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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

(C) 1. Organizational Data:

(a) Reporting Unit -HMM-263
 (b) Location -Marble Mountain, RVN
 (c) Reporting Period -1 Sept 1966 to 30 Sept 1966
 (d) Commanding Officer -Jerome L GOEBEL, LtCol, USMC
 (e) Executive Officer -Bertram W. McCAULEY, Major, USMC
 (f) Operations Officer -Raymond A. JASICA, Major, USMC
 (g) Administrative Officer -William G. PRICE, Capt, USMC
 (h) Intelligence Officer -Carlton C. VIELHAUER, Capt, USMC
 (i) Logistics Officer -Herbert E. NELSON, Major, USMC
 1 Sept 1966 to 15 Sept 1966
 Robert L. BOYER, Capt, USMC
 16 Sept 1966 to 30 Sept 1966
 (j) A/C Maintenance Officer -Alva J. KETTERING, Major, USMC
 1 Sept 1966 to 15 Sept 1966
 Robert C. LEVAN, Capt, USMC
 16 Sept 1966 to 30 Sept 1966
 (k) Aviation Safety Officer -Gerald C. ODGERS, Capt, USMC
 1 Sept 1966 to 15 Sept 1966
 Neil R. VANLEEUWEN, Capt, USMC
 16 Sept 1966 to 30 Sept 1966
 (l) Flight Surgeon -Howard H. HENSON, LT (MC)

(U) 2. Task Organization and Unit location:

None; MAG-16, 1stMAW, Marble Mountain Air Facility,
 Republic of Vietnam, 1 Sept 1966 to 30 Sept 1966

(C) 3. Average Monthly Strength:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
OFFICERS	51	1	52
ENLISTED	159	2	161

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THE REPORTING PERIOD

SUMMARY -

- (U) For the month of September the squadron flew a total of 1623.5 hours. The heaviest concentration of flying was in support of III MAF, which included numerous resupply, troop lift, and administrative missions. HMM-263 also provided Med-Evac aircraft for the TAOR area. All significant events and experiences will be mentioned in the following narrative.
- 1 September 1966 -(U) All flying today was in support of III MAF. Routine resupply, administrative, and Med-Evac missions were flown. 30 Med-Evacs were picked up with one aircraft receiving small arms fire at coord BT 083606. The aircraft was not hit. A squadron awards ceremony was held this morning.
- 2 September 1966 -(U) HMM-263 flew 77.1 hours today. 18 tons of cargo, 142 passengers, and 40 Med-Evacs were lifted. Med-Evac aircraft received small arms fire at coord AT 978648, 988590, and 947520, and BT 055655, but received no hits. One convoy escort to Dong Ha was flown. 12.6 hours were flown in support of I Corps and 4.6 hours in support of Operation Prairie.
- 3 September 1966 -(U) Normal operations in support of III MAF today. 59 Med-Evacs and 5 tons of cargo were lifted. Med-Evac aircraft received small arms fire from coord AT 945530, 946525, and BT 071611. None of the aircraft were hit. Two aircraft on a resupply mission from Hill 65 received hits from small arms at coord BT 003598. There were no injuries. Two squadron aircraft flew 7.8 hours in support of Operation Pawnee.
- 4 September 1966 -(U) Routine III MAF missions were flown today. One Med-Evac aircraft was fired on from coord BT 079613, but was not hit. 36 Med-Evacs were picked up.
- 5 September 1966 -(U) Squadron aircraft flew 13.3 hours in support of Operation Prairie today. The remainder of the flying was in support of III MAF. Med-Evac aircraft were fired on from coord AT 998546, 943522, and BT 0060. One aircraft on

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AO chase hop received fire from coord AT 920524. None of the aircraft were hit.

