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Subj: Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) Wing Order 5750.1B

Encl: ✓(1) Part One - Organizational Data
 ✓(2) Part Two - Narrative Summary
 ✓(3) Part Three - Significant Events
 ✓(4) Part Four - Supporting Documents

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are hereby submitted for the month of May 1966.

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PART I

1. Organizational Data - Period 1 to 31 May 1966.
 - a. Commanding Officer and staff of MAG-36:

CO	JOHNSON, William G.	COL
XO	PORTER, Mervin B.	LTCOL
ADJ	AMBROSE, Raymond H.	2NDLT
S-1	BRAY, Richard P.	MAJOR
S-2	YATES, Charles E.	CAPT
S-3	ZITNIK, Robert J.	LTCOL
S-4	ALDWORTH, J.	LTCOL
Chaplain	HOWARD, Marvin	LCDR
Flt Surgeon	SCHENK, Thomas	LT(USN)
MTO	MOFFETT, Forrest L.	CAPT
EMB	PARKER, George R.	2NDLT
ORD	PARKER, George R.	2NDLT
MAINT	CHRISTIE, G. O.	MAJOR
LEGAL	MEISSNER, H. W.	CAPT
COMM	MEERS, Clarence I.	CAPT
Civil Affairs	MERRITT, Max A.	MAJOR
Avn Safety	BONNEY, R. A.	MAJOR
NATOPS	KUCI, Richard A.	MAJOR
Security	TORREY, Phillip H.	CAPT 1-16 May
	GONZALES, C. E.	CAPT 20-31 May

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b. Commanders and Staff of attached units:

H&IS-36

CO	MOONEY, Thomas G.	LTCOL
XO	HATCH, Robert D.	MAJOR
MAINT O	CHRISTIE, C. O.	MAJOR

MABS-36

CO	TWEED, McDonald D.	LTCOL 1 - 9 May
	BUCKNER, Gordon H. II	MAJOR 10-31 May
XO	BUCKNER, Gordon H. II	MAJOR 1 - 9 May
	COLLINS, Michael E.	CAPT 10-12 May
	LUEDKE, Bruce D.	CAPT 13-31 May
OPS	COLLINS, Michael E.	CAPT

HMM-261

1-26 May

CO	COSTELLO, K. W.	LTCOL
XO	GUAY, Robert P.	MAJOR
OPS	PATE, Gerald S.	MAJOR

HMM-361

26-31 May

CO	TWEED, McDonald D.	LTCOL
XO	DUPHINEY, Randall W.	MAJOR
OPS	CHAMBERS, Dwight L.	CAPT

HMM-362

CO	GARROTT, Alfred F.	LTCOL
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XO	DUVALL, R. L.	MAJOR
OPS	SMITH, W. R.	MAJOR 1 - 23 May
	SCAGLIONE, Peter C.	MAJOR 24 - 31 May

HMM-363

CO	MC GOUGH, J. D.	LTCOL
XO	VOBORA, G. J.	MAJOR
OPS	GRAHAM, W. H.	MAJOR

VMO-6

CO	PRESSON, Robert R.	MAJOR
XO	GOODSELL, William J.	MAJOR
OPS	PURCELL, Robert D.	MAJOR

2. Task Organization and Unit Location:

Unit Designation	Location	Date
H&MS-36	KY HA	1 - 31 May 66
MABS-36	KY HA	1 - 31 May 66
HMM-261	KY HA (CONUS)	1 - 26 May 66 26-31 May 66
HMM-361	KY HA	26-31 May 66
HMM-362	KY HA	1 - 31 May 66
HMM-363	KY HA	1 - 31 May 66
VMO-6	KY HA	1 - 31 May 66

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3. Average monthly strength: May 1966

Unit	Mar. Off.	Mar. Enl.	Navy Off.	Navy Enl.
H&MS-36	41	331	0	0
MABS-36	13	476	4	25
HMM-361	44	138	1	2
HMM-362	52	173	1	0
HMM-363	50	180	1	0
VMO-6	38	145	0	0

Average monthly strength of MAG-36 was 245 officers and 1470 enlisted.

4. The following VIPS visited the MAG-36 area during the month of May 1966:

<u>Date</u>	<u>VIP</u>
1 May	MAJ. GEN. LAM RVN CG 2nd ARVN DIV
13 May	LT. GEN. KRULAK CG, FMFPac
22 May	MAJ. GEN. FIELDS CG, 1ST MARDIV Gov. William SCRANTON Gov. Pa.
26 May	GEN. BEACH U.S. Forces Korea MAJ. GEN. SHELTON MAJ. GEN. CHAE ROKA
27 May	MAJ. GEN. ROBERTSHAW CG, 1st MAW

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PART II

1. Narrative Summary:

a. During the month of May MAG-36's combat operations in support of the 1st Marine Division and the ARVN I Corps forces continued at their customary pace. The flexibility and versatility of the helicopter in counter-guerrilla warfare was demonstrated repeatedly as the "choppers" of MAG-36 performed assault landings, recon insertions and retractions, emergency battle evacs, resupplies, reconnaissance, and the myriad of tasks so essential to the prosecution of the war.

(1) On the twenty sixth of May HMM-361 replaced HMM-261 on the rolls of MAG-36's squadrons.

