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Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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Via: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the period 1 December 1966 to 31 December 1966

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 263

1 - 31 December 1966

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(C) 1. Organizational Data:

(a) Reporting Unit	-HMM-263
(b) Location	-Marble Mountain, RVN
(c) Reporting Period	-1 Dec 1966 to 31 Dec 1966
(d) Commanding Officer	-Leslie L. DARBYSHIRE, LtCol, USMC
(e) Executive Officer	-James L. SHANAHAN, Major, USMC
(f) Operations Officer	-Bertram W. McCAULEY, Major, USMC
(g) Administrative Officer	-Francis A. HOCEVAR, Capt, USMC
(h) Intelligence Officer	-Carlton C. VIELHAUER, Capt, USMC
(i) Logistics Officer	-Robert L. BOYER, Major, USMC
(j) A/C Maintenance Officer	-Neil R. VANLEEUWEN, Major, USMC
	1 Dec 1966 to 16 Dec 1966
	Robert A. BRUTON, Major, USMC
	17 Dec 1966 to 31 Dec 1966
(k) Aviation Safety Officer	-Robert D. BLANTON, Capt, USMC
(l) Flight Surgeon	-Howard H. HENSON, Lt(MC)

(U) 2. Task Organization and Unit Location

None; MAG-16, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam, 1 Dec 1966 to 31 Dec 1966.

(C) 3. Average Monthly Strength:

	USMC	USN	TOTAL
OFFICERS	510	1	52
ENLISTED	190	4	194

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THE REPORTING PERIOD

SUMMARY

(U) For the month of December the squadron flew 1609.9 hours, 5060 sorties, and 1437 tasks in routine support of III MAF. The squadron provided the Med-Evac aircraft for the TAOR throughout the month. There were a total of 169 fire incidents 24 of which were hit incidents. The greatest number of fire incidents involved the Med-Evac aircraft and were concentrated in the area bordered by grid coordinates AT 9863, BT 0363, BT 0357, and AT 9857. On 7 December the squadron concluded its support of Operation Mississippi. All significant events and experiences will be included in the following narrative.

- 1 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 32.9 hours, 80 sorties, and 19 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 5 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 135622, Med-Evac at BT 119610, Refugee Team Lift at BT 007548, Resupply at AT 902373, and Aerial Recon at AT 923371. No other fire incidents were reported. Continued support of Operation Mississippi.
- 2 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 71.3 hours, 211 sorties, and 55 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 2 aircraft received fire but were not hit, both were Med-Evacs one at BT 010595 the other at BT 005580. No other fire incidents were reported. Continued support of Operation Mississippi.
- 3 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 34.5 hours, 125 sorties, and 39 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 8 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 910385, Med-Evac at AT 8641, Med-Evac at AT 949661, Med-Evac at 904518, resupply at AT 912653, resupply at AT 910385 and 2 Admins at An Hoa. No other fire incidents were reported. Continued support of Operation Mississippi.
- 4 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 70.7 hours, 184 sorties, and 43 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 7 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 311431, resupply at

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AT 8739, Resupply at AT 9551, Refugee lift at AT 9136, Admin at BT 064555, Admin at AT 945595, and morning Courier at BT 035648. No other fire incidents were reported. Continued support of Operation Mississippi.

