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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
Marine Aircraft Group 16
Marble Mountain Air Facility
Republic of Vietnam
Period covered: 1 thru 31 July 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	1-31 July 1968
XO, MAG-16	R. LEWIS, Jr.	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
Adjutant	G. J. MAREK	1stLt	1-14 July 1968
Adjutant	G. K. RAINWATER	Captain	15-31 July 1968
S-1	F. W. CRONE	Major	1-31 July 1968
S-2	R. C. FLYNN	Captain	1-31 July 1968
S-3	F. M. KLEPPSATTER, Jr.	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
S-4	T. F. MILLER	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, H&MS-16	M. G. ROBBINS	LtCol	1-11 July 1968
CO, H&MS-16	W. L. WHELAN	Major	12-31 July 1968
CO, MABS-16	R. F. RICK	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, VMO-2	S. J. FULTON	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, HMM-163	R. G. COURTNEY	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, HMM-164	W. E. SMILAWINCH, Jr.	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, HML-167	G. H. DUNN II	Major	1-31 July 1968
O in C, HMM-265 Det "A"	R. L. YANKE	Major	1-7 July 1968
CO, HMM-463	J. G. WALKER	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, 245th SAC	J. B. CARLISLE	Major AUS	1-31 July 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
 HMM-164 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HML-167 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMM-265 Det "A" - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-7 July 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	562	Ø	Ø
MABS-16	23	663	3	2Ø
VMO-2	46	211	1	Ø
HMM-163	41	164	1	Ø
HMM-164	48	177	1	Ø
HML-167	25	1ØØ	Ø	Ø
HMM-463	61	277	1	Ø

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a. On 4 July 1968, Major General QUILTER, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, toured Marine Aircraft Group 16 and was briefed by the Commanding Officer of MAG-16.

b. On 6 July 1968, Rear Admiral CHILDRESS toured Marine Aircraft Group 16, and was briefed on its mission.

c. On 6 July 1968, Major General TOMKINS, Deputy Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force, Major General QUILTER, Commanding General First Marine Aircraft Wing, and Brigadier General ANDERSON, Assistant Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 to witness the arrival of six OV-10As.

d. On 7 July 1968, Major General QUILTER, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 for an awards ceremony, in which he presented one (1) Bronze Star Medal, one (1) Distinguished Flying Cross Medal and twenty-two (22) Purple Heart Medals.

e. On 29 July 1968, Lieutenant General BUSE Jr., Commanding General, FMFPac, and his official party visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 for a tour and briefing by the Commanding Officer of MAG-16.

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PART II
Narrative Summary

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| a. Operation ALLEN BROOK | 1-31 July 1968 |
| b. Operation KENTUCKY | 1-31 July 1968 |
| c. Operation DRAGON PALACE II | 1-31 July 1968 |
| d. Operation MAMELUKE THRUST | 1-31 July 1968 |
| e. Operation SCOTLAND II | 1-31 July 1968 |
| f. Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE | 1-18 July 1968 |
| g. Operation POCAHANTAS FOREST | 8-17 July 1968 |
| h. Operation EAGER YANKEE | 9-11 July 1968 |
| i. Operation HOUSTON | 13 July 1968 |
| j. Operation LANCASTER II | 20-27 July 1968 |

2. General Summary

a. Marine Aircraft Group 16 helicopters and fixed wing supported Army, Navy, ROKMC and USMC units throughout the ICTZ during the month.

b. HMM-164 continued to augment the normal medevac package and worked in support of Operations ALLEN BROOK and MAMELUKE THRUST.

c. On 6 July, VMO-2 received the first six Marine OV-10A's to arrive in Vietnam. The OV-10A's flew 499.5 hours during the month of July working throughout the ICTZ.

d. HMM-463 crews were used extensively during the withdrawal from Khe Sanh. Approximately one million pounds of equipment and personal baggage were transported from Khe Sanh to LZ STUD and Dong Ha LSA.

3. Chronological Summary

In the following Chronological Summary emphasis is placed on the activities of MAG-16 transport helicopters.

MAG-16's UH-1E helicopters flew standard missions throughout the month. Normal missions flown were; medevac escort, resupply escort, recon inserts and extracts, APD missions, VIP flights, visual reconnaissance and "Fire-Fly" missions. VMO-2 and HMM-167 continued to operate closely with both Squadron's pilots flying gunships of the other squadron. However, all "slick" UH-1E missions continued to be flown only by the HMM-167 pilots.

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VMO-2 averaged 37 hours and 100 sorties daily. HML-167 averaged 41 hours and 119 sorties daily. The OV-10A's of VMO-2 logged an average of 16.1 hours and 30 sorties daily during their first month in country.

4. Chronological Summary

1 July - While supporting Operations Mameluke Thrust, Scotland II, Kentucky and Napoleon/Saline, HMM-463 flew for 37.6 hours and transported 434 troops and 125.3 tons of cargo. HMM-163 flew 43.6 hours, of which 4.2 hours were flown on night medevac. The squadron carried 68 passengers and 1.2 tons of cargo. Twenty sorties were flown by HMM-163 in support of the ROKMC. Sea Knight CH-46's from HMM-164 flew 90 sorties in 23 hours flight time, carried 148 troops, transported 12.3 tons, and extracted one medevac. Detachment Alfa, of HMM-265, continued to fly in support of the 1st MAW while the rest of the squadron was in Subic Bay.

2 July - HMM-163, flying the UH-34D, logged 56.2 hours, which included 5.2 hours flown by the night medevac helicopter. The squadron transported 104 passengers, 31 medevacs and 9.6 tons of cargo, which included moving of 46 passengers and 5.1 tons for the ROKMC. HMM-164 flew 44.0 flight hours, carried 147 troops, 26.3 tons of cargo and 76 medevacs. HMM-463 flew in support of Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline, logged 38.5 hours, transported 206 troops and 168.6 tons of cargo. Four TAR missions were completed, one A-4C and a UH-34 administratively, and two UH-1E gunships from the field. Majors EDWARD A. HARNEY (pilot) and WILLIAM J. LOTTMAN (co-pilot) exhibited courage and exemplary airmanship in the recovery of one of the UH-1E's while the zone was under attack by enemy mortars. Ignoring the enemy fire, the Sea Stallion hooked up to a crippled UH-1E gunship, and saved it from almost certain destruction by mortar fire.

3 July - HMM-463 logged 43.0 hours, transported 910 troops and 199.0 tons of cargo in support of Operations Napoleon/Saline and Scotland II. HMM-163 flew 4.9 hours on night medevac and 46 hours during the day, which included 33 passengers and 68 medevacs. The UH-34Ds were flown in direct support of USMC and ROKMC units. Sea Knight CH-46s from HMM-164, flew 45.3 hours, carried 279 troops, 23 medevacs and lifted 15.6 tons of cargo. A reconnaissance team, which had just been inserted at ZC 064864, came under heavy attack as the helicopter departed. With complete disregard for his own safety Captain LITTLER (pilot) turned back into the zone to extract the recon team. At about 100 feet above the zone, the CH-46A (YT-13) piloted by Captain LITTLER was taken under intensive automatic weapons and possible RPG fire. The helicopter caught fire in the aft transmission area and at the same time the pilot and co-pilot were hit in the neck by small arms fire. Out of control, the aircraft crashed to the ground on top of the eight man recon team that the crew had so heroically tried to save. All 8 members of the recon team were killed as well as the four crewmembers in the aircraft and one recon man in the aircraft. The dead crewmembers were: Captain J. M. C. LITTLER (Pilot), 1stLt. R. C. DALEY (CO-pilot), SSgt J. C. BILENSKI and Cpl R. B. LITTLE. At 2130H

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MMAF received 6 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. One rocket armed with a delayed fuse, caused a 5' x 5' hole in the runway. Detachment Alfa of HMM-265 (representing 85% of squadron assets) completed day carrier qualifications aboard the USS Tripoli.