(2) The responsiveness of MAG-36 to the demands of this type warfare was shown in the action of 3 May 1966. At 1055H the Med Evac standby A/C, a UH34D of HMM-261 and an armed UH1E of VMO-6, launched to perform an emergency battle evac for a squad of the 2nd Bn, 5th Marines at BT 395125. Despite intense small arms and automatic fire around the LZ the UH34D, flown by 1st Lt. L. E. GAGGERO, succeeded in picking up the casualty on his second landing in the zone. As he departed the area the casualty was wounded a second time by ground fire. The UH34D received sixteen hits and the escorting UH1E two hits in the course of this mission. The engaged unit then requested the SPARROW HAWK, a flight of three UH34D's of HMM-362 (carrying a reinforced squad) and escorted by an armed UH1E of VMO-6. This flight launched at 1153H. The reinforced squad was inserted under heavy fire with three armed UH1E's scrambled by VMO-6 providing cover by fire. Two additional HMM-362 UH34D's launched shortly thereafter to assist the SPARROW HAWK flight in lifting in reinforcements from 2/5. MAG-12 A-4's were scrambled and controlled on air strikes in the area by VMO-6 TAC(A)'s in the UH1E's. Six additional UH34D's then joined the lift and transported 150 Marines of 2nd Bn, 5th Marines from their CP at Hill 69 into the contested area at BT 386130. Five of the twelve UH34D's involved received hits during the execution of this mission. A pair of VMO-6 UH1E's remained on station over the area throughout the afternoon controlling air strikes and artillery on targets. The UH1E's accounted for fifteen structures destroyed and five possible VC KBA in the course of this action.

(3) From the eighth to the fourteenth of May MAG-36 provided helicopter support for the three U.S. Marine Bn's, two RVN Bn's and an ARVN strike company participating in Operation MONTGOMERY on the Chau Tuan peninsula five miles to the southeast of the Chu Lai Combat Base. (See Annex B)

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(4) Operation YUMA began on the sixteenth of June^{may?} when MAG-36 executed the night assault landing of 367 troops of the 3rd Bn, 7th Marines. A C-117 flareship provided illumination for the twenty six UH-34D's of HMM-362 and HMM-363 who carried the troops into LZ Hail (BS 561911), LZ Thunder (BS 554916) and LZ Lightning (BS 553907) from the 3/7 CP at LZ Robin. Although light fire was received from BS520927, BS 567907, BS 584913, and BS 593917, no A/C were hit and the fire was returned by the four escorting UH1E's of VMO-6.

(5) At 0730H on the seventeenth, twenty four UH34D's of HMM-362 and HMM-363 escorted by four UH1E's of VMO-6, lifted 460 ARVN troops from Quang Ngai A.F. to an unsecure LZ (BS 670534). A USAF Birdog TAC(A) controlled MAG-12 A-4's in prepping the zone. The lift was completed in two waves. Seven of the UH34D's were hit by small arms fire and a UH1E received a 50 Cal. hit. The VMO-6 UH1E gave excellent support and were credited with 20 confirmed VC KBA by the ground forces. The new TAT 101 chin gun turret was put to good use during this action. One UH34D also claimed a VC KBA in the LZ. One HMM-363 A/C was forced to land at BS 688603 with engine malfunctions due to battle damage. By 0930H eight UH34D's of HMM-363 had picked up a 40 man security force of the 1st Bn, 7th Marines and emplaced them at the site of the downed A/C. Sniper fire was received during the approach to the downed UH34D. VMO-6 armed UH1E's capped the LZ throughout the repair activities and neutralized the sniper fire from the northeast of the LZ. Repairs were completed and the A/C and security force were withdrawn by 1200H without further incident.

(6) At 1600H, twenty two UH34D's of HMM-362 and HMM-363 lifted 423 troops of the 3rd Bn, 7th Marines, two ARVN interpreters and a pair of sentry dogs from an unsecure zone (BS 569916) to their CP at LZ Robin. Two UH-34D's were hit by sniper fire during this retraction resulting in minor wounds to a pilot and three crewmembers. Cpl. K. E. SHIERSKI of HMM-362 is credited with shooting a VC sniper from a tree in the pick up zone. Two VMO-6 UH1E's provided escort throughout the lift.

(7) The next major action for MAG-36 occurred on 20 May as Operation MORGAN, a joint ARVN - USMC action commenced. The objective area was located on the north and south banks of the Song Tra Bong River eight miles southwest of Chu Lai. The A-4's of MAG-12 prepped the four zones utilized in the assault. At 0900H twenty UH34D's of HMM-363 and HMM-261 began landing 349 troops of the 2nd ARVN DIV in LZ Pine (BS 491882) on the south side of the Song Tra

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Bong. Four VMO-6 UH1E's capped the LZ throughout the landing which was completed without incident. At this same time sixteen UH34D's of HMM-362 were engaged in lifting I Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Marines from LZ Apple (BS505946) to LZ Peach (BS489897) an unsecured zone on the north bank of the river. Those A/C, together with the twenty A/C of HMM-363 and HMM-261 who had completed the ARVN lift, then lifted K Co and H&S Co, 3/7 into LZ Plum (BS 511901) and Pear (BS501900) also on the north bank of the river. The eight UH1E's of VMO-6 who provided escort throughout these lifts had two VC KBA confirmed, six VC possible KBA, and two structures destroyed.

