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Marine Aircraft Group-16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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MCAF, HUE PHU BAI, Republic of Viet-Nam

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A. PART ONE - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff

- a. Walter C. KELLY, LtCol., Commanding Officer, 1-30 June 1967
- b. Frederick A. RUECKEL, Major, Executive Officer, 1-30 June 1967
- c. Robert L. THIEN, Major, Operations Officer, 1-30 June 1967
- d. Lonnie S. UNDERHILL, Captain, Logistics Officer, 1-30 June 1967
- e. Daniel V. MCDONALD, Major, Maintenance Officer, 1-30 June 1967
- f. John E. CARROLL, Major, Aviation Safety Officer, 1-30 June 1967
- g. Charles M. HAVICAN, Captain, NATOPS Officer, 1-30 June 1967
- h. Joseph R. GRAY, Captain, Administration Officer, 1-30 June 1967
- i. James R. FOWLER, Lieutenant, USN(MC), Medical Officer, 1-20 June 1967
- j. John W. COCHRAN, Lieutenant, USN(MC), Medical Officer, 20-30 June 1967
- k. Floyd W. HURLBUT, Captain, Intelligence Officer, 1-30 June 1967
- l. Robert F. O'NEIL, 1/LT., Custodian, S&C, 1-15 June 1967
- m. William K. WESTLING, Captain, Custodian, S&C, 16-30 June 1967

2. Task Organization

a. Location - MCAF, Hue Phu Bai, Republic of Viet-Nam, 1-30 June 1967

3. Average Monthly Strength

Marine Navy

Officer Enlisted Officer Enlisted

41 182 1 3

4. Important Visitors

a. None, during this period

B. PART TWO - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew twelve (12) medevac missions today.

2 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew eleven (11) medevac missions today, one (1) of them being a night medevac. LtCol KELLY led a flight of six aircraft on two (2) Arvn strikes from La Vang to YD 395640 and YD 362618. No fire was taken.

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3 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew ten (10) medevac missions today, six (6) of them being night medevacs. LtCol KELLY, while flying an Admin mission to Scat LZ received small arms fire at YD 482406 with no hits taken. Major CARROLL, flying resupply today, carried ten (10) short tons in fifty (50) sorties and thirty (30) tasks. Lt HUGHES also carried ten (10) short tons while on resupply in thirty-six (36) sorties and twelve (12) tasks.

4 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of seventeen (17) medevac missions today, six (6) of them being night medevac missions. Major RUECKEL received sniper fire while flying an Admin mission to Scat LZ.

5 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of five (5) medevac missions today, two (2) of them being night medevac missions.

6 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of nine (9) medevac missions today, three (3) of them being night medevac missions. Capt NELSON received small arms fire while on night medevac with no hits taken.

7 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of thirteen (13) medevac missions today, four (4) of them being night medevacs.

8 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of ten (10) medevac missions today.

9 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of seven (7) medevac missions today, five (5) of them being night medevac missions.

10 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of fifteen (15) medevac missions today, seven (7) of them being night medevac missions.

11 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of five (5) medevac missions today, two (2) of them being night medevacs. Major CARROLL received one small arms hit in the fiberglas "turtle back" while on resupply.

12 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew six (6) medevacs today. Major MCDONALD led a flight of three on an Arvn strike today lifting a total of ninety-two (92) Arvns.

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13 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of seventeen (17) medevac missions today, seven (7) of them being night medevac missions.

14 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of fourteen (14) medevac missions, one (1) of them being a night medevac.

15 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of ten (10) medevac missions today, three (3) of them being night medevac missions. Major RUECKEL led a flight of three (3) aircraft on an emergency recon extract.

16 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of six (6) medevac missions. Major THIEN led a flight of six (6) aircraft on a Sparrow hawk insert for a downed CH-46A. Mortar fire was received in the pickup zone with no hits or injuries taken.

17 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of eleven (11) medevac missions today.

18 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of five (5) medevac missions today, three (3) of them being night medevac missions.

19 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of seven (7) medevac missions today. Capt BRICKELL and Capt NELSON both received small arms fire while flying medevac today. No damage or injuries were taken.