4 July - Major General QUILTER, CG, 1st MAF, toured MAG-16 and was briefed on the current status of the Group. HMM-164 flew 36.0 hours, carried 526 troops, 2 medevacs and 14 tons of cargo. Squadron aircraft came under heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire at AT 808628 which resulted in two hits and Cpl F. L. MARTINEZ received minor wounds. HMM-463 transported 633 troops and 308.3 tons of cargo in 45.8 hours while supporting Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline. The squadron also administratively moved one UH-34D. UH-34D's from HMM-163 flew 49.6 hours, carried 10.6 tons of cargo, 103 passengers and 36 medevacs. While on a medevac mission, one helicopter received one 50 caliber hit which caused limited damage and no injuries. The aircraft returned safely to MMAF. USMC and ROKMC units were supported. Detachment Alfa CH-46's from HMM-265 completed night carrier qualifications in preparation for going aboard the USS Tripoli.

5 July - HMM-463 carried 484 troops, and 115.3 tons of cargo and administratively moved a UH-34D which totaled 31.0 hours in support of Operations Maneluke Thrust, Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline. HMM-163 logged 50.6 hours, transported 112 passengers, 42 medevacs and 2.7 tons of cargo. Two squadron aircraft were hit by enemy fire while on medevac missions. The damage to the two aircraft was slight and there were no injuries. CH-46's from HMM-164 flew 39.9 hours carrying 273 troops, 31 medevacs and 19 tons of cargo. One aircraft was hit by small arms fire at AT 895520. There were no injuries and the aircraft returned safely to MMAF.

6 July - Six (6) OV-10A's arrived at MMAF from Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines and were greeted by Major General QUILTER, CG, 1st MAF. The OV-10A's are assigned to VMO-2 at MMAF. Rear Admiral Childress also visited MMAF. The Admiral toured MAG-16 and was briefed on its mission by Col E. O. REED, CO, MAG-16. HMM-163 flew 20.3 hours, carried 31 passengers and 18 medevacs. CH-46s from HMM-164 flew 51.5 hours, carried 221 troops, 23 medevacs and 46.8 tons of cargo. HMM-463 carried one CH-46 administratively and recovered one UH-1E and one CH-46A from the field. The squadron supported Operations Scotland II, Napoleon/Saline and Kentucky, logged 60.1 hours and transported 1438 troops and 145 tons of cargo.

7 July - Major General QUILTER, CG, 1st MAF, visited MMAF and presented one (1) Bronze Star Medal to Cpl D. D. WEATHERS of HML-167, and one (1) Distinguished Flying Cross Medal to Capt. M. F. PIXTON of HML-167 and three (3) Purple Heart Medals. Detachment Alfa of HMM-265 was chopped from MAG-16's OPCON at 0700H to join its parent unit aboard the USS Tripoli in support of SLF "B". HMM-164 logged 29.6 flight hours, moved 181 troops, 1 medevac and 8 tons of cargo. In support of Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline, CH-53A helicopters from HMM-463 flew 52.7 hours, carried 732 troops and 236.1 tons of cargo. Three helicopters, one

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UH-1E and two UH-34D's were administratively moved in support of III MAF. UH-34D's from HMM-163 flew 40.1 hours, carried 35 passengers and 28 medevacs.

8 July - One UH-1E gunship from VMO-2 was forced down in the field with a 50 caliber round in the tail rotor. The downed UH-1E was quickly removed with a CH-53A from HMM-463. During a quick reaction troop insert two HMM-167 UH-1E gunships delivered suppressive fire on suspected enemy positions after two transport helicopters, CH-46's, had been fired upon. HMM-167 gunships were credited with 3 structures destroyed and five (5) confirmed KBA. HMM-164 flew 40.7 hours, carried 217 troops, 24 medevacs and 1.4 tons of cargo. In support of Operations Napoleon/Saline and Scotland II, HMM-463 helicopters flew 44.3 hours and transported 706 troops and 250 tons of cargo. The squadron lifted two UH-34D's administratively in support of III MAF.

9 July - HMM-164 flew 40.4 hours, lifted 212 troops, 3 medevacs and 20 tons of cargo. HMM-163 flew 71.2 hours, transporting 145 passengers, 44 medevacs and 14.8 tons of cargo. The squadron's UH-34D's supporting the ROKMC received intense small arms fire throughout grid square BT 1063. The aircraft received numerous hits causing numerous damage but all aircraft returned safely to MMAF with no injuries. HMM-463 flew 37.5 hours, transported 236 troops and 164.6 tons of cargo in support of Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline. In support of III MAF, one UH-34D was administratively lifted.

10 July - UH-34D's from HMM-163 logged 35.6 hours, carried 17 passengers and 1.4 tons of cargo. HMM-463's aircraft flew 30.3 hours, transported 253 troops and 154.3 tons of cargo while supporting Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline. One UH-34D was recovered from the field in support of III MAF. HMM-164 flew 51.9 hours, lifted 400 troops, 29 medevacs and 41.5 tons of cargo.

11 July - HMM-163's helicopters flew 51.1 hours carrying 115 passengers 43 medevacs and 17.9 tons of cargo. CH-46's from HMM-164 carried 64 medevacs, 631 troops and 24.1 tons of cargo in 53.2 hours. The big CH-53A helicopters of HMM-463 supported Operation Scotland II by transporting 42 troops and 182.9 tons of cargo in 32.9 hours. III MAF was administratively supported by movement of two UH-1E's.

12 July - A VMO-2 UH-1E gunship, in support of the ROKMC, fired rockets at suspected enemy positions resulting in two (2) confirmed KBA. HMM-164 carried 341 troops, 18 medevacs and 47.8 tons of cargo, in 61.7 hours of flight time. In 51.6 hours, HMM-163 carried 123 passengers, 51 medevacs and 16.8 tons of cargo. HMM-463, in support of Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline, flew 42.6 hours, moved 932 troops and 145.1 tons of cargo. For III MAF administrative purposes, the CH-53 squadron transported one UH-1E and two UH-34D's.

13 July - In administrative support of III MAF one UH-1E and one UH-34D were moved by HMM-463. The CH-53's of that squadron also supported Operations Napoleon/Saline and Scotland II, flying 47.5 hours while carry-

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ing 253 troops and 307.2 tons of cargo. The CH-46's of HMM-164 flew for 65.6 hours and transported 612 troops, 28 medevacs and 42.3 tons of cargo. HMM-163 logged 56.0 hours, transported 147 passengers, 54 medevacs and 15.2 tons of cargo. The squadron supported USMC and ROKMC units throughout the day. One medevac aircraft was hit by small arms which caused minor damage, but the aircraft returned to MMAF safely with no personnel injuries.

14 July - HMM-164 flew 61.6 hours, carried 44 medevacs, 224 troops and 48.4 tons of cargo. Captain F. L. GAUSE received a minor hand wound when the CH-46A in which he was co-pilot received fire from coordinates AT 889505. An HMM-163 helicopter received minor damage when it was hit while on a medevac mission. The squadron carried 70 passengers and 63 medevacs in 39.5 hours. HMM-463 flew 36.7, transported 276 troops and 231.2 tons of cargo. One CH-46 and one UH-1E were recovered from field positions in support of III MAF by the giant CH-53A helicopter.