- 5 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 61.6 hours, 234 sorties, and 56 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 1 aircraft was hit: Med-Evac at AT 983584, no personnel were injured. 3 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 926527, Resupply at AT 973365 and AT 987645 and Maintenance Team Drop at ZC 170537. No other fire incidents were reported. Continued support of Operation Mississippi.
- 6 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 63.7 hours, 225 sorties, and 65 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 1 aircraft was hit; Med-Evac shot down in zone at BT 005579, no personnel were injured. 4 aircraft received fire but were not hit; Med-Evac at BT 050700 and BT 039515, Med-Evac at BT 005579, Med-Evac at AT 945683 and Admin at AT 9865. No other fire incidents were reported. Continued support of Operation Mississippi.
- 7 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 40.3 hours, 114 sorties, and 31 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 2 aircraft received hits: 1 aircraft on a Troop Lift was shot down in the zone at BT 005579 and Med-Evac was hit at AT 916578, no personnel were injured in either aircraft. 5 aircraft received fire but were not hit; Troop Lift at AT 995638, Med-Evac at BT 020610, Resupply at AT 980665, Admin at Quang Ngai, and morning Courier at AT 875475. No other fire incidents were reported. Squadron concluded its support of Operation Mississippi.
- 8 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 82.1 hours, 257 sorties and 77 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 8 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 023606, Med-Evac at AT 940519, Med-Evac at AT 997620, Aerial Recon at AT 995614 and BT 020605, SAR at YD 9502 and Admin at AT 924515. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 9 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 42.0 hours, 132 sorties, and 30 tasks in routine support of

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III MAF. 3 aircraft were hit: Med-Evac at AT 922445, the gunner TAYLOR, D. W., Cpl., 2127566 was hit in the neck and taken to "C" Med, Med-Evac at AT 935512 and Aerial Recon at AT 990355, no personnel were injured as a result of the latter two incidents. 4 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Resupply at AT 975634, Resupply at AT 966675, Resupply at BT 009585, BT 027-588, and BT 002591 and Resupply at BT 040711, BT 004600, and BT 013593 to BT 015595. No other fire incidents were reported.

- 10 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 97.2 hours, 403 sorties, and 84 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 4 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 995600, Med-Evac at BT 040740, Med-Evac at AT 865560 and AT 895-570, and morning Courier at BT 025615. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 11 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 54.3 hours, 156 sorties, and 37 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 5 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at Bluebird, morning Courier at BT 015567, Admin at AT 878466, resupply at AT 8753 and Aerial Recon AT XD 9657, No other fire incidents were reported.
- 12 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 43.2 hours, 141 sorties, and 36 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 5 aircraft were fired at but none were hit: Med-Evac at AT 979609, Med-Evac at AT 8952, Med-Evac at AT 908487, Med-Evac at AT 947534, and Resupply at BT 000626. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 13 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 65.6 hours, 213 sorties, and 54 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 1 aircraft was hit, Med-Evac at AT 973659, no personnel were injured. 6 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 043705, Med-Evac at AT 944525, Med-Evac at AT 955523, Aerial Recon at AT 955310, Resupply at BT 000620 and PM Courier at AT 885-535. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 14 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 34.0 hours, 124 sorties, and 29 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 1 aircraft received fire but was not hit: Med-Evac at AT 958680. No other fire incidents were reported.

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15 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 51.2 hours, 207 sorties, and 44 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 1 aircraft was hit, Chu Lai Courier at an unknown location, no personnel were injured. 5 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 010606, Med-Evac at BT 147607, Med-Evac at AT 945627, Med-Evac at AT 995645, and Recon Extract at AT 822-554. No other fire incidents were reported.

16 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 33.0 hours, 113 sorties, and 29 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 4 aircraft received fire but were not hit: evening Courier at AT 960625 and AT 995708, Troop Lift at AT 920500, VIP at AT 878577, and Admin at AT 992673 and AT 978-671. No other fire incidents were reported.

17 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 69.1 hours, 230 sorties, and 61 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 8 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 944535, Med-Evac at AT 945532, Med-Evac at BT 065633, Med-Evac at BT 052668, Med-Evac at AT 916578, VIP at AT 839546, Admin at AT 912578, and Sit Rep Courier at AT 999755. No other fire incidents were reported.

18 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 44.5 hours, 175 sorties, and 48 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 3 aircraft were hit: Med-Evac at AT 982608, gunner QUINTINALLA, E. G., LCpl. 2157365, was hit in the arm and leg and taken to G-4, Med-Evac at AT 985612, correspondent RUSS, M. F., was hit in the left shoulder and taken to "C" Med, Med-Evac at AT 989608, no personnel were injured. 6 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 953667, Med-Evac at AT 990582, Med-Evac at AT 996616, Med-Evac at AT 957662, Med-Evac at BT 042652, and Med-Evac at AT 960665. No other fire incidents were reported.