(8) On 21 May Operation MORGAN was supported by two UH34D's of HMM-261 who transported 3 tons of cargo, 25 troops and 22 VCS throughout the day. Two UH34D's also performed direct support for Operation MORGAN throughout the 22nd.

(9) During the morning of the 23rd six UH34D's of HMM-363 lifted 24 tons of captured rice from BS 500889 to Binh Son in support of 3rd Bn, 7th Marines in support of Operation MORGAN. At 1500, twenty UH34D's of HMM-363 and HMM-261 commenced the retraction of 3/7 from BS 500889 to their CP at LZ Robin. Two VMO-6 UH1E's and a section of MAG-12 A-4's covered the retraction. Light sniper fire was encountered during the final stage of the lift. This concluded Operation MORGAN. (See Annex D)

(10) Operation CHEYENNE, a one day, company sized operation took place on 24 May. The operation commenced with the prep of the LZ by artillery at 0650H under the control of VMO-6 UH1E's. At 0715H sixteen UH34D's of HMM-362 lifted 212 troops of the 1st Bn, 5th Marines into the zone in two waves without incident.

(a) Two VMO-6 armed UH1E's on a TAC(A) mission in support of CHEYENNE controlled MAG-12 A-4's on air strikes in the operating area. A total of 61 structures were destroyed, 17 large boats were damaged and three secondary explosions observed as a result of the air attack. Heavy but ineffectual small arms fire was received by the A/C on this mission. The troops were retracted by twenty four UH34D's of HMM-362 and HMM-363 at 1600H from BT 376229 and Bt 384237 to their CP at Hill 54. VMO-6 UH1E's and MAG-12 covered this withdrawal which was completed uneventfully. (See Annex E)

(11) On the 26th of May Operation Mobile, a sweep and clear operation on the Van Tuong Peninsula five miles south of Chu Lai, began with the insertion of a 20 man recon team of the 1st Recon Bn

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at BS 675985 by four UH34D's of HMM-362 at 1000H. This was followed by the lift of 145 troops of B Co, 1st Bn, 7th Marines from LZ Lion to Poppinjay, an unsecured zone at BS 682995, by 12 UH34D's of HMM-362. Upon completion of this lift these A/C, with the four A/C from the recon insert, joined 16 UH34D's of HMM-363 in transporting 600 troops of the 5th ARVN Airborne Bn to LZ (BS 712932). At 1130H the thirty two UH34D's lifted an additional 600 troops of the 5th ARVN Marine Bn to LZ Eagle (BS 705963). Two VMO-6 UH1E's remained on station throughout the lifts to control MAG-12 A-1's if required. Four UH1E's provided escort and LZ tap during the landings. Two UH1E's remained in the operating area following the lifts to support the ground troops. Several VC were observed at BS 657957 by these A/C and attacked. One VC was seen to have been killed by rocket fire by Major R. D. PURCELL who landed his UH1E beside the body. SSgt. G. L. ARMSTRONG, the gunner, then retrieved the VC's rifle, cartridge belt and papers. An additional VC KBA was also claimed by this flight. At 1515H the two UH1E's covering a sweep of Dong Le (4) (BS 660015) observed three VC fleeing from the ground forces at BT 669014 and attacked. The ground forces confirmed one VC KBA and captured two VC wounded by the UH1E's. A SPARROW HAWK flight was also launched in conjunction with the sweep of Dong Le (4). The 18 man squad was inserted at BS 667007 to act as a blocking force by three UH34D's of HMM-362 escorted by the VMO-6 UH1E's. Six UH34D's remained at the KY HA LSA throughout the operation on standby for direct support of the units in the field.

(a) May 26th was marked by the departure of HMM-261 from MAG-36 upon completion of its scheduled tour. HMM-361 replaced HMM-261 as MAG-36's third UH34D squadron at KY HA. Six A/C remained in direct support of Operation MOBILE conducting logistic and admin flights throughout the Van Tuong Peninsula. (See Annex C)

(12) The 28th of May was marked by the emergency retraction of a fourteen man recon team of the 1st Recon Bn from BT 512047. The team had incurred a casualty from a booby trap while clearing the LZ and felt they had been compromised. During the extraction by four UH34D's of HMM-363 fire was received from BT 312647 and suppressed by the rocket and machine gun fire of the escorting VMO-6 UH1E's.

(a) At 1730H four UH34D's of HMM-362 escorted by two VMO-6 UH1E's and two MAG-12 A-1's retracted a nine man recon team from BT 388036. Following this an insertion of a fourteen man team was made at BT 423055 and a twenty man team was also inserted at BS 437936. This LZ had been booby trapped with punji stakes and three of the 1st Recon Bn troops were evacuated from the LZ immediately with foot wounds.

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An emergency Med Evac/retraction of this team was requested at 1915H. The Med Evac A/C were launched and VMO-6 also quickly launched two "slick" UH1E's to assist if required. The two slicks, flown by Major R. M. GREGORY and Capt W. M. PETTIGREW evacuated all eighteen personnel from the zone. The pick up was made under night IFR conditions with the assistance of the Med Evac escort UH1E flown by Capt K. D. WATERS who remained over the LZ with his lights on bright to mark it for the two slicks shuttling the recon troops to LZ Quail and provide suppressive fire if needed.

