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 Chronology for June 1966

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Marble Mountain Air Facility
Republic of South Viet Nam
1 June 1966 - 30 June 1966

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Organizational Data

1. (c)	CO	LtCol	WARREN C. WATSON	5 June 1965 -
	XO	Major	OLIVER G. McDONALD	19 May 1966 -
	S-1	Major	THOMAS S. REAP	20 May 1966 -
	S-2	Capt	MICHAEL V. SULLIVAN	20 May 1966 -
	S-3	Major	EDWARD C. HERTBERG	20 May 1966 -
	S-4	Capt	DAVID J. LEIGHTON	20 May 1966 -
	MAINT	Major	MARTIN J. WILLIAMS	13 September 1965 -

2. (c) HMM-164, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of South Viet Nam 1-30 June.

3. (c) Average monthly strength:

Officer	50 NA	4 GRND	1 USN(MC)
Enlisted	187		3 USN

4. (u) Important visitors to the command:

- 1 June - BrigGen L. E. ENGLISH was transported from Da Nang to Hue Phu Bai.
- 13 June - BrigGen H. M. ELWOOD flew with squadron on a local Admin Liaison flight.
- 13 June - MajGen W. B. KYLE and party were transported from III MAF to Beach Pad.
- 13 June - BrigGen L. E. ENGLISH was transported from Bunker Pad (AT968752) to (BT228330) and (BT163417).
- 25 June - MajGen L. B. ROBERTSHAW was transported from Da Nang Air Field to Hue Citadel.
- 26 June - MajGen L. B. ROBERTSHAW flew in local area.
- 27 June - MajGen L. B. ROBERTSHAW was transported from III MAF Pad to the new III MAF Pad.
- 27 June - BrigGen L. E. ENGLISH was transported from III MAF Pad to Bunker Pad.

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CONFIDENTIALPart II Chronological Summary of Month's Activities

3 June (c) Capt G. F. STEPHAN and 3 plane division in support of III MAF flew 44 sorties transporting 36 passengers and 13,100 lbs of cargo. The flight visited numerous landing zones within the Da Nang TAOR and received small arms ground fire from landing zones (AT934574) and (BT959584). The number 2 aircraft was hit by one round of small arms fire which inflicted minor damage to the aircraft and no casualties. The damaged aircraft was landed at Hill 55 (AT967623) to effect repairs. (9.9 hours)

8 June (c) Maj O. G. McDONALD and 4 plane division assigned to support I Corps landed at Hoi An (BT152570) to embark supplies. Aircraft were fired on in the approach to the field but were not hit. A total of 50,100 lbs of cargo and 105 passengers were transported to Dai Loc (AT918579) and Thong Duc (ZC145535). Aircraft were again subjected to small arms fire at Thong Duc but were not hit. (20.2 hours)

9 June (c) LtCol W. C. WATSON with 9 aircraft in support of III MAF and the 4th Marines transported 89,470 lbs of equipment and 135 troops in the Hue Phu Bai area. Pickup point was HUE PHU BAI and drop zone was LSA (YD533313). (48.1 hours)

11 June (c) The squadron was in support of the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division and Operation Hawthorne. Four CH-46A's were used for Medical Evacuation in the operations area (Dak To ZB0222). A total of 63 Med Evacs were lifted out of the area under extremely hazardous conditions due to close proximity of enemy. One aircraft crashed while making an ASR approach into Dak To. The aircraft contacted trees and broke into three parts, cause unknown. The crewchief (Cpl R. W. GOLDEN) and the gunner (Cpl D. R. TABOR) both suffered fatal injuries while both pilots were hospitalized with minor injuries. (22.3)

As a result of this mission Maj O. G. McDONALD, Capt J. L. JAMES and Lt P. A. DUCAT were recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross and Lt's D. L. BUCK, G. L. THOMAS and G. R. BETTLE were recommended for single mission Air Medals. Capt M. J. SANDS USA(MC) and GySgt D. E. BEAVER were recommended for the Navy Commendation Medal.

20 June (c) LtCol W. C. WATSON with 10 aircraft on a large resupply mission in support of I Corps transported 112 passengers and 92,585 lbs of equipment from Dai Loc (AT918579) and Hoi An (BT152570) to Thong Duc (ZC144534). Thong Duc is a new Special Forces camp built during Operation Orange during the month of

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April 1966. Flight went smoothly with no enemy action encountered. (36.4 hours)

(c) Maj M. J. WILLIAMS and section in support of III MAF transported a downed HU-1E from the zone at (BT085180) to Ky Ha. The HU-1E had been shot down by small arms fire during operations in the pickup zone. The aircraft was secured by U.S. Marines, stripped and readied for pick-up by VM0-6 personnel and lifted out by two CH-46A's from HMM-164. The lift was uneventful with completion just as nightfall settled in. (3.9 hours)

22 June (c) Maj T. S. REAP with 8 aircraft joined in a joint U.S. and ARVN Operation (Lam Son) in support of I Corps in the Quang Tri area. A total of 1290 ARVN troops were lifted from two loading zones (YD420615) and (YD462585) to the assault landing zone (YD358555). These troops formed the final wall of a trap which inflicted heavy VC casualties. (40 hours)

23 June (c) LtCol W. C. WATSON with 9 aircraft in support of III MAF on Operation Turner transported a reinforced platoon (80 troops) to A Shau (YC495835). The A Shau outpost had been overrun by the VC in March of 1966. The purpose of the mission was to destroy all usable equipment and fortification at the outpost. Upon completion of the demolition of the outpost the helicopters returned and picked up the strike force. The mission was accomplished expeditiously and was considered a complete success (24.3 hours).

