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 Marine Aircraft Group 16
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
 c/o FPO San Francisco 96602

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(C) 1. Organizational Data:

(a) Reporting Unit	-HMM-263
(b) Location	-Marble Mountain, RVN
(c) Reporting Period	-1 Jan 1967 to 31 Jan 1967
(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
	1 Jan 1967 to 15 Jan 1967
	John C. SHAFFER, Major, USMC
	16 Jan 1967 to 31 Jan 1967
(j) A/C Maintenance Officer	-Robert A. BRUTON, Major, USMC
(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 Jan 1967 to 31 Jan 1967.

(C) 3. Average Monthly Strength:

	USMC	USN	TOTAL
OFFICERS	49	1	50
ENLISTED	189	4	193

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THE REPORTING PERIOD.

SUMMARY

- (U) For the month of January the squadron flew 1624.8 hours, 5315 sorties, and 1333 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 152 fire incidents 24 of which were hit incidents. The squadron supported Operations Cleveland, Lincoln, and Tuscaloosa. All significant events and experiences will be included in the following narrative.
- 1 January 1967 -(U) Today the squadron flew 1.1 hours, 6 sorties, and 2 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft received fire: Med-Evac at BT 074628, no hits. The New Years truce continues. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 2 January 1967 -(U) Today the squadron flew 25.0 hours, 86 sorties, and 24 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was hit: Courier at AT 990620, there were no injuries. One other aircraft received fire at BT 230420, Admin hop, no hits. No other fire incidents were reported. The New Years truce ended at 0700.
- 3 January 1967 -(U) Today the squadron flew 22 hours, 44 sorties, and 12 tasks in routine support of III MAF. No fire incidents were reported.
- 4 January 1967 -(U) Today the squadron flew 23.6 hours, 82 sorties, and 18 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was hit: Med-Evac at AT 963676, there were no injuries. Three aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 1239, Med-Evac at BT 0663, and Courier at AT 9861. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 5 January 1967 -(U) Today the squadron flew 32.8 hours, 132 sorties, and 29 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was hit: Med-Evac at AT 9869, there were no injuries. Four aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 937527, Med-Evac at AT 944-582, Med-Evac at AT 996618, and Med-Evac at AT 962-674. No other fire incidents were reported. The squadron began support of Operation Lincoln today.
- 6 January 1967 -(U) Today the squadron flew 63.4 hours, 175 sorties, and 45 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Two

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aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 038627 and Med-Evac at BT 040650. No other fire incidents were reported. Continued support of Operation Lincoln.

- 7 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 63.8 hours, 175 sorties, and 40 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was shot down and destroyed in the field, no personnel were injured. Eight aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 954671, Med-Evac at AT 955664, Med-Evac at AT 992625, Med-Evac at AT 965565, Med-Evac at unknown coord, Admin at BT 0365, Recon at AT 900740, and Resupply at AT 992625. No other fire incidents were reported. Squadron continued support of Operation Lincoln.
- 8 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 44.0 hours, 157 sorties, and 48 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was hit: Med-Evac at AT 890530, no personnel were injured. One aircraft received fire but was not hit: Med-Evac at AT 8954. No other fire incidents were reported. Squadron continued support of Operation Lincoln.
- 9 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 45.0 hours, 176 sorties, and 42 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was hit: Med-Evac at BT 038627 but no personnel were injured. Four aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 038627, Med-Evac at BT 040650, Med-Evac at AT 935513, and Resupply at BT 368263. Squadron concluded its support of Operation Lincoln today.
- 10 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 42.2 hours, 137 sorties, and 48 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Three aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 018348, Med-Evac at BT 0433, and Courier at BT 0271. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 11 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 43.0 hours, 110 sorties, and 37 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Three aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 971663, Resupply at AT 915515, and Resupply at BT 019572. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 12 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 40.9 hours, 145 sorties, and 43 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Four aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 015608, Med-Evac at AT 915628, Med-Evac at AT 915607, and Resupply at AT 832385. No other fire incidents were reported.