(13) The month of May was closed with Operation CHEYENNE II a 1st Bn, 5th Marines operation north of Chu Lai. At 0730H twenty UH34D's of HMM-363 and HMM-361, escorted by four UH1E's of VMO-6 lifted 116 troops of B Co, 1/5 to an unsecure zone at BT 285340. This was followed by the lift of 122 troops of C Co, 1/5 to a LZ (BT 308354) by the same A/C. The LZ's were prepped by MAG-11 and MAG-12 A/C. A flight of MAG-12 A-4's were also controlled in a strike at 5 to 7 VC observed at BT 335346 by the VMO-6 TAC(A). Three VC KBA's were confirmed for the A-4's by the TAC(A).

(a) At 1705H the retraction of B Co was begun by 18 UH34D's of HMM-363 and HMM-361 from LZ (BT341203). This was followed by the withdrawal of C Co from LZ (BT 343304) to the Bn CP at Hill 54. The retractions were covered by two VMO-6 UH1E's and a section of MAG-12 A-4's. The UH1E's suppressed light sniper fire at BT 321308.

(b) Two UH34D's of HMM-363 operated in direct support of Operation CHEYENNE II through the day. These A/C lifted a total of five US WIA's, one VC WIA, and 57 VCS. This concluded the significant combat operations of MAG-36 for the month.

b. MAG-36's operations during May were marked for the most part by many operations of short duration in which one or two battalions were used for sweeping and clearing operations in connection with the local pacification program.

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PART III

1. Significant Events.

a. CAMP CONSTRUCTION

(1) The expansion and improvement of the KY HA Air Field and the MAG-36 facilities continued through the month of May. Eighteen new living quarters were completed and the foundation and framework of a new messhall was begun. Three large metal buildings to serve as maintenance facilities were erected between the north and south mat areas. The permanent staff club, built by the Staff NCO's of the Group, was officially opened by Col. William G. JOHNSON on 22 May who christened it, appropriately, with a bottle of beer. (See Annex F)

b. SEARCH AND RESCUE

(1) On the night of 12 May, two UH34D's of HMM-362 on SAR duty at Chu Lai Air Field responded to a Mayday call by a MAG-12 A-4. Capt R. T. RANDALL successfully executed a night water pick up by hoist of the ejected pilot at BT 550070. The Crash crew and fire fighting equipment were then transported to the site where the abandoned A/C had crashed (BT 530060) by the flight.

b. C-117 OPERATIONS

(1) The H&MS C-117D piloted by Captain J. D. BOWLING, 2ndLt. A. J. SOLTIS and Maj. R. A. BONNEY, flew a logistics run to Phu Bai, Da Nang and return to Chu Lai during the day of 1 May.

(2) Ground illumination was required on the night of 1 May, and the C-117D was launched on mission 5-157. The aircraft with LtCol T. G. MOONEY and 1stLt D. P. GOOD as pilots and a flare crew of Sgt W. M. BAKER, Sgt. K. F. KRAUT, Cpl. D. A. ARNOLD, Sgt E. J. SANFORD, 1stLt E. J. MANCO, 2ndLts G. R. PARKER Jr. and R. A. AMBROSE and Sgt D. L. KISER, remained on station for 3.5 hours providing illumination for ground units.

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Annex A to Command Chronology May 1966

1. MAG-36 Combat Statistics for May 1966

a. Sorties	15,940
b. Flight hours	5079.3
c. Cargo Tons	440.9
d. Troops/Passengers	39,010
e. Med-Evacs	554
f. KBA'S: Confirmed	37
Possible	34
g. Structures: Destroyed	105
Damaged	37
h. Sampans: Destroyed	12
Damaged	10

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing

Subj: Combat After Action Report for Operation MONTGOMERY (u)

Encl: ☒ (1) Chronological Summary
☒ (2) Statistical Summary
☒ (3) Operational Comments

1. The Combat After Action Report for Operation MONTGOMERY, conducted during the period 9 May to 14 May 1966 is hereby submitted. The report covers the activities of all assigned squadrons, as well as those augmentation aircraft from MAG-16, and Army UH-1B platoons assigned from the 119th and 129th Army Aviation Companies. Colonel William G. Johnson USMC was designated as Tactical Air Commander for the operation.

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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

8 May 1966

Operation MONTGOMERY, initially scheduled to commence on 8 May was postponed for 24 hours due to poor weather which would limit air support activity.

