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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)  
Via: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16  
Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

HML-167 S&C  
LOG #048-68  
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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 - 30 April 1968

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Encl: ✓(1) Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions contained in references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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*R. C. Finn*  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 April to 30 April 1968

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## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## PART I

## 1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	Major R. C. FINN	(1-30 April)
b. Executive Officer	Capt L. C. BIEBERBACH	(1-30 April)
c. Operations Officer	Capt J. H. KEY	(1-30 April)
d. Material Officer	Capt S. P. LAWRENCE	(1-30 April)
e. Administrative Officer	Capt R. E. DENNISON	(1-30 April)
f. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	1stLt W. J. CAMP	(1-30 April)
g. Intelligence Officer	Capt C. P. GRAY III	(1-30 April)

2. MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167  
 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP SIXTEEN  
 FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, III MAF  
 MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, RVN

## 3. Average monthly strength:

a. Permanent	Officers	13	Enlisted	45
b. TAD	Officers	00	Enlisted	2

4. There were no visitors to the squadron during the reporting period.

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The first month of operation for HML-167 was a period of intense dedication on the part of the individuals, and a period of great productivity from the squadron as a unit. Operating with only 11 aircraft, 10 pilots and an average of 55 enlisted men, HML-167 flew a total of 1,785 sorties and accomplished 694 tasks, while recording 566.5 flight hours during April 1968. In addition, it carried 1,225 passengers and 3 Medevacs. 88,100 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition and 592 2.75 inch rockets were expended, resulting in 19 structures destroyed, 30 damaged, 4 confirmed KBA, and 2 possible KBA.

HML-167 and VMO-2 aircraft and pilots flew together on many missions and continued to fulfill the same commitments previously assigned to VMO-2. HML-167 gunships and slicks were utilized for a wide variety of missions during the month, among which were: armed escort of transport helicopters carrying troops and supplies, medevac escort, visual reconnaissance, TAC(A), fire suppression, search and destroy operations, photographic reconnaissance, APD (Airborne Personnel Detector), night "Firefly" patrols, and VIP transport.

The squadron took an active part in Operation BALLARD VALLEY, a largescale Marine operation southwest of Danang. It escorted troop lifts, resupply, and medevacs. On 29 April, due to an enemy offensive expected on 1 May, the operation was halted. HML-167 escorted the troop extract until darkness and continued the next day in order to return the troops to positions offering security to the Danang area.

HML-167 aircraft and personnel continued to operate in support of ROK Marines. Support missions included VIP, air liason, medevac, and resupply escort. In many instances the resupply aircraft received fire, and were assisted by the HML-167 gunships in suppressing it.

The squadron had its first accident during April, as a gunship crashed and burned during a search and destroy mission as a result of direct enemy action. The crew and pilots were killed in the crash which occurred about 13 miles southwest of Danang.

The squadron personnel worked many hours in organizing their departments, in addition to the many flight hours recorded. As the squadron grows and becomes a more efficient working unit, its output will increase tremendously. The squadron morale is high, and, as there should be in a new organization, the "Espirit De Corps" is spreading throughout.

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## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## PART III

## 1. Personnel:

- a. 3 Enlisted were promoted.
- b. 81 Personnel were joined and 0 were transferred.

## 2. Administration:

- a. No outstanding administrative problem.

## 3. Casualties:

- a. Corporal W. C. PARSONS Jr. 2200296/6319 KIA 215° Rad, 13NM Danang

## 4. Awards: None

## 9. Air Operations:

- a. Total hours flown: 566.5
- Hours gunship flown: 346.3
- Hours slick flown: 220.2

- b. Number of sorties: 1785

- c. Number of Medical Evacuations: 3

- d. Number of passengers carried: 1225

## 11. Special Operations: BALLARD VALLEY, BRILLIANT DRAGON, BLACK DRAGON, RICE BOWL, JASPER SQUARE.

## 17. Ordnance Expended:

- a. 7.62mm 88,100
- b. 2.75" rockets 592

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NAVINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 030001H THRU 032400H APR 68

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 49 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 27 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 18.3 FLIGHT HOURS. 59 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HMM-361 ON 4 EMERGENCY MEDEVAC MISSIONS.

031003H - WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON A RESUPPLY MISSION TO HANGALAD "B", ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT980581 RESULTING IN THE DESTRUCTION OF THREE STRUCTURES.