15 July - HMM-163 pilots logged 41.6 hours, carried 131 passengers and 3.5 tons of cargo. The CH-53A's were employed in support of Operations Scotland II and Kentucky. One UH-1E and two CH-46's were recovered from the field while one UH-34D was lifted administratively. The squadron flew a total of 31.0 hours transporting 144.1 tons of cargo and 216 troops. HMM-164 pilots logged 68.1 hours, carried 408 troops, 81 medevacs and 42.6 tons of cargo.

16 July - HMM-164 carried 314 troops, 59.7 tons of cargo and 19 medevacs in 60.0 flight hours. CH-53A helicopters flew 19.1 hours and transported 122 troops and 80.0 tons of cargo while supporting Operation Scotland II. Flying in support of USMC units HMM-163 pilots flew 35.3 hours, carried 6 passengers and 23 medevacs. The night medevac UH-34D received heavy fire at BT 097640 but limped back to the NSA pad. With numerous rounds in the transmission and the tail pylon, the pilot considered the aircraft unsafe for flight and left it at the NSA Pad over-night. The aircraft was lifted to MMAF by a CH-53 the next morning.

17 July - HMM-163 flew 26.7 hours in support of USMC and ROKMC units. HMM-164 flew 60.8 hours, carried 315 troops, 7 medevacs, and 57.1 tons of cargo. HMM-463's CH-53A helicopters were utilized for 34.7 hours in support of Operations Scotland II and Kentucky and transported 246 troops and 83.1 tons of cargo. One UH-1E was administratively moved in support of III MAF.

18 July - Operations Napoleon/Saline, Kentucky and Scotland II were supported by CH-53A helicopters for 31.1 hours, during this time 345 troops and 115.8 tons of cargo were moved. One UH-1E was carried in support of III MAF on an administrative move. HMM-164 moved 653 troops, 40 medevacs and 50.6 tons of cargo in 74.8 flight hours. 43.7 hours were logged by HMM-163 in moving 117 passengers, 52 medevacs and 8.2 tons of cargo. Enemy activity caused one hit with minor damage to the CH-46 with no personnel injuries reported.

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19 July - HMM-163 transported 147 passengers, 52 medevacs and 11.6 tons of cargo totaling 70.3 hours. Only one fire incident was reported, resulting in minor damage to the helicopter and no personnel injuries. The CH-53A's transported two UH-1E's and one UH-34D on administrative flights for III MAF. Operations Kentucky and Scotland II were supported by CH-53A's from HMM-463; 167 troops and 143.1 tons of cargo were transported in 36.2 hours. In HMM-164, pilots flew 54.1 hours, carried 849 troops, 10 medevacs and 16.0 tons of cargo.

20 July - HMM-463 pilots transported 154 troops and 108.0 tons of cargo while flying for 28.1 hours in support of Operations Scotland II and Kentucky. A CH-46A was also lifted administratively for III MAF. HMM-164 moved 494 troops, 7 medevacs and 51.1 tons of cargo during 56.5 flight hours. HMM-163 reported one fire incident with minor damage and no personnel injuries during 27.0 hours of flight time.

21 July - A HMM-167 crew flying in a UH-1E from VMO-2 received hits in the vicinity of Hill 65. The aircraft was unable to maintain flight and crashed killing all four crewmembers. HMM-463 flew 21.9 hours, lifted 154 troops and 80.8 tons of cargo in support of Operation Scotland II. One O-1C observation aircraft was lifted administratively by a CH-53A. HMM-163 logged 33.9 flight hours, transported 13.2 tons of cargo and 54 passengers. Heavy enemy activity resulted in 17 hits but no injuries in the CH-46's of HMM-164. The heavy fire came from coordinates AT 824504, AT 900565, AT 835515, BT 032524, and BT 024719. HMM-164 flew 53.6 hours and transported 406 troops and 24.4 tons of cargo.

22 July - HMM-163 UH-34D's were flown for 42.9 hours, carried 76 passengers, 28 medevacs and 16 tons of cargo. CH-46's from HMM-164 lifted 265 troops; 7 medevacs and 4.5 tons of cargo in 21.7 flight hours. Enemy fire was received throughout the day but no hits or injuries were reported. HMM-463 flew 26.3 hours, transported 512 troops and 115.3 tons of cargo while supporting Operation Scotland II.

23 July - At 0005H, MMAF received 53, 82mm mortar rounds all within the airfield perimeter. Damage was moderate, HMM-463 maintenance hangar received a direct hit, several CH-53 aircraft received shrapnel damage. There were also numerous holes in the ASP along the East parking apron. All damage was expeditiously repaired. Twenty five (25) medevacs, 212 troops and 19.8 tons of cargo were moved by HMM-164 CH-46's during 34.5 flight hours. Enemy action had no deleterious affect on the squadron activities. Scotland II was the only operation supported by HMM-463. The squadron flew 24.4 hours and transported 512 troops and 115.3 tons of cargo. HMM-163 carried 112 passengers, 57 medevacs and 15.7 tons of cargo while flying in support of USMC units for 43.4 hours.

24 July - CH-53A's from HMM-463 lifted one UH-1E administratively for III MAF as well as supporting Operations Scotland II and Kentucky by flying 29.7 hours and moving 503 troops and 136.9 tons of cargo. 17.4 hours were logged by HMM-163 crews. While subjected to small arms and mortar fire,

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CH-46 crews from HMM-164 flew 45.8 hours, transported 438 troops, 23 medevacs and 25.4 tons of cargo. The enemy was unable to damage any of the CH-46's despite unusually heavy fire.

25 July - Heavy enemy ground fire was responsible for downing one OV-10A from VMO-2 at coordinates BT 0155. The newly arrived aircraft crashed and burned with no known survivors. HMM-164 flew only 20.1 hours, carried 81 troops, 21 medevacs and 14.9 tons of cargo. UH-34D's of HMM-163 logged 41.7 hours, transported 192 passengers and 40 medevacs. Three fire incidents were reported resulting in minor damage and no injuries. HMM-463 lifted 297 troops and 85.3 tons of cargo while flying 24.7 hours. Operations Scotland II and Kentucky were supported. One UH-1E was transported for administrative purposes in support of III MAF.

26 July - One OV-10A from VMO-2, flying in support of E/2/5 in contact with enemy units, ran 6 flights of fixed-wing and 1 artillery mission. These strikes resulted in 14 structures destroyed, 6 damaged, and 2 bunkers destroyed. HMM-463 administratively moved one UH-34D for III MAF. The squadron also supported Operation Scotland II, flew 24.0 hours, transported 90 troops and 116.9 tons of cargo. HMM-163 crews carried 138 passengers and 24 medevacs and logged 55.1 hours. No fire incidents were reported by 163 crews. Crews from HMM-164 flew their CH-46's for 36.8 hours and lifted 227 troops and 20.1 tons of cargo. A CH-46 sustained one hit at coordinates AT 909517 with no injuries reported.

27 July - CH-46's from HMM-164 lifted 18 medevacs 336 troops and 18.4 tons of cargo in 47.1 hours. Small arms fire was received on numerous occasions but no hits were sustained. HMM-163 flew 47.8 hours, delivered 89 passengers and 56 medevacs. One UH-34D from HMM-163 was left in the field overnight due to engine failure. 460.5 tons of cargo and 334 troops were moved by the CH-53A's of HMM-463 in 51.4 hours of flight time. Operations Scotland II and Kentucky were supported.

