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Marine Aircraft Group 16  
3d Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMFPac  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d MAB (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-20 June 1971

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology of Marine Aircraft Group 16

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
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PART IOrganizational Data

1. Designation

	<u>Commander</u>	<u>1-20 June 1971</u>
CO, MAG-16	Col STREET, L. C. III	1-20 June 1971
XO, MAG-16	LtCol GILLIS, J. E.	1-20 June 1971
H&MS-16	Maj SILARD, C. D. Jr.	1-15 June 1971
	Maj BOWEN, D. R.	16-20 June 1971
MABS-16	LtCol SPURLOCK, D. A.	1-15 June 1971
	Maj DEPIETRO, C. W.	16-20 June 1971
HML-167	LtCol BLANC, R. J.	1-10 June 1971
2. Location

1-20 June 1971: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	LtCol GILLIS, J. E.	1-20 June 1971
Adjutant	Capt FEASELMAN, C. H.	1-20 June 1971
S-1	Capt FEASELMAN, C. H.	1-20 June 1971
S-2	Capt GARCIA, A. J.	1-20 June 1971
S-3	LtCol STEADMAN, H. W.	1-20 June 1971
S-4	LtCol LEISY, R. R.	1-20 June 1971
4. Average Monthly Strenght

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
38	310	0	0

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5. Air Operations

HML-167(UH1E)

Hours	29.3
Sorties	63
Pax	19
KBMA (Confirmed)	0

MAG-16 TOTAL

Hours	29.3
Sorties	63
Pax	19
Cargo (Tons)	0
Medevac	0
KBMA (Confirmed)	0

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This report constitutes the final chronology of Marine Aircraft Group-16 in the Republic of Vietnam. All support missions were terminated, embarkation continued to completion, units were transferred, and after changes of Command for H&MS-16, MABS-16, and MAG-16, the Air Group redeployed to MCAS (H) Santa Ana, California.

Although HML-167 was in stand-down status, two (2) UH-1E's were faithfully maintained and flown in support of the Commanding General, 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade through 9 June 1971. Comprising the only flight operations creditable to MAG-16, the UH-1E's were expertly made available by Marines with a minimum of tools and parts available. HML-167 equipment for embarkation, including all maintenance gear, was staged dockside commencing 6 June 1971. Under the circumstances encountered, the efforts and accomplishments of this, our last operational Marine Helicopter Squadron engaged in the Vietnam conflict, are exceptionally noteworthy. "Comprise" flew 63 sorties for 29.3 hours and carried 19 passengers on behalf of 3d MAB. Operational and administrative control of HML-167 was passed to CG, 2nd MAW at 100200Z June 1971. The remaining two (2) UH-1E's were flown aboard USS DUBUQUE for transfer to MAG-36, 1st MAW on 15 June 1971.

On 1 June 1971, LtCol C. E. REESE relinquished Command of HML-367 to Maj. R. SANCHO who, on 2 June 1971, reported to operational and administrative Control of CG, 1st MAW. No longer maintaining the long held distinction of the Marine Corps AH-1G Cobra squadron, "Scarface" received its compliment of UH-1E Aircraft at MAG-36, Okinawa.

With the greatest part of embarkation and personnel transfer completed in Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron-16, Maj. C. D. SILARD, JR. relinquished Command at 150400Z June 1971 to Maj. D. R. BOWEN who was prepositioned with the advanced element at MCAS (H) Santa Ana, California. Command of Marine Air Base Squadron-16 was similarly relinquished by LtCol D. A. SPURLOCK to Maj. C. W. DIPIETRO. at 150400Z June 1971. With all retrograded equipment loaded in shipping and ready for sail, Col L. C. STREET, III passed Command of Marine Air Group-16 to LtCol U. E. GILLIS, likewise stationed at MCAS (H) Santa Ana, California. Simultaneous with the Change of Command at 200400Z June 1971, the Air Group and support squadrons were transferred to the operational and administrative control of CG, 3d MAW for ultimate replacement of Marine Air Group-56.

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The retrograde of MAG-16 equipment was declared by many seasoned Marine Corps and U.S. Navy experts as having been the most efficiently planned and executed movement of this magnitude witnessed by them to date. Serious difficulties resulting from planning inaccuracies made by other Marine Corps retrograde units were encountered and solved through the diligent efforts on the MAG-16 Embarkation staff. Excellence in planning and readiness to take advantage of shipping space made available in the course of loading other units permitted subsequent cancellation of 4 amphibious ships. Seizure of an opportunity to use the latest innovation in sea cargo, the Sea-Land road transportable container, also contributed immensely to the cancellation of amphibious shipping. This use of such a concept is believed to be the first in connection with a combat or administrative movement of U.S. Marine Corps units. A total of 5,000 tons of cargo equalling 195,672 cubic feet, 57,853 cubic feet of vehicles and 64,173 cubic feet of aircraft were loaded in 9 ships under the outstanding planning guidance of LtCol R. R. LEISY, Maj W. B. JOHNSON, and the most direct attention of Capt D. E. MEARES and GySgt D. D. DAIL Embarkation Team ("Old Gas 6").

