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 for February 1970

1. In accordance with the provisions contained in reference (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February - 28 February 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167

LtCol J. E. WEBER JR.

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major A. A. NELBACH (1-28Feb70)

Operations Officer

Major F. OWLETT (1-28Feb70)

Logistics Officer

Captain M. S. BLAIR (1-28Feb70)

Administrative Officer

Captain R. T. ADAMS (1-28Feb70)

A/C Maintenance Officer

Major J. S. MARTIN (1-28Feb70)

Intelligence Officer

1stLt R. L. HERRINGTON (1-11Feb70)

1stLt L. D. PARSONS (12-28Feb70)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
62	224

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	0

<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The "Checkmates" of HML-167 have once again flown a record number of hours. With only 28 days in February, HML-167 flew 2534.8 hours; 68 hours over the total flown for the 31 days of January. As predicted, our maintenance department consistently provided us with the availability needed to meet all our scheduled commitments as well as the unscheduled missions, whenever assigned. This was accomplished by a good average availability of 26 aircraft per day. With this tendency we have established, HML-167 should achieve even greater performance in March.

February brought only one Department Head change. First Lieutenant HERRINGTON was replaced as Intelligence Officer by First Lieutenant PARSONS, one of our recently joined pilots. We had four pilots return to CONUS after completing their normal tour of duty here in Vietnam, and one pilot transferred in country to HMM-364, for a total of five pilots leaving the squadron. Out of six pilots that joined us this month only one of them can be classified as new. Of the other five two were medevac returnees and three were transferred back in country from Okinawa. This gives a total now of 42 right seat pilots.

The weather was generally good with only a few days of fog or overcast. HML-167 was slightly hampered by the poor weather, but still managed to fly more than last month, averaging about 90 hours per day.

The "Checkmates" were fortunate this month in that we had no battle casualties, no accidents, and only one minor incident of a lost cowling. Two fire incidents were reported. The first on mission 72 when a 50 caliber round was taken in the rotor head of the lead aircraft. The second happened on night medevac when a small arms round went through the synchronized elevator of the wingman's aircraft. Neither of the incidents caused injury or loss of aircraft.

Our VIP service was out in force in February. Our slicks were the major controlling factor to our record for hours flown, with a total of 1508 hours carrying almost 600 VIP's. Our VIP's of the month were Congressman MORSE from California and Congressman MCCLOSKEY from Massachusetts. An interesting sidelight is that Congressman MCCLOSKEY is an ex-marine and Navy Cross winner.

Looking forward to the coming of spring weather, and hopefully the last of sporadic monsoon overcasts, March should prove to be an even greater month for the "Checkmates" of HML-167, and we will again live up to our motto, "MAG-16's Finest".

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSPersonnel

- a. Two men were promoted to the rank of PFC, nineteen to Corporal, two to Sergeant, and one to First Lieutenant.
- b. Nineteen personnel joined and twenty-two were transferred.

Awards

- a. Air Medal First award to:

First Lieutenants GALE, HINTON, HOLLAND, MURRAY, RANDALL, and VILLANO

Sergeants BORST and SANDOVAL

Corporals BURNAUGH, ELLIS, GONZALES, HAYDEN, LEWZADER, ROSS, SWOPE, and TERRY

Lance Corporals BROWN, GARRETT, KOSLOSKI, MILLER, SHINER, and STEPHANS

- b. Combat Aircrew Wings to:

Sergeants BALLARD and BROADHEAD

Corporals BERNAL, BIDINGER, COMINOTTO, COOPER, FARLEY, HAYDEN, HOWARD, LEWZADER, LINEBERGER, MICHAEL, ROSS, SMITH, SNYDER, STAPP, STEDMAN, TERRY, VINCENT, and WILLIAMS

Lance Corporals BEHRE, HORTON, HUGHES, KOSLOSKI, LIEBL, PEREZ, ROGERS, WILLIAMS, and VITI

PFC's DUDZIAK and HOUSE

Air Operations

Total Hours Flown	2534.8
Hours Flown by Gunships	1026.8
Hours Flown by Slicks	1508.0
Number of Sorties Flown	6,482
Number of Passengers Flown	4,910
Number of Tasks Completed	1,048

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HML-167 participated in Victory Dragon XIX and Kingfisher

Ordnance Expended

7.62                      165,900 Rounds

2.75 Rockets

    High Explosive      728

    White Phosphorus    248

HTW                      32

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