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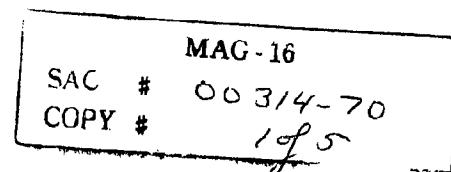
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PART IOrganizational Data

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	
Marine Aircraft Group 16	Col H. R. SMITH	1-30Apr70

Subordinate Units

H&MS-16	LtCol R. P. GUAY	1-30Apr70
MABS-16	LtCol C. R. DUNBAUGH	1-30Apr70
HML-167	LtCol J. E. WEBER	1-9 Apr70
	LtCol D. A. MCCAUGHEY	10-30Apr70
HML-367	LtCol H. E. SEXTON	1-30Apr70
HMM-161	LtCol B. H. MANN	1-30Apr70
HMM-262	LtCol R. A. BANCROFT	1-30Apr70
HMM-263	LtCol E. G. YOUNG	1-30Apr70
HMM-364	LtCol P. C. SCAGLIONE	1-30Apr70
HMH-463	LtCol C. A. BLOCK	1-30Apr70

2. Location

1-30 April 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Col R. T. MILLER	1-30Apr70
Adjutant	CWO R. G. WORK	1-30Apr70
S-1	LtCol S. A. CHALLGREN	1-30Apr70
S-2	1stLt T. G. MARGETSON	1-9 Apr70
	LtCol J. E. WEBER	10-30Apr70
S-3	LtCol K. W. ANDRUS	1-30Apr70
S-4	LtCol G. S. PATE	1-30Apr70

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1444	2292	8	28

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During the month of April 1970, MAG-16 flew a total of 9,923.1 hours in support of FWMF in the I Corps Tactical Zone. Over 71% of this effort, 7,057.3 hours and 23,558 sorties were flown in direct support of the 1st Marine Division. The remaining hours were flown in support of the Army of the Republic of Viet Nam, the Republic of Korea Marine Corps, and the First Marine Aircraft Wing. Operation Golden Dragon was in effect from 1-15 April. No other operation was in effect the remainder of the month.

The month of April brought only one change of command to MAG-16. on 9 April, LtCol J. E. WEBER relinquished command of Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 to LtCol D. A. MCCAUGHEY. LtCol WEBER assumed duties as the MAG-16 S-2 Officer on 10 April.

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 continued to shatter all time squadron records as they carried a total of 41,588 passengers while flying a total of 1,181.0 hours. The CH-53D continued in its role as a strike aircraft.

MAG-16 lost three aircraft to direct enemy action. One crew member was lost and is being reported as missing in action. (Appendix 8, H&MS-16 Command Chronology)

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1. Awards. 2 Navy Commendation Medals, one with Combat "V", 2 Single Mission Strike/Flight Air Medals, 71 Strike/Flight Air Medals, 1 Combat Action Ribbon, 1 Navy Achievement Medal, 2 Purple Heart Medals, and 3 Good Conduct Medals were awarded during this period.

2. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 56 KBA's (confirmed), 61 probables, 28 hooches destroyed, 6 hooches damaged, 6 Sampans destroyed, 7 bunkers destroyed, 7 bunkers damaged, 2 fish traps destroyed, 1 cave damaged, and 100 pounds of rice destroyed.

3. Intelligence. 11 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources.

4. Sequential Listing of Significant Events by Date.

5 April 1970: HMM-161 lost one aircraft this date.

Ref: HMM-161 Command Chronology
(Appendix 3 to MAG-16 Command Chronology)

9 April 1970: LtCol D. A. MCCAUGHEY assumed duties as Commanding Officer of HML-167.

Ref: HML-167 Command Chronology
(Appendix 1 to MAG-16 Command Chronology)

12 April 1970: Brigadier General SPANJER visited MAG-16.

13 April 1970: The Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General L. W. WALT visited MAG-16 and addressed a formation of MAG-16 Marines in the HML-367 Hangar.

16 April 1970: HML-367 became the first operating squadron in the Marine Corps to utilize the Anti-Oscillation Sighting System: XM-76.

Ref: HML-367 Command Chronology
(Appendix 2 to MAG-16 Command Chronology)

17 April 1970: Brigadier General SPANJER visited MAG-16.

18 April 1970: HML-167 lost one aircraft to direct enemy action.

Ref: HML-167 Command Chronology
(Appendix 1 to MAG-16 Command Chronology)

23 April 1970: HMM-161 began using the Starlite System to patrol rocket belt.

Ref: HMM-161 Command Chronology
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- 24 April 1970: HML-367 received a functional XM-28 Test Stand.
Ref: HML-367 Command Chronology
(Appendix 2 to MAG-16 Command Chronology)
- 28 April 1970: HML-167 lost one aircraft to direct enemy action.
Ref: HML-167 Command Chronology
(Appendix 1 to MAG-16 Command Chronology)
- 28 April 1970: H&MS-16 reported one man missing in action this date.
Ref: H&MS-16 Command Chronology
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5. Air Operations

	<u>HML-167(UH-1E)</u>	<u>HML-367(AH-1G)</u>	
Hours	2452.4	1,698.9	
Sorties	6,511	3,850	
KBA (Confirmed)	10	44	
Pax	4,156	Ø	

	<u>HMM-161(CH-46D)</u>	<u>HMM-262(CH-46D)</u>	<u>HMM-263(CH-46D)</u>
Hours	1,045.9	1,227.9	1,113.3
Sorties	3,597	4,596	3,676
Evacs	418	296	445
Pax	8,260	6,519	7,170
Cargo (Tons)	206.6	190.0	139.0

	<u>HMM-364(CH-46D)</u>	<u>HMH-463(CH-53D)</u>	<u>H&MS-16(CH-46D/UH-1E)</u>
Hours	1,171.8	1,181.0	31.9
Sorties	4,255	5,107	18
Evacs	520	Ø	
Pax	6,824	41,588	
Cargo (Tons)	247.8	4,526.6	
TAR's	N/A	7	
KBA (Confirmed)	2	Ø	

<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	9,923.1
Sorties	31,610
Evacs	1,679
Pax	74,517
Cargo (Tons)	5,310.0
KBA (Confirmed)	56
TAR's	7

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PART IVSupporting Documents

	<u>MAG-16 Control Number/ Letter Identification</u>
✓ Command Chronology of HML-167	03A12370
✓ Command Chronology of HML-367	03A12570
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-161	03A12670
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-262	03A12570
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-263	03A12570
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-364	03A12570
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-463	03A12570
✓ Command Chronology of H&MS-16	CO, H&MS-16 ltr 1:JFD:jfd 5000 of 4 May 1970
✓ Command Chronology of MABS-16	CO, MABS-16 ltr of 4 May 1970

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