Final Vietnam report.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- 1 June 1971: H&MS-16 received a grade of Outstanding on the Personnel Inspection administered by Major General A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG, 3d MAB.
- 1 June 1971: Major R. SANCHEO relieved Lieutenant Colonel C. E. REESE as the Commanding Officer of HML-367.
- 2 June 1971: Control of HML-367 was transferred from the 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.
- 9 June 1971: HML-167 completed mission #3, which was the last mission flown by MAG-16 aircraft in the Republic of Vietnam.
- 9 June 1971: MAG-16 retrograde was loaded in USS DURHAM LKA-114 and departed for CONUS. In a 32 Hour period, 600.7 Tons of MAG-16 Cargo were loaded.
- 10 June 1971: Control of HML-167 was transferred from the 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade to 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.
- 15 June 1971: Major D. R. BOWEN relieved Major C. D. SILARD, JR. as the Commanding Officer of H&MS-16.
- 15 June 1971: Major G. W. DEPIETRO relieved Lieutenant Colonel D. A. SPURLOCK as the Commanding Officer of MABS-16.
- 15 June 1971: Control of MATCU-68 was transferred from the 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.
- 15 June 1971: The remainder of MAG-16's aircraft (seven UH-1E's from HML-167) were loaded aboard the USS DUBUQUE LPD-8 for a surface movement to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.
- 20 June 1971: The USS MANITOWOC LST-1180 was loaded with the remainder of MAG-16 retrograde cargo.

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20 June 1971: Col L. C. STREET III passed command of MAG-16 to LtCol J. E. GILLIS at MCAS (H) Santa Ana, Calif. The Air Group redeployment embarkation phase is complete and henceforth no U.S. Marine Tactical Air Units are present in the Republic of Vietnam. Control of MAG-16, H&MS-16 and MABS-16 was transferred from the 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade to the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing.

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PART IV

Supporting Documents

MAG-16 Indentification/  
Control Number

<i>filed ref</i> {	- Command Chronology of HML-167, 1-10 June 71	03A16171
	- Command Chronology of H&MS-16, 1-20 June	CO, H&MS-16 ltr 1/TJM:acl 5214 of 10 June 71
	- Command Chronology of MABS-16, 1-20 June	03A16171
	- Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-1	S-1 OFF, ltr 1:RJH:bhs 1080 of 9 June 71
	- Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4	S-4 OFF, ltr 4:WBJ:meh 4000 of 23 June 71
<i>plus MABS-16</i> { <i>MABS-16</i>	- Command Chronology of MAG-16 Motor Transport	MTO OFF, 35:PNP:rbw of 9 June 71

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GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Part 1 Organizational Data

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

TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16  
MADS-16  
HML-167

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSURE

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	L. C. STREET III	COL	1-20 JUN 71
XO, MAG-16	J. E. GILLIS	LTCOL	1-20 JUN 71
S-1	C. H. FEASELMAN	CAPT	1-20 JUN 71
S-2	A. J. GARCIA	CAPT	1-20 JUN 71
S-3	H. V. STEADMAN	LTCOL	1-20 JUN 71
S-4	R. R. LEISY	LTCOL	1-20 JUN 71
Adj	C. H. FEASELMAN	CAPT	1-20 JUN 71
CO, H&MS-16	C. C. SILLARD	MAJ	1-15 JUN 71
CO, H&MS-16	D. R. BOWEN	MAJ	16-20 JUN 71
CO, MADS-16	D. A. SPURLOCK	LTCOL	1-15 JUN 71
CO, HML-167	R. J. BLANC	LTCOL	1-9 JUN 71
CO, MADS	C. W. DEPTER	MAJ	16-20 JUN 71

AVERAGE STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&MS-16	16	92	0	0
MADS-16	15	188	0	0
HML-167	7	30	0	0

Following Personnel Changes 1-20 June 1971

- Number of Joins: 0
- Number of Drops: 885
- Number of Promotions: NONE

CASUALTIES: NONE

*C. H. Feaselman*  
C. H. FEASELMAN  
By direction