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- 13 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 45.3 hours, 137 sorties, and 43 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was hit but no personnel were injured: Med-Evac at AT 995613. Four aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 965667, Med-Evac at AT 965667, Recon at AT 853358, and Admin at AT 890515. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 14 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 91.7 hours, 260 sorties, and 43 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was hit but no personnel were injured: Med-Evac at BT 022608. Eight aircraft received fire but were not hit: Admin at AT 979613, Admin at AT 920528, Admin at AT 962-653, Courier at BT 238484, Resupply at BT 168140, Med-Evac at BT 022609, Med-Evac at AT 973595, Med-Evac at BT 083589, and Med-Evac at AT 947533. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 15 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 28.8 hours, 114 sorties, and 35 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Two aircraft were hit but no personnel were injured: Med-Evac at BT 0737 and Test Hop at BT 037738. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 16 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 46.5 hours, 185 sorties, and 35 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft received fire but was not hit: Med-Evac at ZC 1755. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 17 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 52.7 hours, 159 sorties, and 40 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Four aircraft received fire but were not hit: Aerial Recon at BT 350240, Med-Evac at AT 959679, Resupply at BT 019600, and Recon at ZC 1946. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 18 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 34.6 hours, 106 sorties, and 34 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft received fire but was not hit: Med-Evac at BT 0566. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 19 January 1967.- (U) Today the squadron flew 35.1 hours, 129 sorties, and 38 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Six aircraft received fire but were not hit: Resupply at AT 920520, Recon at AT 960-625, Med-Evac at AT 9251, Med-Evac at AT 967668, Recon at BT 205495, and Resupply at BT 0336. No other fire incidents were reported.

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- 20 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 48.2 hours, 175 sorties, and 61 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was hit but no personnel were injured: Recon at BT 142545. Four aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 108652, Med-Evac at BT 123473, Recon at YD 9808, Resupply at AT 9155. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 21 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 58.6 hours, 179 sorties, and 61 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Two aircraft were hit but no personnel were injured: Med-Evac at BT 184568 and Resupply at AT 995583. Three aircraft received fire but were not hit: Admin at BT 019571, Admin at BT 045687, Resupply at BT 020330. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 22 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 65.2 hours, 226 sorties, and 61 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was hit but no personnel were injured: Med-Evac at AT 955630. Seven aircraft received fire but were not hit: Admin at AT 924650, Resupply at BT 019-571, Admin at AT 9560, Med-Evac at BT 113427, Med-Evac at ZC 199551, Med-Evac at AT 968642, Med-Evac at AT 913515. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 23 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 48.6 hours, 144 sorties, and 44 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Seven aircraft received fire but were not hit: Resupply at AT 965593, Med-Evac at BT 009630, Med-Evac at BT 010645, VIP at BT 185405, Admin at AT 885516, Admin at AT 9857, Med-Evac at BT 036608. No other fire incidents were reported. Squadron began support of Operation Tuscalusa today.
- 24 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 68.3 hours, 262 sorties, and 44 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Two aircraft were hit but no personnel were injured: Resupply at AT 920513 and Recon at BT 072657. Seven aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 977517, Admin at BT 095658, Admin at AT 985535, Resupply at BT 0430, Resupply at 1342, Admin at AT 974590, and Admin at AT 995676. No other fire incidents were reported. Squadron continued support of Operation Tuscalusa. Squadron began and ended support of Operation Cleveland today.
- 25 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 58.3 hours, 204 sorties, and 53 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was hit but no personnel were injured: Med-Evac at AT 798363. Five aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 915545, Resupply

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at AT 991532, Resupply at BT 026610, Resupply at AT 968594, and Med-Evac at BT 020611. No other fire incidents were reported. Squadron continued support of Operation Tuscalusa.

- 26 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 67.6 hours, 271 sorties, and 47 tasks in routine support of III MAF. One aircraft was hit, 1stLt Roger F. ZELINSKY, Co-Pilot received shrapnel in his left leg. Six aircraft received fire but were not hit: Resupply at AT 90-53, Med-Evac at AT 945515, Resupply at AT 962597, Med-Evac at AT 970540, Med-Evac at AT 965515, and Med-Evac at AT 972525. No other fire incidents were reported. Squadron continued support of Operation Tuscalusa.
- 27 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 73.4 hours, 237 sorties, and 45 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Two aircraft were hit but no personnel were injured: Resupply at AT 952526 and Med-Evac at AT 952516. Eight aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 955524, Pick-up of downed crew at BT 059-458 and BT 106485, Resupply at BT 025338, SAR at BT 065465, Resupply at BT 0128, Resupply at BT 0133, and Med-Evac at BT 0557. No other fire incidents were reported. Squadron concluded its support of Operation Tuscalusa today.
- 28 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 98.8 hours, 389 sorties, and 63 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Four aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at AT 970573, Med-Evac at AT 977569, Resupply at BT 039645, and Resupply at AT 930673. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 29 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 81.3 hours, 332 sorties, and 81 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Three aircraft were hit: Med-Evac at BT 001607, HM-2 H. L. MITCHELL, 5401926 received shrapnel in his left calf, Resupply at AT 995585, and Med-Evac at AT 962597 no personnel were injured on the last two hit incidents. Seven aircraft received fire but were not hit: Med-Evac at BT 0063, Resupply at AT 985575, Med-Evac at AT 962597, Admin at BT 0132, Armed Escort at AT 987535, Para Drop at BT 0770, and Admin at BT 010330. No other fire incidents were reported.
- 30 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 38.6 hours, 156 sorties, and 34 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Four aircraft were hit: Med-Evac at AT 982597, Major Bertram W. McCauley, Pilot, was hit by shrapnel in the left forearm and left eye, Resupply at AT 980-595, Admin at BT 008593, and Admin at AT 997596, no personnel were injured in the last three hit incidents. One aircraft received fire but was not

