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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 LtCol D. A. MCCAUGHEY JR. (1-30Nov70)

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major C. W. DEPIETRO (1-30Nov70)
Operations Officer	Major R. M. ONDRICK (1-30Nov70)
Logistics Officer	Major J. D. HAYNES (1-30Nov70)
Administrative Officer	Capt L. E. BOWYER (1-30Nov70)
A/C Maintenance Officer	Major J. E. HAYES (1-30Nov70)
Intelligence Officer	1stLt P. A. LAHLUM (1-30Nov70)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHS

<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>
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November was the Thanksgiving month in more ways than one for HML-167. In compiling nearly 1800 flight hours squadron personnel suffered no combat or accidental injuries.

As it was in October, bad weather continued to be the squadron's most formidable opponent. Although typhoons and tropical storms did not hit with the same frequency as the previous month, the days were characterized by low ceilings and poor visibility. The squadron continued to emphasize training flights whenever aircraft and crews were available. This time was used primarily for instrument training for both the "old guys" and the "new guys".

Squadron flight hours showed a slight increase over October's total as the Huey's racked up a total of 1799.7 hours. The slicks flew 1110.5 hours while the "warhogs" compiled a 689.2 total. Squadron aircraft carried 2,785 passengers, 199 VIP's, completed 749 tasks and flew 4,904 sorties during the month.

HML-167 lost one aircraft during the month of November. TV-2, piloted by First Lieutenant J. C. ROETS, experienced a suspected failure of the left lateral servo extension. Crewmembers were uninjured in the accident. All "Comprise" aircraft were subsequently grounded for inspection of both servos. By mid-morning of the following day 10 aircraft had been test flown and the squadron was able to meet all of its VIP commitments and the majority of its gun missions.

Intelligence reports show the Huey's involved in 15 fire incidents this month. The squadron was credited with 2 confirmed KBA's and 3 probables. Gunships also destroyed one enemy rocket launcher and two hootches.

The squadron saw five pilots rotating to CONUS this month, but received seven in the exchange. Included in personnel checking into HML-167 were two second tour captains.

December will be a busy training month in "Comprise Country". A heavy personnel rotation schedule during the first months of the new year will leave HML-167 a very young squadron, however, with all "new hands" fully imbued with the "Comprise" spirit, there is no doubt that HML-167 will retain its reputation as "MAG-16's Finest".

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24 November 1970 Aircraft TV-2, BuNo 154952, sustained Alpha damage.

ROETS, J. C.	1stLt	0107523	Pilot	No Injury
MCGAHA, T. L.	Cpl	2520110	Crew Chief	No Injury
LAWRENCE, P. J.	LCpl	2438875	Passenger	No Injury

Ordnance Expended (November)

7.62 - 93,400

2.75 Folding Fin Aircraft Rockets - 1,102

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No supporting documents for November 1970

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