28 July - HMM-163 flew 50.4 hours supporting 1st and 3rd MARDIV units in the field. One CH-53A (YH-16) Bureau Number 153284 crashed and burned killing all five crewmembers. The cause of the crash is unknown. Other CH-53's flew 39.1 hours, transported 588 troops and 212.8 tons of cargo in support of Operations Kentucky and Lancaster III. The squadron recovered one UH-34D from the field and returned it to HMM-163 for repairs. One UH-1E was moved administratively. 1stLt. J. C. ASTLE sustained a superficial leg wound when the CH-46 from HMM-164, in which he was co-pilot, was taken under intense automatic weapons fire at coordinates AT 889503. HMM-164 logged 36.4 flight hours, carried 250 troops, 4 emergency medevacs, and 15.2 tons of cargo.

29 July - Lieutenant General H. W. BUSE Jr., Commanding General FMFPac, and his official party visited MMAF for a tour of the base and a briefing by the Commanding Officer of MAG-16. HMM-164 flew 44.5 hours, carried 292 troops, 64 medevacs and 36.5 tons of cargo. Enemy ground fire was intense but no hits or injuries were sustained. Operations

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Napoleon/Saline, Kentucky and Lancaster III were supported by CH-53's from HMM-463. The CH-53's logged 39.0 hours, transported 777 troops and 158.5 tons of cargo. Two UH-34D's were administratively lifted in support of III MAF. UH-34D, Sea Horse helicopters, from HMM-163 flew 34.5 hours and reported no fire incidents.

30 July - Emergency blood was carried from Danang to Dong Ha by an OV-10A from VMO-2. Crews from HMM-164, flying the CH-46, received fire from coordinates AT 813753, AT 958625, BT 059545 and ZC 083853 but no hits were scored by the enemy gunners. The squadron logged 74.3 hours, lifted 477 troops, 32 medevacs and 57.7 tons of cargo. HMM-163 reported three fire incidents, flew 37.6 hours and lifted 136 passengers and 54 medevacs. HMM-463 flew for 35.7 hours transported 759 troops and delivered 152.9 tons of cargo. One UH-1E was lifted on an administratively mission in support of III MAF.

31 July - HMM-163 reported three fire incidents which resulted in light damage and no crew injuries. The squadron's UH-34D's logged 34.5 hours in support of Marine units in the field. CH-53A's from HMM-463 logged 19.9 hours, lifted 555 troops and 60.3 tons. The Sea Stallions supported Operations Scotland II and Lancaster III. Sea Knight CH-46's from HMM-164 flew 37.5, transported 364 troops, 17 medevacs and 11.3 tons of cargo.

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APD - Airborne Personnel Detector
 ASP - Asphalt
 FIREFLY - UH-1E fitted with a night illumination light
 HMM-463 - Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 (CH-53A)
 HMM-167 - Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 (UH-1E)
 HMM-163 - Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 (UH-34D)
 HMM-164 - Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 164 (CH-46A&D)
 HMM-265 - Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 (CH-46A)
 KBA - Killed By Air
 LSA - Logistic Support Area
 MAG-16 - Marine Aircraft Group 16
 MMAF - Marble Mountain Air Facility
 NSA - Naval Support Activity
 SLF "B" - Special Landing Force Bravo
 TAR - Tactical Aircraft Recovery
 VMO-2 - Marine Observation Squadron 2 (UH-1E, OV-10A)
 III MAF - Third Marine Amphibious Force

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PART III
Significant Events

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a. Number Joined	166
b. Number Dropped	296
c. Promotions:	
(1) Major to LtCol	2
(2) 1stLt to Captain	1
(3) 2ndLt to 1stLt	5
(4) WO to CWO-2	7
(5) SSgt to GSgt	1
(6) Cpl to Sgt	4
(7) LCpl to Cpl	33
(8) PFC to LCpl	15
(9) Pvt to PFC	6

2. Awards:

a. Distinguished Flying Cross

Captain M. F. PIXTON	HML-167
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b. Bronze Star Medal

Corporal D. D. WEATHERS	HML-167
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c. Navy Achievement Medal

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d. Good Conduct Medal

MABS-16	6
HMH-463	1

e. Air Medal (First Award)

HAMS-16	6
HMM-163	38
HML-167	24
HMH-463	9

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f. Purple Heart Medals

HKMS-16	1	HMO-2	5	HML-167	3
MABS-16	3	HMM-163	7	HMH-463	3

3. Casualtiesa. Hostile

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Capt	J. L. M. LITTLER, III	3 July 1968	21 Miles NW Danang, RVN
1stLt	R. C. DALEY	3 July 1968	21 Miles NW Danang, RVN
SSgt	J. C. BILENSKI	3 July 1968	21 Miles NW Danang, RVN
Cpl	R. B. LITTLE	3 July 1968	21 Miles NW Danang, RVN
Maj	J. B. BROWN	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	D. M. WRIGHTSMAN	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	R. S. HAYMES	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	C. L. SMITH	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	G. "C" BUSTOS	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	L. D. WINTERTON	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	R. J. NICHOLS	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	R. L. WEILER	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	M. E. GONZALES	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	A. P. ROUSSELL	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	F. L. MARTINEZ	4 July 1968	12 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	T. B. DAY	8 July 1968	2 Miles S MMAF, RVN
1stLt	S. I. HURME	10 July 1968	3 Miles S Danang, RVN
LCpl	W. E. RAY	20 July 1968	4 Miles N An Hoa, RVN
1stLt	R. M. LURIE	21 July 1968	11 Miles SW Danang, RVN
1stLt	D. L. GLOER	21 July 1968	11 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Sgt	W. H. FOSTER	21 July 1968	11 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	K. L. NORWORTHY	21 July 1968	11 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Capt	A. L. TRIPP	25 July 1968	12 Miles S Danang, RVN
1stLt	J. C. ASTLE	28 July 1968	3 Miles NW An Hoa, RVN

b. Non-Hostile

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
LCpl	R. J. LaSALLE	17 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Maj	D. A. DALRYMPLE	26 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Maj	R. M. DRYDEN, Jr.	28 July 1968	3 Miles, NW Danang, RVN
1stLt	J. W. ZUEHLSDORF	28 July 1968	3 Miles, NW Danang, RVN
Cpl	E. J. MARCEAUX	28 July 1968	3 Miles, NW Danang, RVN
Cpl	W. S. CLARK	28 July 1968	3 Miles, NW Danang, RVN
Cpl	G. G. GORDON	28 July 1968	3 Miles, NW Danang, RVN

4. Civic Action

a. Medical. During the month of July, doctors and corpsmen from MAG-16 assisted at the Stella Maris Dispensary/Orphanage, the Catholic

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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 1192 patients and gave medical checkups every Thursday to the MAG-16 Vietnamese workers.

b. Education. MAG-16 is presently supporting sixteen (16) students under the General WALT Scholarship Program. Starting the week of 11 July, two missionaries from the Baptist Activity Center in Danang, have been giving English classes in Nui-Kim-Son 5 days a week.

c. Projects. Work drew to a close on Hoa-Long Dispensary with opening ceremonies held on 15 July 1968. Work continues on the rebuilding of the Nui-Kim-Son Police Chief's home, which was destroyed during June by an enemy satchel charge. Upcoming projects will be supplying cement for a new well to be built in Nui-Kim-Son.

d. Give-Away. The village Police Chief of Hoa-Long received thirty-one (31) bags of cement to rebuild his home. Five (5) boxes of childrens clothing were given to the Nui-Kim-Son Primary school, one (1) metal storage locker (valued at \$2000VN) and a large quantity of medical supplies were donated to the newly opened Hoa-Long Village Dispensary. With the combined efforts of the MAG-16 Civic Action and Group Chaplains, the following assistance was rendered to local Vietnamese churches, pastors, and schools; China Beach Orphanage, 1416 piastres; St. John's Seminary, 2450 pounds of PX surveyed goods; St. Vincent's Church, Camp Tien Sha, 11,800 piastres; Sacred Heart Orphanage, 2360 piastres.