9 May 1966

The air portion of Operation MONTGOMERY began at L-120 with one hour of air strikes in the objective area. At L-60 LZ prep was conducted by artillery and at L-30 LZ prep was conducted by fixed wing aircraft. At 090830H twenty four UH-34D's from HMM-362 and HMM-363 augmented by eight CH-46A's of HMM-164 and escorted by four armed UH-1E's of VMO-6 commenced lift of 670 troops of 1/7 from Ky Ha into an unsecure LZ at BS 429 749. T-Hour was 090900H. LZ prep was provided by MAG-11 F-4's and MAG-12 A-4's controlled by USAF FAC. Small arms fire was encountered in the vicinity of the LZ. One UH-34D was hit, but continued in the lift. VMO-6 aircraft returned fire on VC at BS 420 793 and claimed 3 VC KBA. Three structures were destroyed at BS 437 751. Simultaneously with the above lift twelve UH-34D's of HMM-261 augmented by eight UH-34D's of HMM-161 and escorted by four armed UH-1B's of 119th Army Aviation Company, lifted 1200 troops of the 1st and 5th RVN Marine Battalions from Quang Ngai Airfield into an unsecure zone at BS 445 740. Landing zone prep was provided by MAG-12 A-4's and MAG-11 F-4 aircraft controlled by USAF FAC. One aircraft was hit but continued in the lift. At 091030H eight UH-34D's of HMM-362 escorted by armed UH-1E's of VMO-6 inserted 69 recon troops of 1st Recon Battalion at BS 412774, BS 444792, and BS 437223 without incident. At 091040H thirty two UH-34D's of HMM-261, HMM-363, and HMM-161 escorted by armed UH-1E's of VMO-6 and UH-1B's of 119th Army Aviation Company lifted 650 troops of 2/7 from Quang Ngai Airfield into an unsecure zone at BS 413 757. Landing Zone prep was provided by A-4 and F-4 aircraft controlled by USAF FAC. On completion of LZ prep two UH-1E's of VMO-6 dispensed three E-159 cannisters of CS/CN at BS 425 760, BS 428 768, and along ridge line in vicinity of BS 415-769. All pilots, crewmembers and troops landed with gas masks. VMO-6 aircraft returned fire on VC at BS 420793, BS 432793 and BS 461800. No claims. At 091245H twenty UH-34D's of HMM-363, HMM-261, and HMM-362 escorted by armed UH-1E's of VMO-6 and UH-1B's of 119th Army Aviation Company lifted 280 troops of an ARVN Strike Company from BS 545735 into an unsecure zone at BS 495717 without incident. At 091435H thirty one UH-34D's of HMM-362, HMM-261, and HMM-363 and two CH-46A's of HMM-164 escorted by armed UH-1E's of VMO-6 and UH-1B's of the 119th Army Aviation Company lifted 800 troops of 1/5 from Ky Ha to an unsecure zone at BS 524840. The LZ was prepped by A-4 and F-4 aircraft controlled by a USAF FAC. Two aircraft were

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hit in vicinity of zone but continued in the lift. One VC KBA by VMO-6 at BS 534885 was claimed. At 091510H four UH-34D's of HMM-363 escorted by two UH-1E's of 129th Army Aviation Company lifted 27 recon troops of 1st Recon Battalion from 7th Marines CP to BS 475812. Throughout the day eight UH-34D's of HMM-261 provided direct support, resupply, and med evac of all Operation MONTGOMERY units. Commencing at 091930H two UH-1E's of VMO-6 provided night observation of the Operation MONTGOMERY area under flares dropped by MAG-11's C-117D. At 092000H two armed UH-1E's of VMO-6 on night reconnaissance of the MONTGOMERY area received fire from BS 640806 and BS 500784 and returned same. Twelve sampans were sunk by the UH-1E's while patrolling the Son Tra Khuc between BS 485765 and BS 517556. At 2100 the relief flight of UH-1E's detected enemy activity in the vicinity of BS 519765 and conducted a Search and Destroy mission. A neighboring outpost reported seeing five people fleeing the area and one body on a rice paddy dike.

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At 100600H six UH-34D's of HMM-362 commenced resupply operations from the Quang Ngai Airfield Logistic Support Area (LSA), in support of the units in the field. During the day these aircraft carried 28 tons of cargo and 187 troops. At 100830H twelve UH-34D's of HMM-261, escorted by two armed UH-1E's lifted 173 troops of 2nd Bn. 7th Marines from LZ BS 430762 to an unsecured LZ at BS 425797. Two armed UH-1E's of VMO-6 acted as TAC(A) and controlled one flight of MAG-11 aircraft in prepping the zone. One VC was sighted at BS 433769 and attacked with undetermined results. Six more VC were seen at BS 430778 and attacked possibly killing two VC. Hostile fire was also returned at BS 433789. The two Army UH-1B's escorting the lift received fire at BS 513793 which struck one aircraft in the tail rotor drive shaft. The aircraft returned fire and safely returned to Ky Ha. At 101300H ten UH-34D's of HMM-261, escorted by two armed UH-1E's of VMO-6 lifted 140 troops and 3 tons of cargo of 1st Bn. 7th Marines from LZ BS 432748 to LZ BS 452773. At 101300H eight UH-34D's of HMM-362 lifted 155 troops of 2nd Bn. 7th Marines from Quang Ngai Airfield to landing zone BS 430762 without incident.

