

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1-31 July 1970

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PART IOrganizational Data

1. Designation Commander 1-31Jul70

Subordinate Units

H&MS-16	LtCol R. P. GUAY	1- 5Jul70
MABS-16	Major F. A. GULLEDGE	6-31Jul70
HML-167	LtCol L. K. KECK	1-25Jul70
HML-367	Major P. E. BENET	26-31Jul70
HMM-161	LtCol D. A. McCaughey	1-31Jul70
HMM-262	LtCol H. E. SEXTON	1-31Jul70
HMM-263	LtCol B. H. MANN	1-16Jul70
HMM-364	Major L. J. ZILKA	17-31Jul70
HMH-463	LtCol G. S. PATE	1-31Jul70
	LtCol E. G. YOUNG	1-25Jul70
	LtCol L. K. KECK	26-31Jul70
	LtCol P. C. SCAGLIONE	1-31Jul70
	LtCol C. A. BLOCK	1-31Jul70

2. Location

1-31 July 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Col R. T. MILLER	1- 5Jul70
	LtCol K. W. ANDRUS	6-17Jul70
	LtCol B. H. MANN	18-31Jul70
Adjutant	Capt J. F. DARRACOTT	1-31Jul70
S-1	LtCol R. A. BANCROFT	1-31Jul70
S-2	1stLt T. G. MARGETSON	1- 9Jul70
S-3	Capt R. E. FIX	10-31Jul70
S-4	LtCol K. W. ANDRUS	1- 5Jul70
	LtCol R. P. GUAY	6-31Jul70
	LtCol W. R. FAILS	1-31Jul70

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
419	2,123	7	26

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PART II

Narrative Summary

During the month of July 1970, MAG-16 flew a total of 11,388.3 hours in support of Free World Military Assistance Forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone. Over 70% of this effort, 8,066.7 hours and 27,473 sorties, were flown in direct support of First Marine Division. The remaining hours were accomplished in support of the First Marine Aircraft Wing, the Republic of Korea Marines, the Army of the Republic of Viet Nam and the United States Army. MAG-16 support of Operation "Pickens Forest", a regimental operation controlled by 7th Marines, began on 16 July.

During the month of July there were four changes of command. On 5 July LtCol R. P. GUAY relinquished command of H&MS-16 to Major F. A. GULLEDGE Jr. and assumed the duties of MAG-16 S-3 Officer from LtCol K. W. ANDRUS, who, in turn, was assigned the duties of MAG-16 Executive Officer. LtCol B. H. MANN, on 16 July, was relieved as C. O. of HMM-161 by Major L. J. ZILKA and assumed the position of MAG-16 Executive Officer relieving LtCol K. W. ANDRUS who returned to the United States. LtCol L. K. KECK also relinquished command of MABS-16 to Major P. E. BENET on 25 July. The following day, 26 July, LtCol L. K. KECK assumed command of HMM-263 relieving LtCol E. G. YOUNG. On 9 July the S-2 section of MAG-16 changed hands with Captain R. E. FIX taking over from 1stLt T. G. MARGETSON who returned stateside.

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 broke June's record for passengers carried by transporting 43,599 passengers; surpassing the record by over 5,000 passengers. HMM-463 completed 4 TAR's. As a strike aircraft, the CH-53's participated in 14 strike missions. They also flew in support of Operation "Pickens Forest", logging 120.9 flight hours in 373 sorties with 1,236 passengers and 546.3 tons of cargo hauled.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1. Awards. 1 Distinguished Flying Cross, 1 Navy Commendation Medal, 1 Viet Nam Air Medal, 3 Single Mission Strike/Flight Air Medals, 2 Purple Heart Medals and 209 Strike/Flight Air Medals were presented during the month of July.
2. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 79 KBMA (confirmed), 37 KBMA (probable), 37 hootches destroyed, 13 hootches damaged, 19 bunkers destroyed, 12 bunkers damaged, 6 sampans destroyed, 2 sampans damaged, 7 secondary explosions, 3 caches of C-4, 5 elephants KBMA and 2 POWs.
3. Intelligence. 28 Spot reports of intelligence value were received from air crews and other sources.

4. Sequential Listing of Significant Events by Date

3 July 1970: Brigadier General CONLEY and Brigadier General SIMMONS visited HML-367 and were provided with an orientation on the AH-1G. General SIMMONS also visited HMH-463.

16 July 1970: Operation "Pickens Forest" started; A regimental size operation performed by 7th Marines.

18 July 1970: The Commandant of the Marine Corps visited MAG-16.

18 July 1970: Loss of aircraft TV-25, BuNo 151290. Loss of tail rotor and 90 gear box. Charlie damage, no injuries.  
(Appendix 1 to MAG-16 Command Chronology)

19 July 1970: Loss of aircraft TV-21, BuNo 154773. Fire in flight. Alpha Damage. (Accident 271 Alpha) All the crew received Alpha injuries.  
(Appendix 1 to MAG-16 Command Chronology)

23 July 1970: Major General ARMSTRONG, First Marine Aircraft Wing Commanding General, visited HML-367 and was given an orientation flight in the AH-1G.  
(Appendix 2 to MAG-16 Command Chronology)

25 July 1970: Aircraft TV-7 experienced an engine failure due to 2nd stage compressor failure and sustained substantial damage with no personnel injuries resulting.  
(Appendix 2 to MAG-16 Command Chronology)

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31 July 1970: Loss of aircraft TV-6, BuNo 155346. Fuel control failure resulting in engine failure. Charlie damage, no injuries. (Appendix 1 to MAG-16 Command Chronology)

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5. Air Operations

HML-167(UH-1E)

Hours	2,454.1
Sorties	6,822
KBA (Confirmed)	33
Pax	3,970

HML-367(AH-1G)

Hours	2,024.1
Sorties	4,172
KBA (Confirmed)	43
Pax	Ø

HMM-161(CH-46D)

Hours	1,242.4
Sorties	4,433
Evacs	543
Pax	10,972
Cargo	275.0
KBA (Confirmed)	Ø

HMM-262(CH-46D)

Hours	1,512.3
Sorties	5,745
Evacs	400
Pax	12,302
Cargo	337.1
KBA (Confirmed)	Ø

HMM-263(CH-46D)

Hours	1,296.9
Sorties	4,714
Evacs	461
Pax	11,050
Cargo	203.1
KBA (Confirmed)	3

HMM-364(CH-46D)

Hours	1,280.8
Sorties	4,940
Evacs	462
Pax	11,440
Cargo (Tons)	254.0
TAR's	N/A

HMH-163(CH-53D)

Hours	1,572.5
Sorties	6,074
Evacs	Ø
Pax	43,599
Cargo (Tons)	5,823.2
TAR's	4

H&MS-16(CH-46D)

Hours	5.2
Sorties	3

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TOTAL

Hours	11,388.3
Sorties	36,903
Evacs	1,866
Pax	93,333
Cargo (Tons)	6,892.4
KBA (Confirmed)	79
TAR's	4

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PART IV

Supporting Documents

	<u>MAG-16 Control Number/ Letter Identification</u>
✓ Command Chronology of HML-167	03A21770
✓ Command Chronology of HML-367	03A18670
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-161	03A21870
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-262	03A21770
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-263	03A21570
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-364	03A21770
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-463	03A21670
✓ Command Chronology of H&MS-16	CO, H&MS-16 ltr 1/CTL/rla 5000 of 5Aug70
✓ Command Chronology of MABS-16	CO, MABS-16 ltr of 5Aug70