5. Morale-Welfare. During the month of July 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	8 448	21 87	29 535
Catholic	8 690	29 301	37 991
L.D.S.	4 48	4 41	8 89
TOTALS	20 1186	54 429	74 1615

(Also: 11 Non-Group Services were held with 246 attending)

<u>Memorial Services</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
	6	631

<u>Lectures</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
	6	380

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<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 Service	1900
<u>Thursday</u>	World Religious Classes (Interdenominational)	1830
<u>Saturday</u>	Protestant Choir Practice	1830

6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence. 254 fire incidents were reported during the month of July, this constitutes an increase of 20 from the month of June. 54 of these fire incidents resulted in aircraft hits, this shows an increase of 2 from the month of June. Because of the slight increase in fire incidents, flight hours per fire incident was 26.8 a decrease of 4.4 flight hours per fire incident from the previous month. In like manner, flight hours per aircraft hit were 125.8, a decrease on 14.6 hours per aircraft hit from the previous month, while hours per aircrew spot report increased 11.0 hours from 260.8 the previous month to 271.8 for the month of July. Enemy A/A fire was responsible for four (4) USMC WIA and ten (10) USMC KIA in MAG-16 aircraft.

7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-163</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>HMM-164</u>	<u>CH-46A/D</u>
Hours	1363.9	Hours	1481.9
Sorties	5152	Sorties	5524
Pax	2571	Pax	10,793
Evacs	1326	Evacs	850
Cargo (Tons)	153.9 T	Cargo (Tons)	892.0 T

<u>HML-167</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>OV-10A</u>
Hours	1269.9	Hours	1146.0	499.5
Sorties	3697	Sorties	3117	301
Pax	2401	Pax	133	--
Evacs	8	Evacs	214	--
Cargo	--	Cargo	--	--

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<u>HMM-265 (Det "A")</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>245th SAC</u>	<u>OV-1B / U-6A</u>
(1 thru 6 July)			
Hours	100.8	Hours	910.0
Sorties	226	Sorties	473
Pax	192	Pax	--
Evacs	86	Evacs	--
Cargo (Tons)	65.5 T	Cargo (Tons)	--

<u>HMH-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>TAR</u>
Hours	1096.8	17 UH-34 (3 Field, 14 Admin)
Sorties	4442	20 UH-1E (7 Field, 13 Admin)
Pax	13,692	7 CH-46 (4 Field, 3 Admin)
Evacs	--	1 A-4C (Admin)
Cargo (Tons)	5079.0 T	1 O-1C (Admin)

<u>HMM-16</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	107.3	31.7	22.4	161.4	Hours	8030.2
Sorties	109	15	22	146	Sorties	23,078
Pax	2646	0	114	2760	Pax	35,542
Evacs	--	--	--	--	Evacs	2484
Cargo (Tons)	46.2 T	--	28.6 T	74.8 T	Cargo (Tons)	6265.2 T

8. Ground Defense. During the month of July 1968, additional bunkers and defensive positions were constantly being worked on and improved.

9. Motor Transport. During the month of July 1968, the Marble Mountain Air Facility Motor Transport Section traveled 62,710 miles, transported 35,334 passengers; hauled, 1,538,100 gallons of water; 26,590 gallons of MOGAS; 24,133 gallons of diesel fuel; 2,255 gallons of aircraft oil, and 1,721 short tons of cargo.

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

<u>Station</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	140,319 gal.	634,907 gal.
An Hoa	9,551	133,860
<u>Hill 55</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>131,936</u>
TOTAL	149,870 gal.	900,703 gal.

On 23 July 1968, An Hoa came under hostile attack, damaging one (1) manifold assembly.

11. Crash Crew. Crash Crew responded to the following:

<u>Field</u>	<u>A/C Standby</u>	<u>A/C Fires</u>	<u>Structural Response</u>	<u>Structure Fires</u>
MMAF	21	0	6	6
An Hoa	5	0	0	0

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12.. Base Operations. During the month of July, a new tetrahedron was constructed and put into use, two (2) warning signals were placed at the vehicular/pedestrian taxiway crossing and put into use, work continues on the GCA unit which is estimated to become operational approximately 31 August. Maintenance crews repaired damages to the runway caused by 122mm rockets on 3 July. Damage to the East parking area caused by impact of 82mm mortars on 23 July has also been repaired.

The control tower conducted the following operations:

Fixed Wing Operations	4,061
Helicopter Operations	22,371
Total Operations	26,432

IFR Operations	40
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13. Food Services. There were approximately 208,670 meals served at the MMAF messhalls during July. This figure constitutes a slight decrease of 1,330 meals served from the previous month.

14. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. During the month of July, the Water Point personnel processed a total of 2,062,550 gallons of potable water, of this total 160,000 gallons were issued to other units outside of MAG-16.

b. Paint Shop. During the month, the Paint Shop personnel completed some twenty-one (21) work orders.

c. Electric Shop. During the month, the Electric Shop personnel completed some sixty-two (62) work orders.

d. Plumbing Shop. During the month, the Plumbing Shop personnel completed some thirteen (13) work orders.

e. Refrigeration Shop. During the month, the Refrigeration Shop personnel completed thirty-two (32) work orders.

f. Carpenter Shop. During the month, the Carpenter Shop personnel completed some forty-nine (49) work orders.

g. Base Laundry. The Base Laundry personnel processed some 46,457 pounds/3,538 bundles of clothing during the month of July 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. A total of 532 work requests were completed by the Operations Section. The Maintenance Section opened twenty-eight (28) work orders. Of this total, seventeen (17) were completed and the remaining eleven (11) work orders remain open.

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16. Ordnance. During the month of July 1968, MABS-16 Ordnance Section issued 4,801 2.75" White Phosphorus and High Explosive rockets, 394,120 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 1,250 pounds of assorted smoke and chemical agents to units throughout MAG-16. Also, 480 2.75" White Phosphorus and High Explosive rockets, 32,000 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 260 pounds of assorted smoke and chemical agents were issued to An Hoa. Some 53,000 rounds of 50 caliber ammunition was issued to the USS Tripoli.

17. Exchange. Exchange (PX) sales for the month of July totaled \$58,223.94; James S. LEE \$3,475.80; Saehan Photo Service \$2,913.95; Huynh Phung Gift Shop and Laundry \$7,079.40; LOC SVP LTD. Barber Shops \$1,870.30 and Sax Tailor Sales totaled \$9,191.50.

18. Logistics. Marble Mountain Air Facility Air Freight Section processed the following during July 1968:

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Passengers</u>
320,034 Lbs.	14,663	454

19. Communications

a. Total volume of messages handled by the MAG-16 Communications Section was 7,327, a slight increase of 541 from the month of June 1968. Ninety-five (95) hours of down time was experienced, mainly due to faulty equipment.

b. A total of 119 items of equipment were processed, with 100 items being returned to sections for operation. Sixteen (16) items were forwarded to higher echelon for maintenance; of these nine (9) items were returned and put into operation.