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At 110830H sixteen UH-34D's of HMM-362 departed Ky Ha and lifted one company of Marines of 1/7 from BS 512 814 to BS 458839. The helicopters were escorted by 2 Army UH-1B's. Small arms fire was received from BS 511 882 with no hits or fire returned. Sixteen UH-34D's from HMM-363 and HMM-362 departed Quang Ngai where they had been on condition III stand-by status lifting troops of BLT 1/7 from CP at BS 508750 to BS 487788. Fire was received from the area around the pick up zone with no hits or fire returned. The flight was escorted by two VMO-6 gunships. At 111800H three UH-34D's from HMM-261 departed for BS 661756 where they picked up 18 recon Marines

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and inserted them at BS 570851. Fire was received on the approach and climb out of the insert landing zone. No UH-1E gunbirds were available for this insert and fixed wing cover was utilized. No return fire by the A-4's from MAG-12 because the friendly recon in the drop area had dispersed into the bushes. MAG-36 maintained six UH-34D's on log/med evac support at Quang Ngai Airfield continuously. In the afternoon troop lift, two UH-1E's from VMO-6 were diverted to BS 387786 where three VC were sighted and three more sighted at BS 388802. These positions were taken under fire by Oxwood 20-1 and 45-1 flights and Condole 050-1 flight with expended ordnance right on target. VMO-6 with rockets and machine gun fire also claimed 1 VC KBA.

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At 120740H sixteen UH-34D's of HMM-362 escorted by two armed UH-1E's of VMO-6 and MAG-12 A-4 aircraft lifted two companies of 1/7 from BS 488788 to BS 536796. Fire was received from BS 307806. No hits. Six UH-34D's remained at Quang Ngai throughout the day in direct support of units in the field.

13 May 1966

Two UH-34D's operated as command/control aircraft from 130700H until dusk for Operation MONTGOMERY. During the day's mission fire was received from BS 554639 and automatic fire was received from BS 418762 resulting in minor damage to aircraft. Four UH-34D's of HMM-363, escorted by VMO-6 UH-1E's and MAG-12 A-4's retracted 89 troops of the 1st Recon Bn. from LZ's BS 447 828, BS 485 838, and BS 469 854 to LZ Quail at 131045H. One UH-34D received minor damage from enemy fire from BS 6075 area. Suppressive fire was applied by the departing UH-34D's. At 131340H thirty one UH-34D's of HMM-362, HMM-261, and HMM-363 transported 750 troops of the 1st Bn. 5th Marines from LZ BS 531852 to Ky Ha Airfield. VMO-6 UH-1E's and MAG-12 A-4's provided CAP over the zone throughout the retraction. At 131600H nine UH-34D's of HMM-362 and HMM-363 escorted by two VMO-6 UH-1E's lifted 175 troops and four tons of cargo of 1st Bn. 7th Marines from LZ BS 563796 to LZ BS 591835. Automatic weapons fire was received from BS 570815 and returned by one aircraft. Sniper fire was encountered in the vicinity of the pick up zone. No hits. At 131745H five UH-34D's of HMM-363 with a VMO-6 UH-1E and MAG-12 A-4 escort retracted 20 troops of the 1st Recon Bn. from BS 476905 to the Chu Lai combat Base (LZ Quail).

14 May 1966

At 140950H thirty UH-34D's helicopters from HMM-261, HMM-362, and HMM-363 with escort by UH-1E gunships from VMO-6 launched from Ky Ha for BS 601864 where they lifted 798 U. S. Marines in the retrograde of BLT 2/7 back to BS 503038. No fire received or returned. VMO-6 also provided convoy escort on two separate convoys from Quang Ngai to 7th Marines CP.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Flight Hours	1067.4
Sorties	3582
Troops/Pax	7439
Cargo Tons	105.3
Aircraft Hit	9
Number Holes	10
Aircraft Down/Recovered	0/0
Casualties	0

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1. ITEM: Pre D-Day Reconnaissance. Numerous reconnaissance flights were held over the proposed operating area and adjacent terrain prior to the execution of Operation MONTGOMERY at the request of various ground units. It is felt that the increase in air traffic by UH-1E and UH-34D aircraft over a prospective target unnecessarily compromises the projected operation.

RECOMMENDATION: That all reconnaissance flights over proposed targets be limited to those that are deemed absolutely necessary by the senior unit commander. The use of USAF FAC aircraft for reconnaissance of an operation area is further recommended since these aircraft are normally seen throughout most areas during daily routine observation flights.

2. ITEM: RCA Operations. During this operation MAG-36 UH-1E's utilized the E-159 CS/CN Riot Control Agent dispensing system in the preparation of LZ Blue BS 412757 on 9 May 1966. The system worked well and appeared to cover the target satisfactorily.

RECOMMENDATION: It is felt this capability would be put to better advantage if it were employed in fortified areas and villages rather than in an open landing zone. Such use would provide for the most advantageous exploitation of the temporally disabling effects of the agent by ground units. It is felt that due to the present limited supply of the agent fortified complexes be the primary target assigned to aircraft armed with the E-159 unit.

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1. Operation Mobile (PHOTO).