- 6 September 1966 - (U) Normal flight operations were conducted today. Total time was 49.8 hours and missions were in support of III MAF. One Med-Evac aircraft received one small arms hit at coord AT 981688. No injuries resulted. An aircraft on an AO hop received fire from coord AT 978522 but was not hit.
- 7 September 1966 - (U) The squadron supported III MAF today flying routine resupply, admin, and Med-Evac missions. Several AO hops were also flown. AO aircraft received small arms fire from coord BT 087663, 055627, and 015625. Aircraft at coord BT 087663 received one hit, but no injuries. Aircraft were fired at from coord. BT 086618 and 016579. There were no hits.
- 8 September 1966 - (U) Normal III MAF missions were flown today. 66 passengers and 23 Med-Evac were lifted. Med-Evac aircraft again took the majority of the enemy fire. One Med-Evac aircraft was hit by small arms fire at coord BT 050657, other aircraft flying the Med-Evac mission received fire from coord BT 029526, 099659, and AT 885585 but was not hit. One recon aircraft was fired at by automatic weapons at coord BT 013586 and two aircraft on a routine admin hop to the An Hoa area were fired at from undetermined coord. The pilot suspected the fire came from some point in the landing pattern at An Hoa. The aircraft were not hit.
- 9 September 1966 - (U) HMM-263 flew 45.9 hours today, all in support of III MAF. Two aircraft on a resupply mission received small arms fire from coord BT 024625 and 028554. A Med-Evac aircraft received fire from BT 119628. None of the aircraft were hit. An aircraft on a recon hop received 4 or 5 hits from small arms at coord BT 048653. One crew member, L/Cpl. R. MARTIN was wounded in both legs and was flown to G-4 hospital. His condition was listed as moderate. All other operations for the day were normal.
- 10 September 1966 - (U) Routine III MAF support missions were flown today. Four squadron aircraft were fired on. Aircraft on a resupply mission

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drew fire from coord BT 055554 but had no hits. Med-Evac aircraft received fire from coord BT 119628 and 029615 with the aircraft at coord BT 029615 taking several hits. One aircraft being recovered from a zone was fired at from coord BT 118628 and an aircraft on a recon hop received fire from coord AT 850500. Neither aircraft was hit.

- 11 September 1966 - (U) All operations normal today. The squadron flew 59.4 hours. One Med-Evac aircraft was fired at from coord AT 984618 but was not hit.
- 12 September 1966 - (U) HMM-263 flew 62.0 hours in support of III MAF today. Aircraft flying a troop lift were fired at at landing zone Crawdad but were not hit. One Med-Evac aircraft received six hits from small arms and automatic weapons at coord BT 095585, but received no injuries to the crew. The Med-Evac aircraft also received fire at coord BT 048585, but received no hits. Other missions for the day were normal.
- 13 September 1966 - (U) All flying today was in support of III MAF. Med-Evac aircraft received fire at coord BT 019612 and 020619. Each aircraft received one hit but damage was minor. One Med-Evac aircraft took fire from coord AT 968672 but was not hit. One aircraft on a routine resupply mission received fire from coord AT 885815 and an aircraft on a convoy escort to Phu Bai received fire from coord YD 950080. Neither aircraft was hit.
- 14 September 1966 - (U) Normal operations conducted today. Med-Evac aircraft were shot at three times today from coord BT 130625, 080590, and 038540. None of the aircraft were hit.
- 15 September 1966 - (U) The squadron flew 12.2 hours in support of Operation Prairie today. The remainder of the flying was routine missions for III MAF. One Med-Evac aircraft was hit with one round from small arms fire at coord BT 025576. Damage was minor. Another Med-Evac aircraft took fire at coord BT 018616 but was not hit.
- 16 September 1966 - (U) The squadron flew 56.7 hours today. All was in support of III MAF. HF SUIMIRD, S. D. and L/Cpl BOYLSTON, R. S. received minor injuries today when the Med-Evac aircraft they were crew members in received small arms fire at coord AT 903538. Another squadron

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Med-Evac aircraft received fire from coord BT 045643 and 025585 but were not hit. Squadron aircraft also took fire from coord BT 012715 and 093643 but were not hit.

