

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON-163
Marine Aircraft Group-16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for 1 - 30 June 1968

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to "UNCLASSIFIED" upon removal of enclosure (1).

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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff

Commanding Officer	LtCol. R. G. COURTNEY
Executive Officer	Maj. C. L. SMITH
Operations Officer	Maj. T. M. WHEELER (1 - 5 Jun)
	Maj. J. R. CIVELLI (6 - 30 Jun)
Personnel Officer	1stLt. G. D. TETU
Administrative Officer	1stLt. G. D. TETU
Intelligence Officer	1stLt. R. W. McILVAIN
Logistics Officer	Maj. J. R. CIVELLI (1 - 5Jun)
	Capt. E. W. BARAGAR (6 - 30 Jun)
Maintenance Officer	Capt. T. V. BURNS

2. Inclusive Dates and Location

1 - 30 June 1968: Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>MARINE</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
46	181	1	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1 - 6 June 1968: HMM-163 conducted normal operations in the Marble Mountain-DaNang TAOR. The squadron flew 1193 sorties during 321.2 hours of flying. A total of 87.7 tons of cargo and 548 passengers/troops were transported by HMM-163 during this period. HMM-163 completed 61 medevac missions, evacuating 206 casualties. The squadron also flew 57.6 hours in support of the Republic of Korea Marine Corps operations Red Dragon I, II, III, IV and V.
- 7 - 15 June 1968: During this time period, HMM-163 flew 514.5 hours, 1784 sorties, carrying 1006 passengers/troops and 110.5 tons of cargo. The squadron also evacuated 459 casualties through 129 medevac missions flown. HMM-163 supported the Korean Marines with 110.6 hours aiding them on Operation Dragon Palace.
- 16 - 23 June 1968: HMM-163 conducted normal operations in the DaNang Area. The squadron flew a total of 432.6 hours; in doing so, 1392 sorties were flown along with 696 passengers/troops and 83.4 tons of cargo. HMM-163 evacuated 351 casualties through 105 medevac missions completed. The squadron flew 80.6 hours in support of the ROK Marines.
- 24-30 June 1968: Normal operations were conducted during this period by HMM-163 in the DaNang TAOR. Flying 368.8 hours and 1362 sorties, HMM-163 transported 268 troops/passengers and 81.7 tons of cargo. The squadron evacuated 268 casualties by completing 103 medevac missions. The squadron also flew 47.3 hours in support of the ROK Marines.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL

a. Promotions: Sgt. - 6
Cpl. - 1
LCpl. - 3

b. Joined and Dropped: 12 Joined
33 Dropped

2. AWARDS. None

3. <u>CASUALTIES</u> :	NAME	RANK	DATE	LOCATION
	DANIELL, W. E.	Capt.	4 Jun 1968	AT 970542
	WHEELER, T. M.	Maj.	5 Jun 1968	AT 9654
	RASK, A. T.	1stLt.	5 Jun 1968	At 9654
	PADGETT, D. G.	Cpl.	5 Jun 1968	AT 9654
	DONALDSON, Z. H.	Cpl.	12 Jun 1968	AT 995583
	OLIVER, J. J.	Sgt.	26 Jun 1968	BT 031595
	HILBORN, R. W.	Cpl.	26 Jun 1968	BT 031595

4. INTELLIGENCE. No significant events.

5. AIR OPERATION

Total Flight Hours:	1661.9
Total Sorties Flown:	5736
Total Medevacs:	982
Total Cargo Carried:	264.4 tons
Total Troops/Passengers Carried:	3168

6. SPECIAL OPERATIONS. During this period the squadron participated in Operations Red Dragon and Dragon Palace.

7. MAINTENANCE. The squadron availability continued to improve during the month of June, in spite of a marked increase in battle damage incidents.

8. GENERAL. The Squadron fared well in the A&M Inspection conducted on 28 June. The overall grade of satisfactory with minor discrepancies was achieved by the "can do" spirit of all hands.

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