MISSION H-6 - ABORTED DUE TO WX.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 040001H THROUGH 042400H APR 68

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 96 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 42 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 28.9 FLIGHT HOURS. 46 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HMM-361 ON 4 MEDEVAC MISSIONS: 3 EMERGENCY, 1 PRIORITY

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/2	2.3
AREA RECON	3/0	3/6	4.0

032155H - TWO GUNSHIPS PLUS FIREFLY (MSM#16) LAUNCHED FOR FIREFLY MISSION OF RIVER IN SECTOR 1, 2, AND 3 SOUTH OF DANANG. ONE BOAT DESTROYED AT BT035695. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS.

041200H - MEDEVAC ESCORT ON MISSION 5K EMERGENCY MEDEVAC TO AT985615 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE, RETURNED FIRE WITH TWO STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND TWO DAMAGED AT AT985610.

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DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 87 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 26 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 41.9 FLIGHT HOURS. 55 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

## NEGATIVE MEDEVACS

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	2/0	2/4	10.6

041500H - WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON RESUPPLY OF LATIN REBEL 14 AND HAM SALAD BRAVO, ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT ATO03595. SAME GUNSHIP WHILE PROVIDING COVER FOR PICKUP OF M-46 RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BTO62615. TOTAL BDA WAS 4 STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND 12 DAMAGED.

B. M. PHILLIPS  
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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 060001H THRU 062400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 48 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 22 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 26.8 FLIGHT HOURS. 33 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HMM-361 ON 16 MEDEVAC MISSIONS: 7 EMERGENCY, 9 PRIORITY

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	2/0	2/4	2.6

061130H - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP (MSN H-6) WHILE FLYING VR IN SOUTHERN ROCKET BAIT AREA SPOTTED TWENTY TO THIRTY NVA FULLY EQUIPPED AT BT005575. RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE WITH TWO POSSIBLE KBA. FIRE RECEIVED WAS HEAVY AUTOMATIC.

MSN/ H-6 ABORTED DUE TO NO CHASE AND DARKNESS.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 0700G1H THRU 072400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 64 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 23 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 21.8 FLIGHT HOURS. 24 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MSN SCHEDULED/SORTIES</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/2	1.7

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE ESCORTED BY HML-167

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	2	2.8
EXTRACTS	1	1	0.8

070937H - ONE HML-167 CREW MEMBER RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT98558Z RESULTING IN ONE HOOPER DESTROYED AND ONE BOAT DAMAGED.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 080001H THRU 082400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 60 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 31 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 20.5 FLIGHT HOURS. 80 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE ESCORTED BY HML-167

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	2	1	0.8
EXTRACTS	2	2	1.4
OVERFLY	2	2	1.2

080718H - WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON THE RECON INSERT OF LUCKY LARK (MSN #17) FLIGHT RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT ZCL79781, INSERT WAS CX, BDA UNKNOWN.

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CAPT USMC  
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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 080001H THRU 092400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 33 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 12 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 18.4 FLIGHT HOURS. 29 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	2	2	1.3

091500H - ONE GUN SHIP WHILE ON MISSION H-26 RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE FROM RAILROAD YARD AT HUE BLACKCAT 738, BDA UNKNOWN.

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DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 86 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 37 TASKS,  
FOR A TOTAL OF 26.4 FLIGHT HOURS. 15 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

100650H - TWO HML-167 GUNSHIPS ON MISSION #H-26 PROVIDED LANDING ZONE PREP  
FOR 7TH MARINES AT AT977502 AND CONTROLLED HELLBORNE FLIGHT 202.

100855H - TWO GUNSHIPS WHILE ON MISSION H-16 WERE CALLED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY  
EXTRACT OF LUCKY LARK AT ZC193801. ALSO, SAME GUNSHIPS ON MISSION  
H-5A, PICKED UP TWO USMC MEDEVACS AND TOOK THEM TO CHARLIE MED.

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE FLOWN BY HML-167

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	1	1	0.9
EXTRACTS	1	1	0.8

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 110000H THRU 112400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 51 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 27 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 21.3 FLIGHT HOURS. 37 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HMM-361 ON 7 MEDEVAC MISSIONS: 3 EMERGENCY, 4 PRIORITY

110903H - ONE HML-167 WHILE ESCORTING HMM-361 ON A PRIORITY MEDEVAC MISSION (BS # H-5K) RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT995578, BDA UNKNOWN.

