month of June and collected organizational gear to be turned over to the civilian laundry service. Individual bundle service continues to be available to all ranks.

15. Heavy Equipment. On 11 June 1968, Heavy Equipment became a separate section under the direction of 1stLt J. H. WEBB. 568 work requests were completed.

16. Ordnance. During the month of June, MABS-16 Ordnance Section issued a total of 2,972 2.75" white phosphorus and high explosive rockets, 422,890 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 2,981 pounds of assorted smoke and chemical agents.

17. Exchange. Exchange sales for the month totaled \$53,664.26; James S. LEE, \$3,656.05; Saehan Photo, \$2965.40; Huynh Phung Gift Shop \$7,457.25, sales for Loc SVD LTD. Barber Shops totaled \$1,716.35 and Sax Tailor sales totaled \$11,454.30.

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18. Logistics. Air Freight processed from MMAF during June:

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Passengers</u>
277,957 lbs.	13,197	256

19. Communications.

a. Total volume of messages handled by the MAG-16 Communications Center was 6,786, a sharp decrease of 1,165 from the month of May. 163 hours of down time was experienced during the month, mainly due to the change over to the new rail system in Danang West.

b. 147 items of equipment were processed with 116 being returned to use. 22 items of equipment were forwarded to higher echelon for maintenance and 17 were returned.

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<u>Field</u>	<u>A/C Standby</u>	<u>A/C Fires</u>	<u>Structural Response</u>	<u>Structural Fires</u>
MMAF	52	1	4	3
An Hoa	6	0	0	0

12. Base Operations. During the month of May reconstruction of the East parking apron from PSP to ASP was continued. Also the runway and taxiway repainting commenced. Total operations conducted during May at MMAF were as follows:

Fixed Wing Operations	4,522
Helicopter Operations	24,035
Total Operations	28,557
IFR Operations	23

13. Food Services. There were approximately 204,600 meals served at the MMAF messhalls during May. This figure represents an approximate increase of 10,000 meals.14. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. During the month of May the Water Point personnel processed a total of 1,819,00 gallons of water. There was no non-potable water distributed during the month of May. A well consisting of two lateral well screens is being installed. The Water Point is about 75% complete. All wells presently in use at the Water Point are in good condition.

b. Paint Shop. During the month of May the Paint Shop personnel completed some twenty (20) work orders.

c. Electric Shop. During the month of May the Electric Shop completed about 150 work orders.

d. Plumbing Shop. During the month of May the Plumbing Shop completed fourteen (14) work orders.

e. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of May the Refrigeration Shop completed thirty-nine (39) work orders.

f. Heavy Equipment Shop. During the month of May the Heavy Equipment Shop completed some 783 equipment runs throughout the base to do various jobs.

g. Carpenter Shop. During the month of May the Carpenter Shop completed seventy-four (74) work orders.

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h. Base Laundry. The Base Laundry processed 66,475 pounds of clothing during the month of May. This includes organizational gear that is collected and turned over to the civilian laundry service. The individual bundle service has continued to be available to all ranks.

15. Exchange. During the month of May 1968, the exchange sales were \$55,529.82. Sales for James S. LEE totaled \$4,184.05. Sales for Sachan Photo totaled \$2,039.80. Sales for Huynh Phung Gift Shop totaled \$7,009.00. Sales of LOC SVP LTD Barber Shops totaled \$1,714.95. Sales for Sax Tailor totaled \$12,436.20.

16. Ordinance. During the month May 1968, the MABS-16 Ordnance Section issued a total of 4,709 2.75" White Phosphorous and High Explosive rockets, 550,220 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 1,598 pounds of smoke and chemical agents.

17. Logistics. Air Freight processed from MMAF during May:

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Passengers</u>
280,302 lbs.	11,996	294

18. Communications

a. Total volume of message traffic handled was 7,951. 106 hours of down time was experienced during the month.

b. 124 items of equipment were processed by the repair section. Nine (9) items of equipment were sent to higher echelon for maintenance.

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 245th SURVEILLANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY  
 212th COMBAT SUPPORT AVIATION BATTALION  
 APO 96337

5 June 1968

TO: Commanding Officer  
 MAG 16  
 ATTN: S-3

FROM: Commanding Officer  
 245th SAC  
 APO 96337

SUBJECT: Command Chronology for period 1-31 May 1968; submission of  
 REF: (a) 1st MAW Order 5750.1B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted.

2. Command Composition

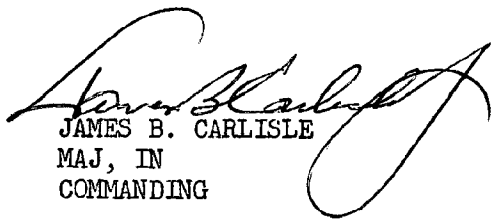
<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO	Carlisle, James B.	MAJ	1-31 May 1968

3. Task Organization

Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

4. Air Operations - Period 1-31 May 1968

Type Aircraft	<u>OV-1B,C U-6A</u>
Hours	<u>987</u>
Sorties	<u>483</u>
Pax	<u>N/A</u>
Evacs	<u>N/A</u>
Cargo (tons)	<u>N/A</u>

  
 JAMES B. CARLISLE  
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