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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No supporting documents for April 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 LtCol J. E. WEBER JR. (1-8Apr70)
 LtCol D. A. MCCAUGHEY (9-30Apr70)

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major J. L. THIESSE (1-30Apr70)
Operations Officer	Major A. A. NELBACH (1-10Apr70) Major F. OWLETT (11-20Apr70) Major D. A. SHARR (21-30Apr70)
Logistics Officer	Captain M. S. BLAIR (1-10Apr70) Captain R. T. ADAMS (11-30Apr70)
Administrative Officer	Captain R. T. ADAMS (1-10Apr70) Captain L. E. BOWYER (11-30Apr70)
A/C Maintenance Officer	Major J. S. MARTIN (1-30Apr70)
Intelligence Officer	1/Lt P. W. HOOPER (1-30Apr70)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
65	191	0	0	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of April brought an increase in total flight hours flown by HML-167. The "Checkmates" flew 250 hours over last month for a total of 2452.4 with 957 tasks and 6511 sorties. Although the Maintenance Department is still working shorthanded, their increased efforts and efficiency effected an increase in average availability to 24 aircraft per day.

The major portion of the increase in hours was contributed by the "Gunships" with a total of 1177.4 hours. Because of the increase in availability more missions of armed escort were assigned to the squadron. HML-167's "Slicks" were out in force once again flying 12.75.0 hours, carrying 4,015 passengers and 141 VIP's. The "Checkmates" participated in three special operations this month, Golden Dragon, Pacifier, and Prairie Fire.

Two aircraft were lost due to enemy action during April. One of the VIP slicks crashed in a zone and was totally destroyed. The pilot, although badly shaken, escaped injury. A compression fracture of the lower vertebrae was received by the crew chief while the passenger suffered a broken leg. The second loss was the slick used on the DCP mission, (Detection of Concealed personnel). Burns of the face and arms were suffered by the pilot and co-pilot. A compression fracture of a vertebrae was also suffered by the co-pilot. The operator of the DCP equipment is listed as (MIS) "Missing in Action". Operationally, HML-167 incurred one accident when a stabilizer bar separated in flight. The pilot successfully landed on the beach with no injury to the crew and no further damage to the aircraft.

LtCol WEBER presented the squadron's colors to LtCol MCCAUGHEY signifying the change of Commanding Officers. A former pilot of 167, Lt BOYER rejoined the squadron upon his completion of temporary duty in Japan. Lt PARSONS rejoined the squadron in name only having survived nineteen days after the crashing of his aircraft, in enemy controlled territory. He was immediately MEDEVACED to CONUS. Four other pilots left the squadron, one returned to CONUS on completion of his tour, while the other three were reassigned in WestPac. Four men were promoted during April, one to Staff Sergeant and three to Sergeant.

April saw three department head changes. Major SHARR is the new Operations Officer, Captain ADAMS is the new Logistics Officer, and Captain BOWYER is the new Administrative Officer.

Our Intelligence Section has reported the following statistics of ten KBA's, thirty-three probales, and two secondary explosions credited to HML-167.

Looking forward to May, under our new leadership, the pilots and crews are expecting greater statistics credited to the squadron to prove once again that we are "MAC-16's Finest".

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

9 April 1970 LtCol D. A. MCCAUGHEY assumed duties as Commanding Officer of HML-167, relieving LtCol J. E. WEBER JR.

11 April 1970 Captain ADAMS assumed duties as Logistics Officer, and Captain BOWYER assumed duties of Administrative Officer.

14 April 1970 Operational Accident of UH-1E BuNo 154754. Separated Stabilizer Bar. No injury, or further damage.

18 April 1970 Loss of Aircraft BuNo 151297 due to enemy action.
Injuries: Maj Gen E. B. WHEELER (Bravo)
Col F. H. WALDRUP (Bravo)
Cpl A. P. HARTWIG (Bravo)

21 April 1970 Major D. A. SHARR assumed duties as Operations Officer.

28 April 1970 Loss of aircraft BuNo 151280 due to enemy action.
Injuries: 1/Lt W. P. CLARK (Bravo)
1/Lt J. T. MYERS (Bravo)
Cpl D. L. BUGMAN (Uniform)

30 April 1970 Ordnance expended (April)
7.62 - 150,800
2.75 Folding Fin Aircraft Rocket - 695

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