19 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 46.3 hours, 174 sorties, and 33 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 3 aircraft were hit: Resupply at AT 973518, AT 973523, and AT 967504, the pilot VALLUZZI, R. F. Capt., 079706 was hit in the arm and taken to Air Facility Dispensary, Med-Evac at AT 987586, and Admin

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at BS 8238, no personnel were injured in the latter two incidents. 3 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 967597 twice and AM Courier at BT 005622. No other fire incidents were reported.

- 20 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 59.0 hours, 201 sorties, and 61 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 2 aircraft received hits: Med-Evac at AT 965545, the co-pilot, NUSSEL, A. H. Major, 067835, was hit in the leg and taken to G-4, Med-Evac and resupply at AT 987597, no personnel were injured. 8 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 965545, Med-Evac at AT 978584, Med-Evac at AT 985604, Med-Evac at AT 975514, Med-Evac at AT 994594, Med-Evac and Resupply at AT 945520, Aerial Recon at AT 840590 and Admin at AT 998513, AT 986517, and BT 015518. 1 aircraft on Med-Evac/Resupply was forced to land at AT 945520 as a result of mechanical failure, no personnel were injured. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 21 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 90.3 hours, 238 sorties, and 76 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 6 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 999614, Med-Evac at AT 789553, Med-Evac at BT 052664, Med-Evac at AT 980537, Aerial Recon at AT 963377, and Admin at AT 952549. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 22 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 39.8 hours, 103 sorties, and 37 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 1 aircraft was hit, Med-Evac at BT 010568, no personnel were injured. 2 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Morning Courier at AT 9869 and AT 9056 and Admin at AT 975535. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 23 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 12.4 hours, 43 sorties, and 27 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 1 aircraft received fire but was not hit: Med-Evac at BT 151611. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 24 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 5.5 hours, 18 sorties, and 5 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 1 aircraft was hit: Med-Evac at AT 976533, no personnel were injured. 1 aircraft received fire but was not hit: Med-Evac at AT 955543. No other fire incidents were reported.

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Christman Truce began at 0700 today, both fire incidents occurred after the truce began, the hit at 0825, the non-hit at 1800.

- 25 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 39.7 hours, 134 sorties, and 29 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 2 aircraft received fire but were not hit: VIP at AT 967550 and VIP at BS 7354. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 26 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 37.6 hours, 127 sorties, and 25 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 2 aircraft were hit: Med-Evac at BT 054624, and Resupply at BT 014634, no personnel were injured. 1 aircraft received fire but was not hit: Med-Evac at BT 083520. No other fire incidents were reported. Christmas Truce ended at 0700, all fire incidents occurred after the truce ended.
- 27 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 31.4 hours, 109 sorties, and 24 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 2 aircraft were hit: Med-Evac at AT 976642 and Admin at BT 0358, no personnel were injured. 1 aircraft received fire but was not hit: Resupply at BT 014566. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 28mDecember 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 25.8 hours, 85 sorties, and 23 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 2 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 090640 and Admin at AT 857483. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 29 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 38.7 hours, 132 sorties, and 33 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 1 aircraft was hit: Resupply at At 923525, no personnel were injured. 3 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Admin at BS 838517, Admin at BT 2727, and Emergency Recon Extract at AT 821457, 832458, 853464, 882526, 816482, and 907531. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 30 December 1966 - (U) Today the squadron flew 73.9 hours, 226 sorties, and 52 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 3 aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 940674, Med-Evac at AT 913674, and VIP at YD 840230. No other fire incidents were reported.

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(U) Today the squadron flew 35.4 hours, 112 sorties, and 28 tasks in routine support of III MAF. 1 aircraft received fire but was not hit: Resupply at BT 012577. No other fire incidents were reported. New Years Truce began at 0700, fire incident occurred at 1100.

