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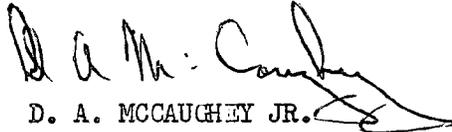
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 LtCol D. A. MCCAUGHEY (1-31Aug70)

2. LOCATION

1-31 August 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major J. L. THIESSE (1-31Aug70)
Operations Officer	Major R. M. ONDRICK (1-31Aug70)
Logistics Officer	Capt R. T. ADAMS (1-31Aug70)
Administrative Officer	Capt L. E. BOWYER (1-31Aug70)
A/C Maintenance Officer	Major L. A. ROLSTAD (1-31Aug70)
Intelligence Officer	Capt J. B. BARR (1-31Aug70)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

August marked the end of the transitional summer period as HML-167 continued to experience a high rotation rate of experienced flight crews. During the month 11 more pilots were lost, making a total of 25 pilots for the past three months. Although we joined 7 replacement pilots, most of these arrived near the end of the month, so their contribution to the squadron will not be evidenced until September. The decrease in flight crews, among other factors, was responsible for a decline in the tempo of flight operations, as total hours dropped 312 hours from July for a total of 2141.5 hours flown during August. Although there was a drop in total hours, the "Checkmates" met all fragged commitments for the month, and programmed utilization figures for the aircraft were met. This is significant, in that both the Maintenance Officer and Maintenance Chief billets changed hands during the month.

The "Comprise Slicks" flew a total of 1117.9 hours while carrying 3160 passengers and 140 VIP's. The "gunships" compiled a total of 1023.6 hours, a drop of 233 hours from the previous month, reflecting the reduction of fragged sorties. This month HML-167 accounted for 5890 sorties and 869 tasks.

Again, as in the previous month, four of our squadron mates were killed in combat. While in support of the ROK Marines in action against a well-entrenched enemy force, the crew of TV-16, led by First Lieutenant Ralph DUEMLING, was shot down, which resulted in the death of all crew members and the complete destruction of the aircraft.

HML-167's Intelligence section confirmed 14 KBA's and two probables this month. One enemy WIA was confirmed, 1 hootch was destroyed, 3 bunkers were destroyed, and another 4 bunkers damaged, along with 1 sampan being destroyed. August saw the "Checkmates" involved in 48 fire incidents with 5 aircraft sustaining hits and 1 aircraft, TV-16, being destroyed.

There was only one department head change this month. Major ROLSTAD replaced Major MARTIN as Aircraft Maintenance Officer.

This month saw emphasis being placed on the training of new flight crews, both in the air and in ground training. The training syllabus has been revised, and an instrument refresher program has focused on preparing all pilots for the advent of the monsoon season.

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The "Comprise Checkmates" look forward to September with confidence. As the new pilots become adapted to combat flying, and with the majority of the summer turnover complete, it is clear that HML-167 will have no difficulty in retaining its title of "MAG-16's Finest".

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 4 August 1970 Aircraft TV-12, BuNo 152421, sustained 1 hit, resulting in Delta damage, no injuries.
- 12 August 1970 Aircraft TV-4, BuNo 151279, sustained 3 hits, resulting in Delta damage, no injuries.
- 18 August 1970 Aircraft TV-16, BuNo 154969, sustained numerous hits. Alpha damage.
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|------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| DUEMLING, Ralph N. | 1stLt 0104935 | Pilot | Alpha Injury |
| SHELTON III, Joseph H. | 1stLt 0107719 | Co-Pilot | Alpha Injury |
| SMITH, David L. | Cpl 2446040 | Crew Chief | Alpha Injury |
| PAPPENHEIM, Thomas H. | Cpl 2373789 | Gunner | Alpha Injury |
- 18 August 1970 Aircraft TV-34, BuNo 153754, sustained 4 hits, resulting in Delta damage and no injuries.
- 19 August 1970 Aircraft TV-34, BuNo 153754, sustained minor battle damage, resulting in Delta damage and no injuries.

Ordnance Expended (August)

7.62 - 287,400 rounds

2.75 Folding Fin Aircraft Rockets - 1964

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No supporting documents for August 1970

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