- 17 September 1966 - (U) HMM-263 flew routine missions in support of III MAF today. One Med-Evac aircraft was fired at from coord BT 040340 but was not hit. In support of Operation Prairie squadron aircraft flew 21.5 hours and had 4 aircraft hit. Three aircraft flying Med-Evac and resupply missions were hit by small arms at coord XD 959599. One aircraft on resupply/Med-Evac mission to coord XD 962605 received 16 hits from intense small arms and automatic weapons fire and was forced to land in the zone. The pilot and co-pilot remained overnight. The aircraft was recovered on the 19th.
- 18 September 1966 - (U) The squadron continued to support Operation Prairie today flying 28.5 hours. Aircraft received fire from coord XD 955500 and 962605 but were not hit. In the local TAOR squadron aircraft took fire from coord AT 965648, 969649, 921501, 982487, 990619, BT 027617, and 033583. The aircraft at coord AT 965648 took three hits from automatic weapons fire, but received no injuries to the crew. The aircraft at coord BT 033583 received 4 hits. The pilot, 1stLt K. R. REED, received a minor injury. Aircraft at coord BT 035277 took one hit but no injuries.
- 19 September 1966 - (U) Normal operations for III MAF were flown today. Aircraft continued to take fire on Med-Evac missions. One Med-Evac aircraft took 3 hits at coord AT 956673 and others received fire at coord BT 125618, 017587, 028588, 025586, and AT 954677. None of the latter received hits. Three squadron aircraft flew in support of Operation Prairie.
- 20 September 1966 - (U) Routine operations conducted today. Two Med-Evac aircraft and one aircraft on a resupply mission were fired at. A Med-Evac aircraft took one hit in the main rotor blade at coord ZC 105563. The other Med-Evac aircraft drew fire from coord BT 038583 but was not hit. The resupply

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aircraft received fire from coord BT 038583 but did not take any hits.

- 21 September 1966 - (U) Normal operations conducted today. One aircraft on a psychological warfare mission was fired at from coord BT 010570 but was not hit. All other missions were routine.
- 22 September 1966 - (U) Routine missions in support of III MAF were flown today. One Med-Evac aircraft was hit by sniper fire at coord BT 030660. The aircraft took one round in the transmission deck. Aircraft on routine administrative mission were fired at from coord AT 958602 but were not hit.
- 23 September 1966 - (U) All operations were normal today. Only one squadron aircraft was fired at. The aircraft, on a Med-Evac mission, received small arms fire from coord BT 057702. There were no hits.
- 24 September 1966 - (U) Normal III MAF support missions were flown today. Med-Evac aircraft received fire from coord AT 957598 and BT 008634. The aircraft at coord BT 008634 took six hits from automatic weapons while in the zone and was forced to land in a nearby secure zone. Two crew members, L/Cpl P. R. VARESE and HN/1 K. O. FRENCH, received minor wounds from shrapnel. One other squadron aircraft was fired at from coord ZC 183515 but was not hit.
- 25 September 1966 - (U) The squadron flew 51.1 hours today. Med-Evac aircraft continued to draw the majority of the enemy fire. Aircraft on Med-Evac mission took fire from coord BT 037713, 173594, AT 940467, and 946565. None of the aircraft were hit. One aircraft on a routine administrative hop was hit with two rounds at Duc Pho injuring the co-pilot, 1stLt L. M. CHERBONNIER. Lt. CHERBONNIER, who suffered a broken leg was flown to B-Med and later evacuated to the United States.
- 26 September 1966 - (U) Support missions for III MAF and I Corps accounted for 56.9 hours today. Aircraft received fire from coord AT 865 593, 977624, and BT 005635, but none were hit.
- 27 September 1966 - (U) Normal operations conducted today. Aircraft took fire from coord BT 066680.

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BT 048694, 010619, 040293, 000613, and YD 681158. The aircraft at coord BT 000 613 on a Med-Evac mission, took 4 hits. Capt D. A. WARREN the co-pilot received minor injuries from shrapnel. All other missions were routine.

