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1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is downgraded to unclassified.


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1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 LtCol R. J. BLANC (1-31May71)
2. LOCATION
1-31 May 1971: Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam
3. STAFF OFFICERS
- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Executive Officer | Major J. E. HAYES (1-16May71)
Major R. M. ONDRICK (17-31May71) |
| Operations Officer | Major R. M. ONDRICK (1-16May71)
Captain D. F. LAVIOLETTE (17-31May71) |
| Logistics Officer | Captain O. S. DOUGHERTY (1-31May71) |
| Administrative Officer | Major J. D. MOODY (1-31May71) |
| A/C Maintenance Officer | Major O. E. JAMES (1-31May71) |
| Intelligence Officer | 1stLt A. L. RALSTON (1-31May71) |
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>
38	114	0	0	0	0

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During the month of May, "Comprise" began its final stage of phase-out from RVN, as indicated by the continuing loss of personnel and equipment throughout the month. However, the total of 445.2 flight hours flown for the month reflects that "Comprise" continued to maintain a high level of operations although, only accumulating half the flight time of the previous month. Slick commitments remained at the same high level until 20 May, when the first five of the fifteen remaining aircraft were stood down for staging and shipment. At this time, the remaining flight time was divided between "Mission 3" in support of the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Brigade, and "Mission 91" a training mission which was utilized by those squadron pilots lacking in night and instrument minimums, and also, to conduct NATOPS and Instrument Check flights as far in advance as possible for departing personnel.

On the 14th of May the squadron lost their slick commitment in support of the ROK Marines. The ROK Marines gratitude for the high quality of support was shown at the May 15th squadron banquet when the Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Colonel PARK, representing General LEE, presented "Comprise" Operations Officer, Major ONDRICK, with a Letter of Appreciation, which was accepted on behalf of the squadron.

On the 16th of May "Comprise" Executive Officer, Major HAYES, lead the advance party of six officers and thirteen enlisted to MCAS, New River, North Carolina. Major ONDRICK, then moved from Operations Officer to take over as Executive Officer, and Captain LAVIOLETTE assumed the duties of Operations Officer.

The 26th of May marked the official stand down day for "Comprise" in RVN. The day was highlighted by the departure of eight aircraft, lead by First Lieutenant BEAVER, which landed aboard the USS Okinawa, "LPH 3" for shipment to MCAS, Kaneohe, Hawaii. This left two aircraft which will be utilized to support the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Brigade, through the 10th of June.

The first day of May, "Comprise" was at full strength; 48 officers, 139 enlisted personnel and 15 aircraft. The rapid redeployment of personnel dwindled the squadron down to 2 aircraft, 21 officer and 97 enlisted personnel by the 20th. Nevertheless, "Comprise", the last operating Marine Helicopter Squadron in Vietnam, continues to fly its assigned mission with the remaining 2 aircraft.

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- 16 May 1971 Major R. M. ONDRICK assumed the duties as Executive Officer, replacing Major J. E. HAYES.
- 16 May 1971 Captain D. F. LAVIOLETTE assumed the duties as Operations Officer, replacing Major R. M. ONDRICK.
- 16 May 1971 Major J. E. HAYES led the Squadron advance party to New River, North Carolina.
- 20 May 1971 Five aircraft of the remaining fifteen were stood down for redeployment.
- 26 May 1971 Official stand down of Marine Light Helicopter, ^{SQUADRON} 167 in the Republic of Vietnam.
- 26 May 1971 Eight aircraft, led by 1stLt BEAVER, were flown aboard LPH-3, for shipment to MCAB Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Pilots Leaving HML-167

1stLt BEACHAN
 1stLt BEAVER
 1stLt BURROUGHS
 1stLt CARLIN
 1stLt FENWICK
 1stLt FREEMAN
 1stLt JOHNSON
 1stLt MORSCHAUSER
 1stLt PETERSON, W. J.
 1stLt RICHARDSON
 1stLt ROAKE

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No supporting documents for May 1971.

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