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Supporting Documents

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MAG-16 S&C Log No.

✓ Command Chronology of E&MS-16 - Appendix 1	} <i>Filed</i>	None
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✓ Command Chronology of VMO-2 - Appendix 3	} <i>Dep</i>	0659-68
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-163 - Appendix 4		0654-68
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-164 - Appendix 5		0655-68
✓ Command Chronology of HML-167 - Appendix 6		0656-68
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-265 - Appendix 7		095-68 (HMM-265 Log No.)
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-463 - Appendix 8		None
✓ Command Chronology of 245th SAC-Appendix 9		None <i>Filed w/ Cmd Chron</i>
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
 245TH SURVEILLANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY
 212TH COMBAT SUPPORT AVIATION BATTALION
 APO 96337

3 August 1968

TO: Commanding Officer
 MAG 16
 ATTN: S-3

FROM: Commanding Officer
 245th SAC
 APO 96337

SUBJECT: Command Chronology for period 1-31 July 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 July 1968

3. Task Organization

Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

4. Air Operations - Period 1-31 July 1968

Type Aircraft	OV-1A,B,C U-6A
Hours	910
Sorties	473
Pax	N/A
Evacs	N/A
Cargo (tons)	N/A


 JAMES B. CARLISLE
 MAJ, IN
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NAVSO 5270/5 (REV. 11-66)
S/N-0104-904-1761

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Memorandum

DATE: 6 August 1968

FROM : Adjutant

TO : Group S-3

SUBJECT : Command Chronology for the month of July 1968

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

J. K. Rainwater
J. K. RAINWATER

Adjutant

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1968

1. On 4 July 1968 Major General QUILTER, Commanding General 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, toured Marine Aircraft Group 16 and was briefed on its mission.
2. On 6 July 1968 Rear Admiral CHILDRESS toured Marine Aircraft Group 16, and was briefed on its mission.
3. On 6 July 1968 Major General QUILTER, Commanding General 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, witnessed arrival of OV 10As.
4. On 7 July 1968 Major General QUILTER, Commanding General 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, presented one (1) Bronze Star Medal, one (1) Distinguished Flying Cross, and twenty-four Purple Heart Medals.
5. On 29 July 1968 Lieutenant General H. W. BUSE Jr., assistant Commanding General FMFPac, and official party visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 for tour and briefing on its mission.

*Adjutant, 7149-16**Jan 1968*

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HEADQUARTERS
 Marine Aircraft Group 16
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
 FPO, San Francisco 96602

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 7 August 1968

GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Part 1 Organization Data

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

Period covered 1-31 July 1968

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-164 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMM-163 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMM-163 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSURE

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Period</u>
CO, MAG-16	REED, E. O.	Colonel	1-31 July 1968
XO, MAG-16	LEWIS, R. JR.	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
Adjutant	MAREK, G. J.	1stLt	1-14 July 1968
Adjutant	RAINWATER, G. K.	Capt	15-31 Jul 1968
S-1	CRONE, F. W.	Maj	1-31 July 1968
S-2	FLYNN, R. C.	Capt	"
S-3	KLEPPSATTEL, F. H.	LtCol	"
S-4	MILLER, T. F.	LtCol	"
CO, H&MS-16	ROBBINS, M. G.	LtCol	1-11 July 1968
CO, H&MS-16	WHELAN, W. L.	Maj	12-31 Jul 1968
CO, MABS-16	RICK, R. F.	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, VMO-2	FULTON, S. J.	LtCol	"
CO, HML-167	DUNN, G. H. II	Maj	"
CO, HMM-164	SMILANICH, W. E. JR.	LtCol	"
CO, HMM-163	COURTNEY, R. G.	LtCol	"
CO, HMM-163	WALKER, J. G.	LtCol	"

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

SQUADRON	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&MS-16	52	562	0	0
MABS-16	23	663	3	20
VMD-2	46	211	1	0
HMM-163	41	164	1	0
HMM-164	48	177	1	0
HML-167	25	100	0	0
HMH-463	61	277	1	0

Following personnel changes 1-31 July 1968

A. Number of joinings: 160

B. Number of drops: 290

C. Promotions:

Maj to LtCol: 2
 1stLt to Capt: 1
 2ndLt to 1stLt: 5
 WO to CWO-2: 7
 SSgt to GySgt: 1
 Cpl to Sgt: 4
 LCpl to Cpl: 38
 PFC to LCpl: 15
 PVT to PFC: 6

CASUALTIES

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MDS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Maj	DRYDEN, R. M. JR.	069888/7564	HMH-463	Pilot (53)
1stLt	ZUEHLSDORF, J. W.	095177/7564	do	Co-pilot
Cpl	MARCEAUX, E. J.	2258669/6321	do	Crew Chief
Cpl	CLARK, W. S.	2199989/6321	do	Gunner
Cpl	GORDON, G. G.	2307274/6334	do	1st Mech

NON-HOSTILE 28 July 1968. 3 miles northwest of Danang, Quang Nam, RVN. CH-53 aircraft was observed to burn while in flight during a supply mission. The aircraft crashed into a ricepaddy and was consumed by fire. The exact cause of death is unknown. Pilot, Co-pilot, Crew Chief, Gunner, and 1st Mech were all killed.

Capt	LITTLE, J. L. M. III	092399/7562	HMM-164	Pilot (46)
1stLt	DALEY, R. C.	092855/7562	do	Co-pilot
SSgt	BILENSKI, J. C.	1551261/6212	do	Gunner
Cpl	LITTLE, R. B.	2202178/6311	do	Crew Chief

HOSTILE 3 July 1968. 8 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam, RVN. CH-46 aircraft attempting to make a recon extract when aircraft received automatic weapons fire and crashed. The aircraft was consumed by fire. Pilot, Co-pilot, Gunner and Crew Chief were killed in crash.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Maj	BROWN, J. B.	076786/7564	REMS-16	N/A

HOSTILE 3 July 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating left shoulder during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	WRIGHTSMAN, D. M.	2281416/1345	MABS-16	N/A
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HOSTILE 3 July 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Marine was running from showers to bunker when wounded by shrapnel lacerating left hand. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	HAYMES, R. S.	2149588/6332	HMM-163	N/A
Cpl	SMITH, C. L.	2163320/6322	do	do
Cpl	BUSTOS, G. "C"	2152480/6322	do	do
LCpl	WINTERTON, L. D.	2144503/6332	do	do

HOSTILE 3 July 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, RVN. The above Marines came out of bunker as rocket landed nearby. Corporal's BUSTOS and SMITH were killed instantly. Corporal HAYMES and Lance Corporal WINTERTON, were medevaced and died while in hospital.