Troops debarking at LZ

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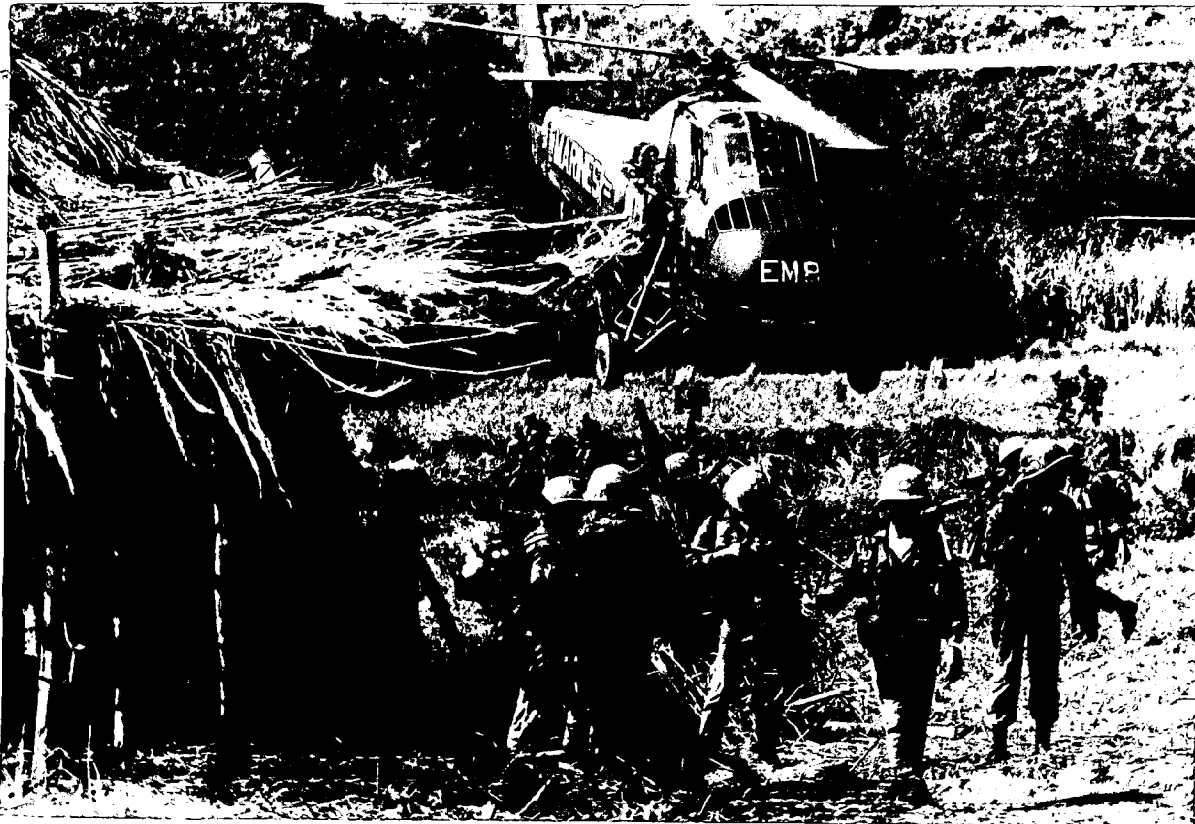
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1. Operation Morgan (PHOTO)



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1. Operation Cheyenne I (PHOTO).



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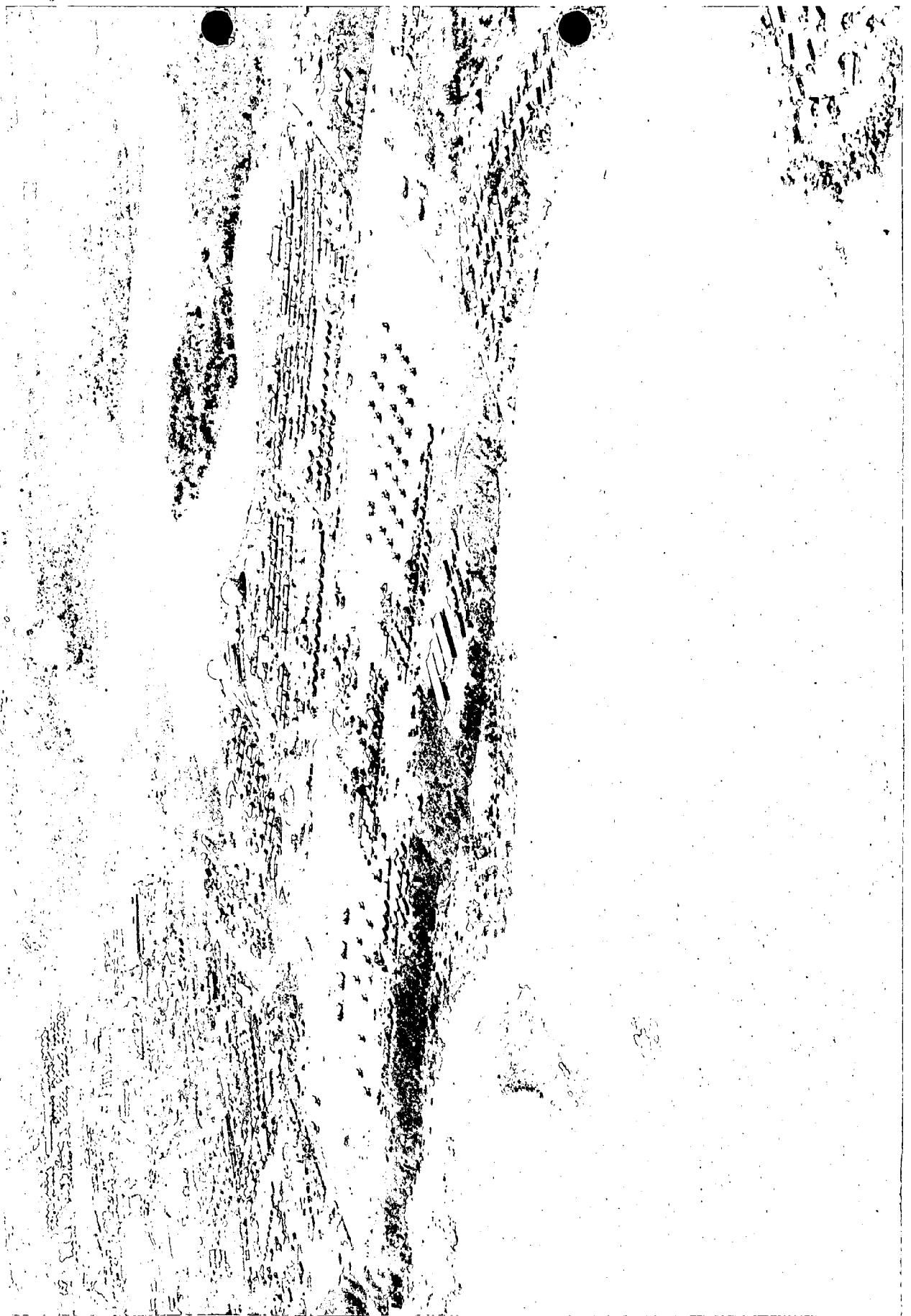
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1. KY HA Air Facility - May 1966 (PHOTO).