26 June (c) Maj M. J. WILLIAMS with a flight of 6 aircraft in support of Operation Jay and III MAF transported 120 U.S. troops from the 4th Marines from LSA (YD525365) to (YD552428). The strike encountered no enemy opposition and was completed without mishap. (11.5 hours)

29 June (c) LtCol W. C. WATSON with 10 aircraft in support of III MAF and Operation Oakland in the Quang Ngai area transported a 238 man strike force to the landing zone at (BS744602). No enemy action encountered, flight was uneventful. (25.6 hours)

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Part III

Significant Events

1. (c) Personnel

- a. Transferred 3 Enlisted
- b. Joined 1 Officer 2 Enlisted
- c. One enlisted promoted to WO-1.
Three enlisted promoted to GySgt.
Two enlisted promoted to SSgt.
Four enlisted promoted to Sgt.
One enlisted promoted to LCpl.

2. (u) Administration

3. (c) Awards

- a. Forty-nine Air Medals approved.
- b. Ninety-three Air Medals recommended.
- c. Four DFC's recommended.
- d. Four Single Mission Air Medals recommended.
- e. Three Navy Commendation Medals recommended.

4. Casualties

a.	1stLt R. M. STEIN	088539	Cam Ranh Bay
b.	1stLt T. N. TIFT	084384	USAH, Okinawa
c.	Cpl R. W. GOLDEN	2059116	Fatal
d.	Cpl D. R. TABOR	2022712	Fatal

5. (c) Civic Action

The HMM-164 Civil Affairs Officer has been assigned responsibility for a section of Son Thuy hamlet which is located at the southern base of Marble Mountain. In conjunction with the overall MAG-16 Civil Affairs effort, the HMM-164 Flight Surgeon is holding sick call twice weekly in the area. In addition to giving routine treatment, he arranged to have an eight-year old girl from the village admitted to G-4, the Naval Hospital near MMAF, for corrective surgery on a cleft palate. The operation was a complete success. The medical assistance has received an enthusiastic response from the villagers.

When a price list has been agreed upon, squadron personnel will be encouraged to order marble artifacts from the stone-cutters in the village. The purpose of the program is not to dispense charity but to assist the people in improving their living standards through their own efforts.

6. (u) Morale/Welfare Programs

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7. (u) Informational Services

8. (c) Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence

During June 1966, this squadron reported 7 ground fire incidents involving 12 aircraft. A total of 2 aircraft received 2 hits.

<u>A/C fired on</u>	<u>Incidents</u>	<u>A/C hit</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Hours</u>
12	7	2	2	2442	937

Ratio of aircraft hits to aircraft fired on:	1:16
Ratio of aircraft hit to sorties flown:	1:1221
Ratio of aircraft hit to hours flown:	1:467.8

A breakdown of fire incidents with respect to altitude is as follows:

<u>Incidents</u>	<u>A/C hit</u>	<u>Altitude</u>
2	2	0-500'
0	0	500-1000'
0	0	1000-1500'
0	0	1500- +

9. (c) Air Operations

a. Summary

1. Hours	937
2. Sorties	2442
3. Passengers	5574
4. Cargo	377.4 Tons (754,800 lbs)
5. Evacs	66
6. POW's	0

10 (u) Air Control

11. (c) Special Operations

a. Squadron flew in support of Operation Turner on 22 June. Operation took place at A Shau with a total of 53 transport sorties lifting 161 troops in 24.3 hours.

b. Squadron had eight aircraft on ARVN Operation Lam Son flying 152 transport sorties carrying 1294 ARVN troops in 40.0 hours. Operation took place on 22 June in the Quang Tri area.

c. Squadron participated in Operation Jay in Hue Phu Bai

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area flying 32 transport sorties carrying 120 troops in 12.5 hours. 24 June

d. Operation Oakland took place in the Chu Lai area on 29 June. Squadron flew 48 transport sorties carrying 187 troops in 17.2 hours.

12. (u) Ground Defense

13. (u) Command Relationships/Command and Control

14. (u) NBC Warfare

15. (u) Training

a. Training flights to maintain pilot proficiency in instrument and night flying conditions are continuing.

b. Aircraft system lectures have been presented during the month.

c. Intelligence briefs have continued during the month.

16. (u) Logistics

17. (u) Supply

18. (u) Motor Transport

19. (u) Engineering

20. (c) Maintenance

a. Average daily availability 12.0

b. Average percent daily availability 53%

c. Average utilization (40 hrs/A/C/Mo.) 99.5%

d. Maintenance hours/flight hours

1. Scheduled maintenance 1470 hours 1.6/FH

2. Unscheduled maintenance 2622 hours 2.8/FH

3. Not operationally ready - Supply 3881 hours 4.0/FH

4. Total 4.4/FH

e. Average AOC rate for month 10.8

f. Total of 21 engines changed during the month.

21. (u) Avionics

22. (u) Base Development/Military

23. (u) Communications/Electronics

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