Cpl	NICHOLS, R. J.	2333457/3071	VMO-2	N/A
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HOSTILE 3 July 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating right forearm. Above named Marine was running into bunker during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	WEILER, R. L.	2161685/6332	HMM-163	N/A
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HOSTILE 3 July 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating chest, right leg, and right foot during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	GONZALEZ, M. E.	2179868/6332	HMM-163	N/A
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HOSTILE 3 July 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating right cheek during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	MARTINEZ, F. L.	2190317/6311	HMM-164	N/A
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HOSTILE 4 July 1968. 12 miles southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying as Crew Chief on CH-46 on emergency recon extract mission when aircraft received heavy small arms fire going out of landing zone. Crew Chief received missile wound penetrating posterior of left hand. No nerve or artery involvement.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
LCpl	ROUSSELL, A. P.	2340138/6321	H&MS-16	N/A

HOSTILE 4 July 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating lower left leg during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	DAY, T. B.	2261407/6373	HML-167	Gunner (HULE)
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HOSTILE 8 July 1968. 2 miles south of Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Gunner on HULE on rocket site search mission. Aircraft received small arms fire. Wounded by missile lacerating left side of abdomen. No nerve or artery involvement

1stLt	HURME, S. I.	0101696/7561	HML-167	Co-pilot (HULE)
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HOSTILE 10 July 1968. 3 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Fly medevac escort mission when aircraft received small arms fire coming out of gun run. Wounded by missile penetrating left heel with fractures. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	RAY, W. E.	2209959/6331	HMM-163	Gunner (34)
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HOSTILE 4 miles north An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Aircraft on (20Jul68) administrative mission when it received small arms fire wounding gunner in right side of head. Missile wound; no nerve or artery involvement.

1stLt	LURIE, R. M.	094874/7563	HML-167	Pilot (UHLE)
1stLt	GLOER, D. L.	094725/7563	do	Co-pilot
Sgt	FOSTER, W. H.	2116192/7113	do	Gunner
LCpl	NORWORTHY, K. L.	2329199/6319	VMO-2	Crew Chief

HOSTILE 11 miles southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. 21 July 1968. Aircraft on recon extract mission when it was observed to burn in air and crash. Aircraft later found to have been shot down. Pilot, Co-pilot, Gunner, and Crew Chief killed in crash.

Capt	TRIPP, A. L.	084130/7576	VMO-2	Pilot (OV-10)
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HOSTILE 25 July 1968. 12 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Pilot of OV-10 on recon mission when aircraft hit by ground fire and crashed. Pilot killed in crash.

1stLt	ASTLE, J. C.	094092/7562	HMM-164	Co-pilot (46)
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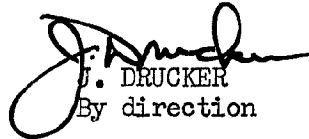
HOSTILE 28 July 1968. 3 miles northwest of An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. On combat cargo mission when aircraft received small arms fire. Wounded by shrapnel penetrating lower right leg. No nerve or artery involvement.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Maj	DALRYMPLE, D. A.	067416/7564	H&MS-16	N/A

NON-HOSTILE 26 July 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, RVN. The above name officer was riding a bicycle when hit by base bus. Injury diagnosed to be compression fracture of ribs 3 through 10. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	LASALLE, R. J.	2235963/2511	MABS-16	N/A
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NON-HOSTILE 17 Jul 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Marine's right hand was crushed when forklift over turned. Diagnosis is laceration of right hand, right proximal phalanx and right thumb. No nerve or artery involvement.


J. DRUCKER
By direction

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MEMORANDUM

From: S-2 Officer
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Intelligence Input for Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1C, paragraph 6c

1. In compliance with reference (a), the intelligence input for the MAG-16 Command Chronology for July 1968 is submitted herein.

2. Ground Activity. During the month of July the enemy conducted the following attacks against Marble Mountain Air Facility.

3 July - 6-12 Rounds of 122mm Rockets
23 July - 53 Rounds of 82mm Mortars

3. Antiaircraft Fire Incidents.

a. 254 fire incidents were reported during the period, up 20 from the previous month; 54 of which resulted in aircraft hits; up 2 from the previous month.

b. Enemy AA fire caused 4 USMC WIA, crew
10 USMC KIA, crew

4. Intelligence Information.

a. 25 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is an decrease of 2 from the previous month.

b. 10 reports of intelligence were received from indigenous sources; up 8 from the previous month.

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5. Statistical Data.

- a. Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 26.8; down 4.4 from the previous month.
- b. Flight Hours per aircraft Hit: 125.8; down 14.6 from the previous month.
- c. Flight Hours per aircrew Spot Report: 271.8; up 11.0 from the previous month.

6. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 36 KBMA on the enemy and destroyed 16 structures, 1 hooch and 1 boat also damaged 6 structures and 3 hooches.

7. Special Intelligence Report. A special intelligence report concerning counterintelligence, 5th Counterintelligence Team investigation report of interest to MIAF was promulgated to subordinate, tenant and adjacent activities.


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From: Group S-4
 To: Group S-3

Subj: Command Chronology; submission of

Ref: (a) Gru0 5750.1A

1. Significant events within the logistics field for the period of 1 thru 31 July 1968, are as follows.

- a. OV-10 engine test stand complete.
- b. Complete eight (8) additional OV-10 revetments, total of (16) OV-10 revetments available.
- c. Concrete pad 12' X 22' poured for walk-in refrigerator at Enlisted Mess.
- d. MCB-3 began construction on remaining permanent aircraft revetments on East Parking Apron.
- e. TAFDS burns completed on West Parking Apron.
- f. RMK-BRM began construction on the following MILCON Projects: two (2) Motor Transport Buildings, one (1) Crash Crew Building, one (1) Training Facility, one (1) Utilities Maintenance Building.
- g. Marine/Army Ordnance Storage area in progress.
- h. Air Freight processed from Marble Mountain Aircraft Facility during this period was:

<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>CUBIC FEET</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>
320,034	14,663	454

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i. Aviation fuels dispensed during this period was:

	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	140,319 Gal.	634,907 Gal.
An Hoa	9,551 Gal.	133,860 Gal.
Hill 55	<u>None</u>	<u>131,936</u> Gal.
TOTAL	149,870 Gal.	900,703 Gal.

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3 Aug 68

From: Civic Action Officer, MAG-16
To: Commanding Officer, MAG-16

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of July 1968

I. Medical/Dental Assistance

A. MAG-16

1. The doctors and corpsmen of MAG-16 assisted the following during the month of July:
 - a. Stella Maris Dispensary
 - b. Catholic Orphanage
 - c. Hoa Long dispensary
2. 1,192 patients were rendered medical assistance
3. A Vietnamese nurse working aboard MAG-16 assists in the Medcaps.
4. Every Thursday Vietnamese employees of MAG-16 receive medical check-ups.

B. 3rd LVT

1. The doctors and corpsmen of 3rd LVT treated 632 patients in the hamlets of Nui-Kim-Son and Xom Son Thuy.
2. One Vietnamese is assisting in Medcaps.

C. 5th Comm Bn

1. The doctors and corpsmen of 5th Comm Bn treated a total of 74 patients at Damon hamlet and Sacred Heart Orphanage.
2. One Vietnamese is undergoing training in health and sanitation.

D. MCB-3

1. The doctors and corpsmen of MCB-3 treated a total of approximately 10 people each day in Son Thuy I hamlet.

E. MCB-53

1. Assisted 3 hospitals/dispensaries during the month.

8-5, MAG-16

Jan 68

DSAC

1. The elderly woman treated by the 95th EVAC hospital and German hospital ship Helgoland has completely recovered.
2. Same woman is to return to 95th EVAC hospital for a hysterectomy on 29 July 1968 at 0930 hours.

II. Education

A. MAG-16

1. Presently supporting 16 students under the Gen. Walt Scholarship Program.
2. Starting the week of 11 July, two missionaries from the Baptist Activity Center in Danang gave English classes in Nui-Kim-Son 5 days a week.