- 28 September 1966 - (U) HMM-263 flew 64.4 hours today flying missions for III MAF and I Corps. No squadron aircraft were hit today although aircraft drew fire from coord AT 995683, 970540, BT 028621, and 014630.
- 29 September 1966 - (U) The squadron flew 42.7 hours and had 3 aircraft hit today. One aircraft on a Med-Evac mission at coord BT 047663 took 3 hits from automatic weapons. The pilot, Capt W. G. PRICE, received a minor shrapnel wound in the left leg. The aircraft returned home safely. Another Med-Evac aircraft took 1 hit at coord BT 182563. There were no injuries. While flying an emergency recon extraction, one aircraft received 3 hits at coord ZC 040672. No one was hurt.
- 30 September 1966 - (U) Normal operations were conducted today. One Med-Evac aircraft was hit at coord AT 956604. Damage was minor. Other squadron aircraft took fire from coord AT 983604, 956405, 958402, 983604, BT 163413, and 078682. None were hit.

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PART III SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (U) Personnel:

a. Gains during the period:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>FROM</u>
5Sep66	SANTIAGO, Marco A.	PFC	2169780/6422	NATTC, Memphis
5Sep66	HENGELS, Philip H.	PFC	2149991/6422	NATTC, Memphis
5Sep66	LAYMAN, Quentin C.	PFC	2183039/6442	NATTC, Memphis
5Sep66	SIMPSON, Jimmy	Sgt	1637266/6615	Camp S. D. Butler
9Sep66	VANHART, Paul E.	LCpl	2121010/7113	H&MS-30 CampPen
9Sep66	HENSON, Howard H.	LT(MC)	682446/2105	VMCJ-3 MCAS El Toro
10Sep66	JANNELL, Manning T.	LtCol	021790/7335	HQMC
15Sep66	BUCKINGHAM, Count R.	Pvt	2164543/6422	NATTC, Memphis
15Sep66	MARSHALL, Robert	PFC	2157797/6422	NATTC, Memphis
15Sep66	RAMOS, Adolfo	PFC	2164528/6422	NATTC, Memphis
16Sep66	CARROLL, Robert J.	2ndLt	096346/6402	HMM-164
16Sep66	BROUGHTON, William C. Jr.	Sgt	1592742/6422	H&MS-26, MAG-26
16Sep66	CARTER, Gerald M.	SSgt	637499/6422	HMM-365, MAG-26
19Sep66	RINEHARDT, James C.	PFC	2148084/6422	NATTC, Memphis
19Sep66	STRAWN, Kenneth H.	PFC	2148047/6422	NATTC, Memphis
19Sep66	LYNCH, James W.	PFC	2177086/6422	NATTC, Memphis
22Sep66	MATTOS, Thomas P.	LCpl	2132322/6422	Camp S. D. Butler
22Sep66	BURSON, Robert L.	LCpl	2062399/6413	MCS Quantico
22Sep66	JOHNSON, George F.	LCpl	2069399/6413	MCS Quantico
26Sep66	MAESE, Ramon S.	Sgt	1914872/6491	HMM-164