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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>SERIAL/AFSC</u>	<u>FROM</u>
2Dec66	BROCK, Kenneth R.	S3gt	1622661/6615	MCRS-1 LAG-11
6Dec66	BARNSDALE, Lawrence W.	1stLt	090774/7335	HMM-264 2dMAW MCAF New River
6Dec66	RUSSEL, Arthur H.	Maj	067835/7335	Naval Post Grad Scol Monterey Cal.
9Dec66	MAYFIELD, Thomas H.	LCpl	2213432/6615	1st NATTC NAS NAX Fla
9Dec66	RENEGADE, Timothy J.	PFC	2197773/6491	1st NATTC NAS Memphis Tenn
9Dec66	STUCKMAN, Charles L.	S3gt	1504708/6422	HMS-26 MAG-26 MCAF New River
9Dec66	NELSON, Larry C.	PFC	2177057/6611	1st NATTC NAS Memphis Tenn
9Dec66	KCHLER, Alfred	GySgt	872843/6441	1st NATTC NAS Memphis Tenn
9Dec66	SIMMONSON, Frank A.	PFC	2204670/6441	1st NATTC NAS Memphis Tenn
9Dec66	POARCH, Charles M.	PFC	2212632/6441	1st NATTC NAS Memphis Tenn
10Dec66	BAKER, Jon D.	2ndLt	092586/7335	HMS-16
11Dec66	SANDESTROM, George L.	1stLt	090265/7335	HMS-16
11Dec66	JOHNSTON, Kenneth C.	PFC	2178742/6611	1st NATTC NAS Memphis Tenn
12Dec66	BARER, Gregory A.	PFC	2157360/6615	1st NATTC JAX Fla
12Dec66	DEANE, Robert A.	Cpl	2071198/6615	1st NATTC 27 MCAS Cherry Pt
14Dec66	KELLY, Joseph F. Jr.	Cpl	2105571/6141	HMS-16
15Dec66	IAROSIS, Thomas J.	LCpl	2181571/5711	HSSCo 8th MTBn CamLej
15Dec66	WILLIAMS, Paul H.	LCpl	2171423/3516	SerBn LarSorScols Quantico Va
15Dec66	PARKER, John E.	Pvt	2264619/3051	HSSCo 8th MTBn CamLej
16Dec66	LOORE, George E. Jr.	PFC	2258820/6491	1st NATTC NAS Memphis Tenn
16Dec66	PAYNE, Paul D. II	Cpl	2058668/6422	HMM-162 MCAF New River
16Dec66	RUBB, Michael W.	LCpl	2138203/6422	HMS-26 MCAF New River
16Dec66	COSGROVE, James T.	LCpl	2271810/2311	Hdqtrs 5thMarDiv FAF CamPen
16Dec66	HIRSHMAN, Joseph J.	PFC	2249633/2311	Hdqtrs 5thMarDiv FAF CamPen
16Dec66	PCCA, William J.	PFC	2285416/2311	Hdqtrs 5thMarDiv FAF CamPen
16Dec66	DAY, George F.	PFC	2223462/3516	HSSCo 2dMAW 2dMarDiv FAF CamLej
17Dec66	BRYTON, Robert A.	Maj	064561/7335	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
17Dec66	KOLOJAC, Daniel R.	1stLt	092353/7335	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
17Dec66	HAZON, Leonard J.	1stLt	091986/7335	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
17Dec66	ANDING, Jimmie D.	GySgt	1353931/6422	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
17Dec66	CLOCK, Donald G.	LCpl	2137007/6615	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
17Dec66	CORDMAN, Michael	Cpl	2094738/6441	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
17Dec66	DART, Bruce S.	Cpl	2106435/6422	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
17Dec66	HOLLAND, James A.	PFC	2126823/6422	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
17Dec66	LEONARD, John J. Jr.	LCpl	2160133/6422	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
17Dec66	MANAFAN, Francis W.	GySgt	808065/6422	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
17Dec66	CAMBELL, Donald G.	LCpl	2169562/6422	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
18Dec66	SPERKO, Gary P.	Cpl	2137094/6422	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
18Dec66	CRANFORD, Douglas W.	LCpl	2140677/6422	HMMT-301 MHTG-30 MCAS El Toro
18Dec66	DURST, Steven F.	Pvt	2141644/6422	HMMT-301 MHTG-30 MCAS El Toro
18Dec66	MELLO, Gordon J.	LCpl	2160418/6422	HMM-264 MAG-26 MCAF New River
18Dec66	PERRY, Richard P.	Pvt	2147361/6422	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
18Dec66	SEAT, Hoyle C.	LCpl	2188083/6422	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
18Dec66	SIMPSON, Barry L.	LCpl	2151866/6422	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
18Dec66	SHAW, John D.	LCpl	2122719/6422	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
18Dec66	JANSS, Peter F.	Capt	075407/7335	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
18Dec66	STREET, James H. Jr.	1stLt	092212/7335	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB
18Dec66	UPWRIGHT, Richard T.	1stLt	091079/7335	HMM-161 MAG-15 9thMAB