B. DSAC

1. Two Civil Affairs messages are sent each month to the Northern LOG newspaper and Danang radio and television.

C. MCB-3

1. Giving coaching assistance to two little league baseball teams at Soa Bien school.

D. MCB-53

1. Devoted ten man days this month to education.

III. Projects

A. MAG-16

1. 15 July, three projects (dispensary, school, 15 dwellings) in Nui-Kim-Son were dedicated.
2. Present project; rebuilding of Police chief's home in Nui-Kim-Son that was destroyed last month by enemy satchel charge.
3. Future project; supplying cement for well to be built in Nui-Kim-Son

B. DSAC

1. Son Thuy II hamlet project; construction of 13 dwellings providing lumber, cement and tin. Status: 84% complete.
2. Continous project; Arranging for serious medical cases in Son Thuy II to be treated at 95th Evac hospital, one person at a time.

MCB-53

1. Present project; With the help of ARVN soldiers, MCB-53 is constructing an addition to the kitchen facilities of the ARVN Amputee Convalescent Center.

5th Comm Bn

1. Personal Response Project; Classes/discussions for Marines
III MAF Personal Response School, 2 persons attended for a 1 day school.
Vietnamese Religion and customs class, 58 persons attended/ 1 hour class.
Personal Response lecture for one hour attended by 7 Staff NCO's.

IV. Give-Away

A. MAG-16

1. 31 bags of cement to the Village Police Chief of Hoa Long.
2. 5 boxes of children's clothing to Nui-Kim-Son Primary school.
3. Paid \$2,000VN for a large metal locker in order to store medical supplies at the dispensary.
4. A large quantity of medical supplies was given to the newly opened Hoa Long Village Dispensary.

B. DSAC

1. 48 pairs of crutches donated by the Lesington Baptist Association of South Carolina.
2. 8 artificial limbs donated by the Physical Therapy Department, Columbia Hospital, S.C. were given to Danang City Hospital.
3. 50 school kits, 12 gross of "Teen-E-Racers", 80 lbs. of clothing, 39 pair of tennis shoes and two boxes of toys were given to the Baptist Activity Center in Danang.
4. On 8 July took the following material to Son Thuy II ;
b 28 bags of cement, 90 sheets of tin, 250 lbs. of dunnage. 40 2"x4"s
10 bags of cement, 4 4"x4"s
5. On 11 July, delivered 1,950 lbs. of beans and 2,250 lbs of canned vegetables and other food to Rev. Meyers, Baptist Activity Center. Food was broken down into 1,200 small packets and distributed on 14 July to the 12,000 refugees located in Phuoc Hai and An Dong Refugee Camps.
6. On 16 July, delivered 2,200 lbs. of cement to Son Thuy II.
7. A total of 8,200 lbs. of dunnage lumber was delivered to St. John's Seminary.
8. Delivered 600 gals. of potable water to Hoa Long Dispensary.

C. 5th Comm Bn

1. To Damon Hamlet
 - a. 40 bars of soap
 - b. 1 box of assorted toys
 - c. 5 boxes of clothes
2. To Sacred Heart Orphanage
 - a. 135 bars of soap
 - b. 1 case of apples
 - c. 9 boxes of clothing
 - d. 1 box of soap

D. 3rd LVT

1. 700~~0~~ lbs. of food to Golf 6
2. Took 9 tables to Golf 6 for the new school
3. Delivered 100 lbs of food to Orphanage (Church of Christ)
4. 50 lbs..of clothing to fishing hamlet

E. MCB-3

1. to Son Thuy I
 - a. 100 lbs. of clothing
 - b. 50 lbs. of food
 - c. 35 bars of soap
 - d. 36 dental kits
2. to Sacred Heart Nursery
 - a. 150 lbs of food

V. Government

- A. On July 15 three major projects were completed and an opening celebration was held. Representatives from the GVN and American officials were present. Commemorative Plaques were given by the village chief to all units involved in the dispensary, school and 15 dwellings.

VI. Summary

- A. The attitudes of the people are very good. Two Medcaps are held weekly at the Hoa Long Dispensary and teams sent from District are encouraging the people to use it.

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 5 August 1968

From: Group Chaplain
 To: Commanding Officer (Attn: S-3)
 Subj: Command Chronology
 Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1C

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following is a report of the activities of the Group chaplains for the month of July.

PART I

Organizational Data:

Group Chaplain: LCDR. G.E. HAROLDSEN, 1-31 July
 Ass't Group Chaplain: LT. B.R. WALKER, 1-31 July

Chaplain Walker will be detached on 13 August and Chaplain Haroldsen will be detached on 19 August, both to rotate to conus. Lt. N.W. NIGHT, MWSG-17, is to relieve Chaplain Haroldsen and will report to MAG-16 on 12 August.

PART II

Narrative Summary:

During the month of July, 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 in 5th Comm. Bn. and MCB 128. MAG-16 chaplains, after July, no longer go to An Hoa because Division Units now there have their own chaplain.

The chaplains' ministry and allied activities are reflected in the following figures:

<u>DIVINE SERVICES</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Tot.Serv.</u>	<u>TotAtt.</u>
Protestant	20	448	21	87	29	535
Catholic	8	690	29	301	37	991
L.D.S.	4	48	4	41	8	89
TOTALS	20	1186	54	429	74	1615

(Also, 11 non-Group services were held with 246 attending.)

Chaplain, MAG-16

July 68

MEMORIAL SERVICES

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
	5 (Comb. Prot/ Cath.)	591
	1 (Prot.)	40
<u>Total</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>631</u>

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PART III

The Group chaplains cooperate with and support the Civic Action program within the Group's area of responsibility. In addition, they render assistance to local missionary enterprises and Vietnamese Churches, pastors, and schools. During the month of July the following help was rendered:

(a) China Beach Orphanage	1416 Piastres
(b) St. John's Seminary	2450 lbs. PX surveyed goods
St. Vincent's Church, Tien Sha	11,800 Piastres
Sacred Heart Orphanage	2360 Piastres


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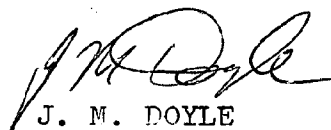
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4 August 1968

From: Communications Officer
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, August 1968

1. Attached are the comments from Communications for inclusion in the Command Chronology.


J. M. DOYLE

Comments, 10:JMD:reb

June 68

COMMUNICATIONS: Personnel losses exceeded personnel gains during this period. Currently a shortage exists of Communications Center and Wire personnel. However, by cross training personnel from the Radio Section, the Message Center and Wire Section continues to operate efficiently. Total volume of messages handled by MAG-16 Communications Center was 7,327, an increase of 541 from the previous period. 95 hours of down time was experienced during the month due to faulty equipment.

The following transactions were effected by the Repair Section:

1. 119 item of equipment were processed.
2. 100 items of equipment returned to sections
3. 16 items of equipment evacuated to higher echelon of maintenance.
4. 9 items of equipment returned from higher echelon of maintenance.
5. 46 requisitions processed by Supply.

Five of six power supplies needed for completion of the 3-M inter-communications system arrived and have been installed. The 3-M inter-communications system is completely operational with the exception of HMM-163. To complete this system a power supply is needed.

The 200 pair cable installed underground from the HMM-163 area to the MAG-16 frame was completed and the change over of the TOM-10, TOM-20, 3-M, Flamingo and the MAG-16 locals was accomplished with minimum interruption of service. The availability of more cable pairs provided five additional Flamingo telephones that were installed in the following locations; Civil Affairs Office, Informational Services Office, Group Legal Office, 3-M System Office, and Utilities Office.