MSN# H-17C - CNX DUE TO WX.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 120001N THRU 122400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD HML-167 FLEW 48 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 18 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 23.0 FLIGHT HOURS. 24 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HMM-361 ON (7) 2 Emergency 2 priority 2 routine.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	5	3	2.5
TAOR	4	3	2.6

MISSION H-30 CX BY III MAF

MISSION H-6C ABORTED DUE TO ENEMY FIRE AT AT900675 AND FRIENDLY MORTARS CALLED IN WHILE A/C WAS IN AREA

MISSION H-5M CX ENROUTE.

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DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD HML-167 FLEW 72 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 41 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 29.0 FLIGHT HOURS. 54 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	4	4	4.2

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130745H - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP WHILE ON MISSION H-17 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BRILLIANT DRAGON RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT BT0258 GRID. CONTROLLED H ELBORNE 502. TOTAL BDA FOR MISSION: ONE CONFIRMED BBA.

131315H - ONE GUNSHIP WHILE FLYING ESCORT FOR HMM-265 ON RESUPPLY TO NIGHT COVER-14C. Received and RETURNED AT AT1052 GRID. BDA UNKNOWN.

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LT USMC  
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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 140001H THRU  
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DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 94 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 35 TASKS,  
FOR A TOTAL OF 22.7 FLIGHT HOURS. 78 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HML-361 ON 3 EMERGENCY MEDEVAC MISSIONS.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION:

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1	1	0.5
AREA RECON	2	2	2.1

141720H - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP (MSN# H-6) WHILE CONTROLLING PRECISION  
DESTRUCT OF BRIDGE, RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT980534, BDA UNKNOWN.

141637 - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP (MSN# H-18) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265,  
RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT987575.

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CAPT USMC  
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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 150001H THRU 152400H APR 68

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 71 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 33 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 23.1 FLIGHT HOURS. 53 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION:

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	2	2	6.6

142340H - ONE HML-167 "FIREFLY" A/C, ESCORTED BY TWO GUNSHIPS, COVERED SECTORS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 OF THE ROCKET BELT. NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS.

150815H - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP, WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 ON RESUPPLY MISSION TO HAMSALAD "B", PROVIDED NECESSARY SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AT COORD AT986578.

151330H - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP, WHILE CONTROLLING "RINGNECK 509", RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT988575. UNKNOWN BDA.

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DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD HML-167 FLEW 87 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHED 26 TASKS, AND FLEW A TOTAL OF 30.3 FLIGHT HOURS. 11 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HAM-361 ON 11 MEDEVAC MISSIONS: 4 EMERGENCY, 6 PRIORITY, AND 1 ROUTINE.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 170001H THRU 172400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD HML-167 FLEW 54 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 18 TASKS, AND A TOTAL OF 30.3 FLIGHT HOURS. 51 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

W. T. HARTGAN  
CWO-2 USMC  
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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 180000H THRU 182400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 106 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 50 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 26.7 FLIGHT HOURS. 56 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HML-361 ON 5 MEDEVAC MISSIONS: 4 EMERGENCY, 1 PRIORITY

180130H - ONE HML-167 "FIREFLY" A/C ESCORTED BY TWO GUNSHIPS, (MSN/H-4), STARTED TO COVER SECTOR 1 OF THE ROCKET BELT WHEN THE "FIREFLY" APPARATUS WENT OUT OF COMMISSION. MISSION WAS ABORTED AND A/C RETURNED TO BASE. SAME GUNSHIPS LATER LAUNCHED ESCORTING AN ARMY "FIREFLY" A/C PROCEEDED TO COVER SECTORS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 OF THE ROCKET BELT WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS.

180815H - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP (MSN/H-18) GUIDED LOVE BUG 506 AND HELL BORNE 509 ONTO TARGETS AT BT018587 AND AT995587 RESPECTIVELY

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DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 120 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 43 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 36.3 FLIGHT HOURS. 74 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HML-361 ON 5 MEDEVAC MISSIONS: 3 EMERGENCY, 2 PRIORITY

190100H - TWO HML-167 GUNSHIPS (MSN#H-36) ESCORTED ONE ARMY "FIREFLY" UH-1E (ALLEY CAT -9) ON TWO SORTIES IN THE DANANG RIVER AREAS. NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS.