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO/MCS</u>	<u>FROM</u>
18Dec66	BOESKOGL, David K.	LCpl	2146615/6491	HMM-264 LAG-26 MCAF New River
18Dec66	BRENNAN, Richard C.	PFC	2169875/6422	HEMT-301 LHTG-30 MCAS El Toro
20Dec66	HILL, John A.	PFC	2124832/6491	HEMS-33 3dMAW MCAS El Toro
22Dec66	LEWIS, Floyd J.	Capt	076554/7335	HMM-161 LAG-15 9thMAB
22Dec66	KARLIN, Wayne S.	Sgt	2032203/0141	HMM-161 LAG-15 9thMAB
29Dec66	DARLSTROM, Stephen E.	PFC	2259773/6442	AND MATTC NAS Memphis Tenn

b. Losses during the period

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO/MCS</u>	<u>TO</u>
2Dec66	SALMON, Noel S.	1stLt	091242/7335	LanForTraComdLant LCreek NorVa
3Dec66	BURKE, Francis J.	Sgt	1845791/3516	Camp S. D. Butler Okinawa
10Dec66	BAKER, Larry L.	Capt	081985/7335	HEMS-16
13Dec66	SOLESBEE, James C. Jr.	Cpl	2053019/3531	MCAS Cherry Pt
15Dec66	DELONG, Virgil E.	Cpl	2080366/6441	3dMAW MCAS El Toro
15Dec66	PICTROVSKY, Horst L.	Cpl	2104351/3531	MCB CamLej
16Dec66	CALLISON, George R.	Capt	080712/7335	MAO MABTC Fencila
17Dec66	GENTRY, John R.	Capt	085248/7335	MARTD NAS DAL
17Dec66	HARBISON, Gerald E.	Capt	072591/7335	COMUSMACV
17Dec66	UMBARGER, Jarvis E. Jr.	Cpl	2128251/6422	Camp S. D. Butler Okinawa
19Dec66	QUINTEANILLA, Fernando E.	LCpl	2157363/6422	Camp S. D. Butler Okinawa
24Dec66	MILLER, Clifford P.	GySgt	624510/6422	Danang Transient Facility FFT CONUS
29Dec66	NUSSEL, Arthur H.	Maj	067833/7335	Camp S. D. Butler Okinawa
29Dec66	ANDING, Jimmie D.	GySgt	1358931/6422	HEMS-16

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2. (U) Administration**a. Promotions during the period**

1Dec66 1 Promotion to SSgt rank from 1Dec66
1 Promotion to Sgt rank from 1Dec66
7Dec66 14 Promotions to Cpl rank from 1Dec66
6 Promotions to LCpl rank from 1Dec66
16Dec66 1 Promotion to PFC rank from 1Dec66
20Dec66 13 Promotions to Cpl rank from 1Dec66
5 Promotions to LCpl rank from 1Dec66
23Dec66 1 Promotion to Sgt rank from 1Dec66
25Dec66 1 Promotion to PFC rank from 1Dec66

b. Awards Given:

1 Distinguished Flying Cross Awarded
108 Air Medals Awarded
3 Purple Hearts Awarded
368 Air Medals Recommended

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INTELLIGENCE

1. (U) During the month of December the squadron participated in the following:

- a. Operation Mississippi
- b. Routine Support of DaNang TAOR

2. (C) The squadron gave support to Operation Mississippi for the duration of the operation. Four aircraft were kept at An Hoa during the daylight hours and two aircraft remained each night.