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1. KY HA Air Facility - May 1966 (PHOTO).

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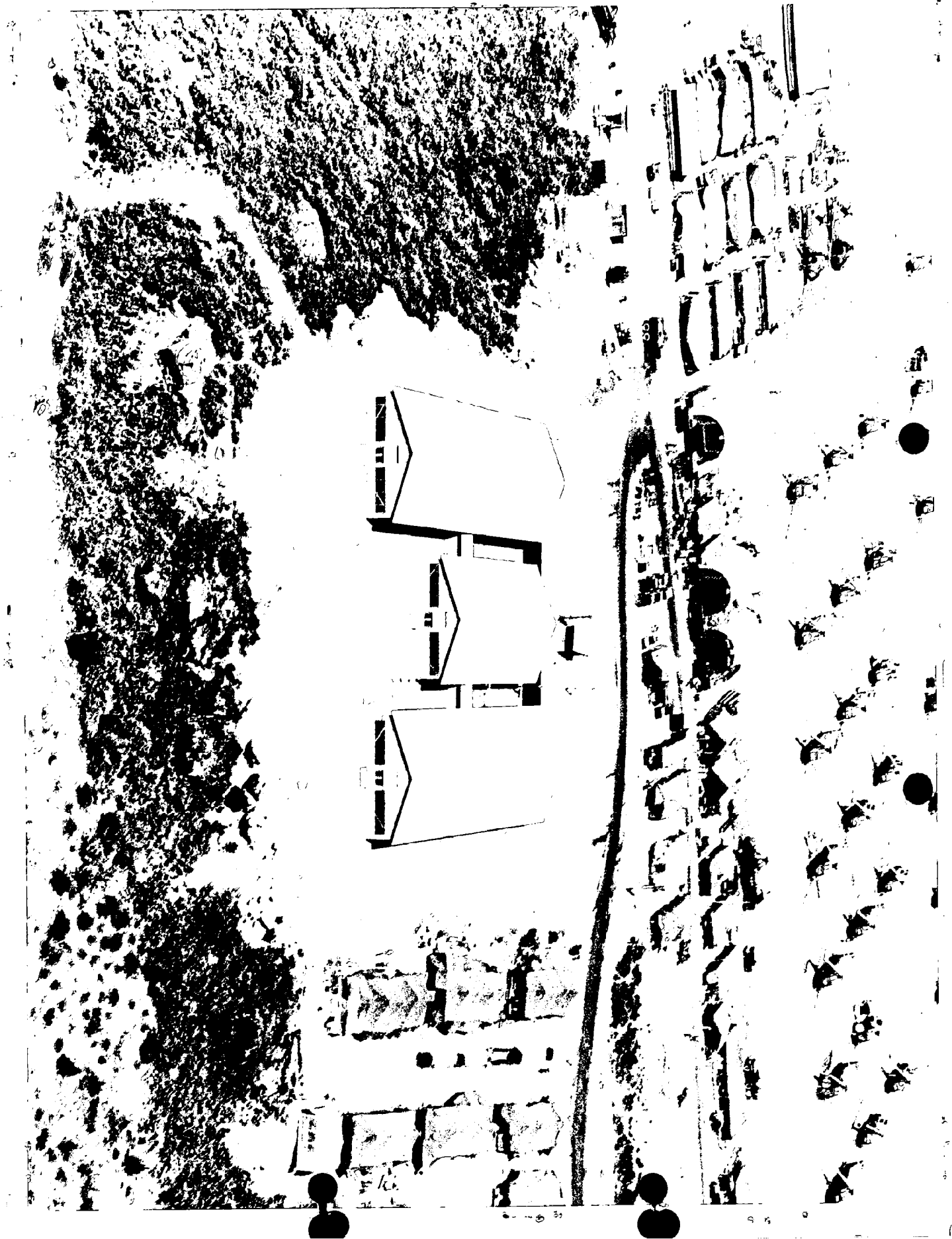
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1. New MAG-36 Mess Hall - KY HA, RVN (PHOTO).

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