b. Losses during the period:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>TO</u>
11Sep66	HOOD, William A.	SSgt	1466997/6422	NAS Memphis
2Sep66	HOPKINS, Thomas H.	Sgt	2007771/6422	Danang FFT CONUS
2Sep66	LARQUETTE, Alton G. Jr.	Sgt	1604325/6422	MCAF, New River
2Sep66	FIGLIETTI, Richard A.	Cpl	2090763/6422	Danang FFT CONUS
2Sep66	HAMMER, Michael D.	Cpl	2038375/6491	Danang FFT CONUS
3Sep66	WILSON, Hugh A. III	1stLt	090390/7335	Camp S. D. Butler
5Sep66	MATTOS, Thomas P.	LCpl	2132322/6422	Camp S. D. Butler
7Sep66	JENNETTE, Herman R. Jr.	SSgt	1888201/6615	MCS Quantico
7Sep66	LANHAM, James S. Jr.	SSgt	665577/6422	MCAS, El Toro
8Sep66	LORD, George W. Jr.	SSgt	644354/6422	Danang FFT CONUS
10Sep66	BURNHAM, Alan D.	1stLt	092336/7335	1stMarDiv
11Sep66	LANIS, Howard G.	2ndLt	089226/6406	MCAS, El Toro
11Sep66	MCVAY, Donald M.	1stLt	087609/7335	Danang FFT CONUS
11Sep66	VALENTE, Martin F.	SSgt	1505422/6422	MCRD PISC
12Sep66	PAYNE, Paul D.	1stLt	088943/7335	NAS, Pensacola
12Sep66	EISENMENGER, Richard L.	Sgt	1861471/0141	MCRD PISC
14Sep66	MIKESSELL, Gerald G.	HM3	6881217/8404	Danang FFT CONUS
16Sep66	MURPHY, Darrell W.	Cpl	2052863/6413	SU #1, H&MS-16, MAG-16
17Sep66	SOPER, Donald W. Jr.	Capt	082145/7335	MWHG-1
23Sep66	NELSON, Herbert E.	Maj	067760/7335	MCAS, El Toro

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO/MCS</u>	<u>TO</u>
25Sep66	BOLTON, Johnny R.	SSgt	1515657/6611	MCAF, New River
25Sep66	BROWN, Samuel H. Jr.	1stLt	086164/7335	MCAF, New River
25Sep66	BRYANS, William H. Jr.	GySgt	568399/7041	NAS, Memphis
25Sep66	BRUST, David E.	1stLt	089132/7335	2ndMAW
25Sep66	DUNPHY, William W.	Capt	085562/7335	MCAS, Cherry Point
25Sep66	FORAND, Armand D.	Sgt	1652976/6422	MCAS, El Toro
25Sep66	BELL, Phillip J.	1stLt	083152/0202	FMFLant.
26Sep66	MELIUS, Roy L.	Sgt	2022906/6413	Danang FFT CONUS
26Sep66	MOORE, Kenneth M.	Cpl	1932315/3516	Danang FFT CONUS
26Sep66	MOORMAN, James M.	Cpl	2049309/6422	Danang FFT CONUS
26Sep66	MCCORKEL, Charles C.	GySgt	1093780/0239	2ndMarDiv
26Sep66	RAYMOND, John Jr.	SSgt	1536539/6418	MCAF, New River
26Sep66	ODGERS, Gerald C.	Capt	080969/7335	NAS, Glenview
29Sep66	VASDIAS, Richard A.	Capt	087257/7335	2ndMAW
29Sep66	SCARDINA, Anthony J.	SSgt	1527103/6422	MCS Quantico
29Sep66	SIEMONS, Henry K.	SSgt	1526537/6422	MCAS El Toro
29Sep66	STEWART, Robert J.	Sgt	1835750/6422	MCAF, New River
29Sep66	STONE, Elmer C.	SSgt	1493863/6413	NATTC, Memphis
29Sep66	TALLEY, Jerry A.	SSgt	1124871/6615	MCAF, New River
29Sep66	TERLIZZI, Frank M.	1stSgt	901520/9999	1-1 Staff, Omaha, Nebraska
29Sep66	WILLIAMS, Gerald T.	SSgt	1540672/5711	MCAS, Beaufort
29Sep66	WILLIAMS, Richard J.	Sgt	1904928/6422	MCAF, New River
29Sep66	WINKELHAKE, Alan R.	Cpl	2051470/6413	Danang FFT CONUS

2. (U) Administration:

a. Promotions during the period:

1Sep66 1 Promotion to Cpl (Meritorious) rank from 1Sep66

1Sep66 1 Promotion to LCpl (Meritorious) rank from 1Sep66

1Sep66 2 Promotions to SSgt rank from 1Sep66

1Sep66 7 Promotions to Sgt rank from 1Sep66

1Sep66 25 Promotions to LCpl rank from 1Sep66

16Sep66 11 Promotions to Cpl rank from 1Sep66

16Sep66 1 Promotion to PFC rank from 1Sep66

16Sep66 4 Promotions to LCpl rank from 1Sep66

29Sep66 1 Promotion to Captain rank from 1Jul66

30Sep66 3 Promotions to Captain rank from 3Aug66

30Sep66 2 Promotions to Captain rank from 1Jul66

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b. Awards Given:

220 Air Medals Awarded

1 Navy Commendation Medal w/ "V" awarded

37 Combat Air Crew Insignia Awarded

1 Distinguished Flying Cross recommended

190 Air Medals recommended

5 Navy Commendation Medals w/ "V" recommended

7 Purple Hearts Awarded

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1. (U) During the month of September the squadron was engaged in the following Operations:

- (1) Operation Prairie (limited)
- (2) Operation Pawnee (limited)
- (3) Support of the local TAOR

2. (C) In support of Operation Prairie, three (3) aircraft sustained 15 hits. One aircraft was forced down in a landing zone due to intense enemy fire.

3. (C) The month of September marked an unusually high number of enemy fire incidents resulting in an increase in aircraft hit and an increase in number of hits. As usual the majority of the enemy fire incidents, occurred inside the local TAOR. Of significant note is the Med-Evac missions flown in the TAOR, receiving a total of 65 enemy fire incidents resulting in 53 enemy rounds in 25 aircraft. The Med-Evac missions collected over half of the total enemy fire incidents occurring in September

4. (C) Total enemy fire incidents for September were 112, of these 36 aircraft were hit resulting in 80 rounds entering the aircraft. A notable total of 29 aircraft were hit during the approach/on deck/climb out phase of the flight. Also 5 aircraft were hit enroute below 1000 feet. Grid squares AT 95, 96 and BT 05, 06 proved to be the heaviest areas, collecting 80 fire incidents.

5. (U) During the month of September Intelligence training was conducted on the following subjects.

- (1) Enlisted
 - a. Map Reading
 - b. Viet Cong tactics and defenses

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OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1966

TOTAL HOURS FLOWN: 1623.5
TOTAL PASSENGERS CARRIED: 4,642
TOTAL SORTIES: 5,463
TOTAL MED EVACS: 1,216
TOTAL CARGO LIFTED (TONS): 195

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1. AACP Resume 1 thru 30 September 1966
Total submitted 150
Total filled 127
Outstanding 23

2. ANFE Resume 1 thru 30 September 1966
Total submitted 19
Total filled 11
Outstanding 8

3. AV/GAS Resume 1 thru 30 September 1966
Total AV/GAS cost \$ 17,312.32
Gallons utilized 108,302

4. AV/OIL Resume 1 thru 30 September 1966
Total AV/OIL cost \$ 467.50
Drums utilized 17

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MAINTENANCE

1. (C) During the month of September HMM-263 aircraft flew 1623.5 hours resulting in nearly 200 percent utilization of assigned aircraft. An average of three aircraft were in an AACP status and one aircraft in an HC status (awaiting repair) all month. Average availability was 65 percent.
2. (C) Major components changed during the month were: 33 tail rotor blades, 5 tail rotor hubs, 6 main rotor heads, 31 main rotor blades, 6 clutches, 3 tail pylons, 2 tail rotor transmissions, 2 intermediate transmissions, 3 main transmissions, 11 fuel cells, 9 engines, 6 number one inverters, and 14 number two inverters.
3. (C) Battle damage occurred on 25 missions. The maintenance recovery crews were sent out on 15 recovery missions to perform maintenance ranging from installing portable fuel cells to removal and installation of engines. On three occasions it was necessary to airlift downed aircraft to a secure zone prior to performing maintenance. One aircraft was destroyed by fire following a crash of undetermined cause. Two engines failed in flight. One was caused by failure of the #7 piston pin boss (7.7 engine hours); the other by failure of the #7 cylinder (251.6 engine hours).
4. (C) While the Maintenance Department had on hand 83% of manning level at the end of the month, the required details reduced the effective personnel to 66%. Few replacements arrive as personnel are transferred. The department is presently operating with only 5 SNCO's.

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