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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16 (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for 1 - 31 August 1968, submission of
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(b) GruO 5750.1C

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for 1 - 31 August 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 IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commanding Officer and Staff

Commanding Officer	LtCol. R. G. COURTNEY
Executive Officer	Maj. J. R. CIVELLI
Operations Officer	Maj. J. R. CIVELLI
Personnel Officer	CWO R. O. FLORENCE
Administrative Officer	CWO R. O. FLORENCE
Intelligence Officer	1stLt. T. BUSCEMI
Logistics Officer	Capt. E. W. BARAGAR
Maintenance Officer	Capt. W. J. CONLEY

2. Inclusive Dates and Location

1 - 31 August 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>
32	122	1	0

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew a total of 28.6 hours, 2.6 of which were for night medevac. The squadron did not complete all missions assigned due to a lack of aircraft.
- 2 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 32.9 hours, 6.4 of which were for night medevac. The squadron supported the ROCMC with Operation Dragon Palace II. One fire incident was reported with resulting damage being minor.
- 3 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew a total of 48.0 hours, 5.8 of which was for night medevac. The squadron transported 80 troops/pax and exacuated 60 medevacs. Two aircraft received light damage from enemy fire, there were no injuries.
- 4 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew a total of 49.6 hours, 6.0 hours of which are night medevac. The squadron lefted 18.3 tons of cargo and 38 medevacs while also supporting the ROKMC in Dragon Palace II.
- 5 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 35.1 hours total and 5.1 on night medevac. The squadron evacuated 55 casulties from the field and supported the ROKMC in Operation Dragon Palace II.
- 6 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew a total of 38.6 hours, 5.7 of which were for night medevac. The squadron evacuated 70 medevacs and supported the ROKMC in Operation Dragon Palace II. Two 163 aircraft received hits from small arms fire while a third received several hits when a mortar landed nearby in a medevac zone.
- 7 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew a total of 43.4 hours, 6.4 of which were for night medevac. The squadron flew 8 missions today, evacuating 25 medevacs.

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- 8 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew a total of 38.0 hours, 5.8 of which were for night medevac. The squadron evacuated 48 medevacs. One fire incident was reported with minor damage resulting.
- 9 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew a total of 43.3 hours, 4.7 on night medevac. The squadron reported no fire incidents this date. Operation Dragon Palace II was also supported by HMM-163.
- 10 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 41.5 hours, 6.0 hours on night medevac. The squadron evacuated 41 casualties and there were no fire incidents reported this date.
- 11 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 39.9 hours total, 2.5 on night medevac and evacuated 36 casualties. Three aircraft received damage from enemy fire. There were no injuries and damage to aircraft was light to minor.
- 12 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 48.8 hours, 5.2 of which were for night medevac. SAR from and to Chu Lai went as scheduled. There were no hits reported this date.
- 13 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew a total of 33.6 hours, 3.2 of which were for night medevac. The squadron evacuated 22 medevacs and there were no fire incidents reported.
- 14 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 32.2 hours, 6.7 of which were for night medevac. There were no fire incidents reported this date. HMM-163 flew in support of the ROKCP in Operation Dragon Place II.
- 15 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 35.8 hours, 3.8 on night medevac. This included 83 sorties and 37 tasks and 31 medevacs. There were no fire incidents this date.
- 16 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 35.0 hours, 6.3 of which were for night medevac. The squadron flew in support of the ROKMC and no fire incidents were reported this date.
- 17 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 35.0 hours, 6.3 on night medevac. The squadron reported no fire incidents this date. 27 casualties were evacuated by 163.
- 18 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 47.8 hours, 10.9 on night medevac. One squadron aircraft received automatic weapons fire and sustained moderate damage. The aircraft returned to MMAF, there were no injuries.
- 19 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 41.9 hours, 9.1 on night medevac. This included 146 sorties and 66 tasks, there were no fire incidents reported this date.

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- 20 Aug 68: HMM-163 aircraft flew 24.3 hours, 6.5 of which were for night medevac. The squadron evacuated 46 casualties.
- 21 Aug 68: HMM-163 aircraft flew 25.1 hours, 3.2 of which were on night medevac. There were no hits reported this date.
- 22 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 29.4 hours, 6.7 of which were for night medevac. One aircraft received excessive damage from enemy fire and a forced landing resulted, the gunner was wounded and the aircraft was later recovered by a CH-53.
- 23 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 39.4 hours, 16.6 on night medevac. There were 3 fire incidents and 86 casualties evacuated from the field.
- 24 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 53.1 hours, 14.8 on night medevac. The squadron flew in support of Operation Dragon Palace II, and evacuated 93 casualties.
- 25 Aug 68: HMM-163 aircraft flew 29.3 hours, 11.2 of which were for night medevac. The squadron evacuated 46 casualties from the field.
- 26 Aug 68: HMM-163 aircraft flew 34.6 hours, 11.5 on night medevac. One aircraft received damage from an enemy detonated land mine in a zone. The aircraft was flown to the ROKMC CP and the casualties from the zone were placed on the Huey gunship.
- 27 Aug 68: HMM-163 aircraft flew 38.1 hours, 15.8 on night medevac. There were no fire incidents reported this date.
- 28 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 38.4 hours, 8.1 of which were for night medevac. This included three fire incidents of medevac missions.
- 29 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew a total of 43.9 hours, 7.3 on night medevac. The squadron afternoon medevac helicopter was shot down and the crew rescued by VMO-2's UH-1E gunship.
- 30 Aug 68: HMM-163 flew 45.8 hours, 15.3 on night medevac. The squadron evacuated 67 casualties and there were no fire incidents this date.
- 31 Aug 68: HMM-163 aircraft in its final flying flew 41.7 hours, 10.8 of which were for night medevac. The colors of HMM-163 are being returned to CONUS for reformation into a new squadron. Highboy medevac no longer flies the sky's of RVN.

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PART IIISIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL

- a. Promotions: Cpl. - 1
- b. Joined/Dropped: 17 Joined
203 Dropped

2. AWARDS. During this period 25 Air Medals were awarded.

<u>CASUALTIES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
	WHITMAN, D.E.	ICPT.	22Aug68	9 miles south MMAF

4. INTELLIGENCE. No significant events.5. AIR OPERATION

Total Flight Hours:	1183.4
Total Sorties Flown:	4028
Total Medevacs	1568
Total Cargo Carries:	83.7 tons
Total Troops/Passengers carried:	1833

6. SPECIAL OPERATIONS. During this period the squadron participated in Operation Dragon Palace II.7. MAINTENANCE. The squadron availability dropped slightly due to the increase in battle damage incidents.8. GENERAL. No significant events.

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