20 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of twelve (12) medevacs today, four of them being night medevacs. Major MCDONALD received small arms fire while flying on night medevac.

21 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of eight (8) medevac missions, one (1) of them being a night medevac mission.

22 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of eight (8) medevac missions today. Capt HURLBUT received small arms fire while on a medevac, no hits were received.

23 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of six (6) medevac missions today, three (3) of them being night medevac missions.

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24 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of six (6) medevac missions today.

25 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of five (5) medevac missions today, one of them being a night medevac mission. Major MCDONALD led a flight of nine (9) aircraft on a troop lift for Operation Maryland carrying a total of two hundred and fifty-seven (257) Marines.

26 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of twelve medevac missions today, one (1) of them being a night medevac mission.

27 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of seven (7) medevac missions today, two (2) of them being night medevacs.

28 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of ten (10) medevac missions today, one (1) of them being a night medevac mission.

29 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of six (6) medevac missions today, three (3) of them being night medevac. Capt BRACKINS received one round through the fuel cell while on resupply. No injuries or further damage occurred.

30 June 1967 - Normal operations conducted in the Phu Bai area. The squadron flew a total of eight (8) medevac missions today, two (2) of them being night medevac. Major MCDONALD led a flight of four (4) aircraft on a Sparrow hawk insert for a CH-46A that was shot down. A total of sixty (60) troops was lifted.

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C. PART THREE - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

a. The squadron experienced a slight decrease in personnel over the month, with twenty-eight (28) personnel being joined and thirty (30) being detached. The total number on hand as of 30 June 1967 were forty-two (42) officers and one hundred and eighty-one (181) enlisted men.

2. Administration

a. During the month, the squadron experienced three (3) promotions to the rank of Sergeant, five (5) to the rank of Corporal, one (1) to the rank of Lance Corporal.

3. Awards

a. The following awards were presented during the month of June 1967:

(1) Air Medal (Initial)

(a) Two (2) officers and ten (10) enlisted personnel received their first Air Medal during this period.

(2) Air Medal (Additional)

(a) Two hundred and one (201) additional Air Medals were presented during this period.

4. Casualties

a. There were no casualties in the month of June for HMM-163.

5. Civic Action

a. No significant events

6. Morale/Welfare Programs

a. No significant events

7. Information Services

a. Twelve (12) Hometown News Releases were written this month.

8. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence

a. No significant events

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9. Air Operations

- a. Flight Hours - 1533.1
- b. Flights/Sorties - 711/4,049
- c. Passengers - 4,726
- d. Cargo - 156.6 short tons
- e. Medevacs - 217

10. Special Operations

- a. 1-30 June 1967 Choctaw
 - (1) This squadron participated in Operation Choctaw in medevac flights, troop carrying missions, and numerous logistics missions in the area of operation.
- b. 1-30 June 1967 Cimmeron
 - (1) This squadron participated in Operation Cimmeron in logistics missions in the area of operation.
- c. 4-30 June 1967 Cumberland
 - (1) This squadron participated in Operation Cumberland in medevac flights, troop carrying missions and logistics flights in the area of operation.
- d. 25-30 June 1967 Maryland
 - (1) This squadron participated in Operation Maryland in troop carrying missions, medevac flights and numerous logistics flights.

11. Ground Defense

- a. Due to a movement of the squadron's working spaces from the south to the north side of the airstrip, new bunkers and fortified positions are being built.

12. Training

- a. There were fifteen (15) crewmen trained in aerial gunnery.
- b. There were swimming classes held to qualify twenty (20) crewmen in water survival at the 8th RRFS swimming pool.

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13. Logistics

- a. No significant events

14. Motor Transport

- a. No significant events

15. Maintenance

- a. No significant events

16. Avionics

- a. No significant events

17. Base Development

a. Numerous new huts were built to accommodate the new working spaces for the squadron.

b. Both the inner and outer perimeters were expanded to allow room for the new huts.

18. Communications/Electronics

- a. No significant events

D. PART FOUR - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. None

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