3. (C) As usual the DaNang TAOR proved to be the source of most fire incidents. December broke all squadron records for fire incidents reported with 169. However the fire incident to flight hour ratio was approximately 10% or a fire incident approximately every 10 hours. The squadron had 24 hit incidents which give a hit to fire incident ratio of 7:1 or 7 fire incidents to 1 hit. Hit incidents to flight hours were 67 hours. However on Med-Evac for every 20.1 hours flown an aircraft was hit. Every 4 hours flown a fire incident was recorded on Med-Evac.

4. (C) Total statistics for the month were:

Fire Incidents	169
Hit Incidents	24
Total Number of Hits	38
Med-Evac Incidents	80
Med-Evac Hits	16

Areas of greatest intensity are:

AT 95-40
AT 96-33
BT 06-19
BT 05-18

5. (U) During December Intelligence training was conducted in the following areas:

- a. Survival Training
- b. EOOB in the TAOR and I Corps area
- c. Captured Weapons recognition

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OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1966

TOTAL HOURS FLOWN:	-----	1609.9
TOTAL PASSENGERS CARRIED:	-----	3148
TOTAL SORTIES FLOWN:	-----	5060
TOTAL MED EVACS:	-----	869
TOTAL CARGO LIFTED (TONS):	-----	157

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LOGISTICS

1. AOCF Resume 1 thru 31 December 1966
 - a. Total Submitted 86
 - b. Total Filled 86
 - c. Outstanding 0
2. ANFE Resume 1 thru 31 December 1966
 - a. Total Submitted 147
 - b. Total Filled 126
 - c. Outstanding 21
3. AVGAS Resume 1 thru 31 December 1966
 - a. Total AVGAS Cost \$21,282.40
 - b. Gallons Utilized 133,015
4. AV/OIL Resume 1 thru 31 December 1966
 - a. Total Cost \$852.50
 - b. Drums Utilized 31

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1. The month of December 1966 afforded the aircraft maintenance department the opportunity to display its' high degree of versatility. The monsoon rains continued, allowing only a few days of good flying weather. In spite of the weather conditions a sharp raise in all areas of maintenance was affected.

2. Maintenance still had to be performed with personnel exposed to the bad weather as the erection of maintenance shelters has not been completed. Morale remained high and all hands looked forward to closing out the year with an above average month.

3. The following is a list of pertinent figures for the Month of December:

A. Average number of assigned aircraft -----	23
B. Not ready aircraft hours for supply -----	264
C. Not ready aircraft hours for scheduled and unscheduled maintenance -----	1591
D. Operational ready hours -----	15200
E. Total possible operational ready hours -----	17055
F. Total flight hours flown -----	1609.9
G. Average flight hours per aircraft -----	69.8
H. Average number of aircraft down for battle damage each day -	0.5%
I. Operational ready hours in percent -----	89.1%

4. During the month maintenance recovery crews were sent out on six occasions. During one aircraft recovery operation the crew remained in an unsecure landing zone for four days as recovery operations were hampered by bad weather. Three aircraft were lost during the month. Two as a result of battle damage which required that they be put in an HC and EK status. The remaining aircraft was shipped to scheduled overhaul. Replacement aircraft were received within two days so aircraft availability was not seriously effected.

5. On the twenty third of December the squadron received a letter from the Commanding General of the First Marine Aircraft Wing commending it for having an aircraft availability of 100% on the nineteenth of December.

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