190830H - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP (MSN#H-17) CONTROLLED HELLBORNE 511 FLIGHT ON AIR STRIKE; TWO STRUCTURES WERE OBSERVED DAMAGED.

191421H - TWO HML-167 GUNSHIPS (MSN#H-17) PROVIDED NECESSARY SUPPORTING FIRE IN SUPPORT OF ARVN FORCES IN THE "NORWOOD STAR" SECTOR (BT0353). SUPPORTING FIRE ACCOUNTED FOR 1 CONFIRMED KBA, 8 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, AND 10 STRUCTURES DAMAGED.

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CAPT USMC  
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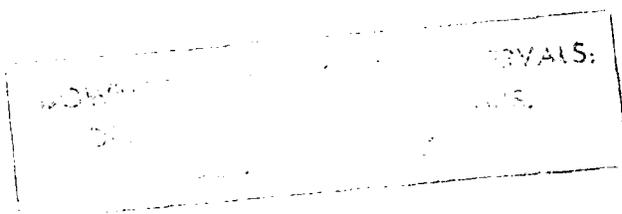
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DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 53 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 17 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 12.9 FLIGHT HOURS. 77 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

200830H - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP (MSN#H-24) LAUNCHED AS THE THIRD PLANE OF FLIGHT ON A STRIKE IN THE OLD FOSTER AREA. ON GUNRUN IN SAME AREA AIRCRAFT CRASHED WITH STRIKE DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND CREW KIA. LOCATION OF CRASH WAS THE 215 RADAIAL AT 13 MILES.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 210001H THRU 212400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 40 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 10 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 11.6 FLIGHT HOURS. 27 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/2	1.2
AREA RECON	2/0	2/8	2.0

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 220001H THRU 222400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 49 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 15 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 16.0 FLIGHT HOURS. 44 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/2	1.2
AREA RECON	3/0	3/11	2.8

221355H - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP (MSN#H-18) WHILE ESCORTING HMM-265 IN SUPPORTING OPERATION "BRILLIANT DRAGON" (ROKMC), RECEIVED AND RETURNED FIRE AT AT988577, BDA UNKNOWN.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 230000H THRU 232100H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 75 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 25 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 13.3 FLIGHT HOURS. 28 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HMM-361 ON 1 EMERGENCY MEDEVAC MISSION.

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS/EXTRACTS WERE ESCORTED BY HML-167

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
INSERTS	5	5	2.4
EXTRACTS	7	7	2.9

231700H - ONE APD A/C ESCORTED BY TWO GUNSHIPS (MSM/SH-19) FLEW AN APD MISSION IN ELEPHANT VALLEY AREA.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 240001H THRU 242400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 74 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 19 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 10.4 FLIGHT HOURS. 63 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF III MAF AND THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	1/0	1/1	2.0
HWY RECON	2/0	2/2	2.3

240710H - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP WHILE ON WHILE ON VR MISSION # H-6 TOOK PHOTOS OF HWY'S 14 & 5.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 250001H THRU 252400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 54 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 17 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 7.7 FLIGHT HOURS. 67 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ROAD RECON	1/0	1/1	1.0
AREA RECON	3/0	3/3	5.1

250700H - ONE HML-167 GUNSHIP SIGHTED POSSIBLE VE AT 0840765. SUPPRESSIVE FIRE WAS LAID UPON CLEARANCE.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 260001H THRU 262400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 60 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 26 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 19.2 FLIGHT HOURS. 54 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HMM-361 ON 6 MEDEVAC MISSIONS: 1 EMERGENCY, 4 PRIORITY, 1 ROUTINE.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	1/0	1/4	1.0

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 270001H THRU 272400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 49 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 16 TAKES, FOR A TOTAL OF 10.5 FLIGHT HOURS. 45 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 280001H THRU 282400H RPR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 12 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 8 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 8.3 FLIGHT HOURS. 6 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167 SITREP FOR THE PERIOD 300001H THRU 302400H APR 68.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, HML-167 FLEW 23 SORTIES, ACCOMPLISHING 8 TASKS, FOR A TOTAL OF 5.3 FLIGHT HOURS. 2 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED.

HML-167 ESCORTED HMM-361 ON 6 MEDEVAC MISSIONS: 2 EMERGENCY, 1 PRIORITY, 3 ROUTINE.

THE FOLLOWING VR MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AREA RECON	1/0	1/6	1.0

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