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hit: Med-Evac at AT 873528. No other fire incidents were reported.

31 January 1967 - (U) Today the squadron flew 61.4 hours, 207 sorties, and 49 tasks in routine support of III MAF. Six aircraft received fire but were not hit: Admin at AT 899515, Recon at BT 0158, Resupply at AT 961591, Admin at AT 880491, Med-Evac at AT 992701, and Med-Evac at BT 022714. No other fire incidents were reported.

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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>
1Jan67	SHAFFER, John C.	Major	059913/7335	MHTG-30 3dMAW MCAS El Toro
10Jan67	GENTRY, Wayne H.	1stLt	090576/7335	2dBn 8thMar CamLej
21Jan67	AQUILA, Christopher A.	Cpl	2012493/6441	HMM-163 MAG-16 1stMAW
21Jan67	EISENMENGER, Daniel A.	Cpl	1881352/6422	HMM-163 MAG-16 1stMAW
21Jan67	FLOYD, Robert C.	1stLt	091982/7335	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
21Jan67	KOERTE, David Jr.	SSgt	1443107/6615	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
21Jan67	TITUS, Claude L.	LCpl	2158690/3531	MABS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
23Jan67	BRANDT, Hugh D. Jr.	Cpl	2050140/6611	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
23Jan67	SCHRAEDER, Joseph P.	Sgt	1918561/6615	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
23Jan67	CRUIKSHANK, Warren E.	Sgt	1825596/6442	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
27Jan67	DERION, Nichles I.	Cpl	2099236/3531	MABS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW

b. Losses during the period

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>TO</u>
9Jan67	REYNOLDS, Ernest	Cpl	2075255/3531	ForTrps FMFLant CamLej
10Jan67	CORRADO, Frederick S.	Sgt	2040864/3531	MCSC Albany Ga
10Jan67	FLEISHER, Donald L.	LCpl	2194883/6422	Camp S.D. Butler Okinawa
14Jan67	CLEARY, William H.	Capt	086188/7335	MAG-26 2dMAW MCAF New River
14Jan67	DONAHUE, Alphonsus J.	Capt	089924/7335	MAG-26 2dMAW MCAF New River
14Jan67	BAUER, Paul M.	PFC	2247175/7041	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
15Jan67	SZYMANIK, Leonard M.	Sgt	1966827/6422	MAG-26 2dMAW MCAF New River
18Jan67	JANSS, Peter F.	Capt	075407/7335	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
18Jan67	LEWIS, Floyd C.	Capt	076554/7335	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
20Jan67	BURSON, Robert L.	Cpl	2062899/6413	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
20Jan67	LIDDY, Edward A.	GySgt	1035685/6615	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
20Jan67	BOYER, Robert L.	Major	068661/7308	NWHG-1 1stMAW
20Jan67	DAVIDSON, George W.	Cpl	2056206/3531	MABS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
20Jan67	HOLLAND, James A.	PFC	2126825/6422	VMO-3 MAG-16 1stMAW
20Jan67	KARINCH, Stephen P. Jr.	Cpl	2096361/6441	HMM-163 MAG-16 1stMAW
21Jan67	WILCOX, Terry L.	Capt	089013/7335	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
22Jan67	BARROWS, Russell W.	Cpl	2132323/6615	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
22Jan67	BUGGELLI, Richard A.	Cpl	2144767/6615	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
22Jan67	COSGROVE, James T.	LCpl	2271010/2311	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
22Jan67	BOESKOOL, David K.	Cpl	2146615/6491	VMO-3 MAG-16 1stMAW
22Jan67	JOHNSON, Alffed J.	Sgt	1890124/6422	VMO-3 MAG-16 1stMAW
24Jan67	CLUTTS, Richard G.	SSgt	1467800/6442	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
24Jan67	STONE, Oscar	PFC	2197323/6422	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
24Jan67	MOORE, George E. Jr.	PFC	2258820/6491	VMO-3 MAG-16 1stMAW
24Jan67	WILSON, Mark W.	Cpl	2141679/6422	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
26Jan67	DELANEY, David A.	Cpl	2141884/6422	HMM-163 MAG-16 1stMAW
26Jan67	KLINKER, Ronald D.	Cpl	2108448/6422	HMM-163 MAG-16 1stMAW
26Jan67	SEAT, Hoyle C.	LCpl	2188083/6422	HMM-163 MAG-16 1stMAW
26Jan67	VAUGHN, James W.	Cpl	2131221/6422	HMM-163 MAG-16 1stMAW
26Jan67	BRITTON, John A.	Sgt	1645941/6422	H&MS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>TO</u>
26Jan67	FLANNERY, Charles G.	Sgt	1533026/6442	HEMS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
26Jan67	MAKI, Russell G.	Cpl	2082954/3516	MABS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
28Jan67	BAILEY, Ronald J.	SSgt	1533745/6422	HEMS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
28Jan67	ROBERTS, Joseph B.	Cpl	2052961/6611	HEMS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
28Jan67	NELSON, Larry C.	LCpl	2177057/6611	HMM-164 MAG-16 1stMAW
28Jan67	STOCKMAN, Charles L.	SSgt	1504708/6422	HMM-163 MAG-16 1stMAW
29Jan67	STREET, James H. Jr.	1stLt	092212/7335	MWSG-17 1stMAW
30Jan67	BARNETT, Harliss	SSgt	1102253/0241	HEMS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
30Jan67	CLOCK, Donald G.	LCpl	2137007/6615	HEMS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
30Jan67	HUTTO, John F.	LCpl	2110913/6615	HEMS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
30Jan67	SOBB, Alfred J. Jr.	Cpl	2042772/6611	HEMS-16 MAG-16 1stMAW
30Jan67	WINDHAM, James E.	Sgt	2045308/6442	HMM-163 MAG-16 1stMAW
30Jan67	WINTER, John P.	SSgt	1543201/6422	HMM-163 MAG-16 1stMAW
30Jan67	YOUKER, Robert D. Jr.	Cpl	2092812/6442	VMO-3 MAG-16 1stMAW

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2. (U) Administration

a. Promotions during the period

8Jan67 2 Promotions to Sgt rank from 1Jan67
16Jan67 1 Promotion to Sgt Rank from 1Dec66

b. Awards Given:

368 Air Medals Awarded
2 Purple Hearts Awarded
310 Air Medals Recommended

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OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1967

TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	_____	1624.8
TOTAL PASSENGERS CARRIED	_____	3513
TOTAL SORTIES FLOWN	_____	5187
TOTAL MED-EVACS	_____	1105
TOTAL CARGO LIFTED (TONS)	_____	173.3

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1. During the month of January the squadron participated in the following:

- a. Operation Lincoln
- b. Operation Tuscalusa
- c. Operation Cleveland
- d. Routine support of DaNang TAOR

2. The squadron gave support to Operation Lincoln and Tuscalusa for the duration of the operations. Three aircraft were at An Hoa during the daylight hours for logistics and Med-Evac and two aircraft at night for Med-Evac.

3. The squadron gave support to Operation Cleveland for the duration of the operation. One aircraft was on station overhead for the beginning as Med-Evac and two aircraft on standby at Marble Mountain for logistics.

4. As usual the DaNang TAOR proved to be the source of most fire incidents. The squadron had 152 fire incidents, 24 of which were hit incidents resulting in a total of 52 hits. There was a fire incident approximately every 10.5 hours flown and a hit incident approximately every 67.5 hours flown. For every 6.3 fire incidents, 1 was a hit incident. Med-Evac missions accounted for nearly half of the total fire incidents 73. On Med-Evac there was a fire incident approximately every 5.2 hours flown, a hit incident approximately every 29.1 hours flown, and for every 5.6 fire incidents, 1 was a hit incident.

5. Total statistics for the month were:

Fire Incidents	152
Hit Incidents	24
Total Hits	52
Med-Evac Incidents	73
Med-Evac Hits	13

Areas of greatest intensity are:

AT 95	- 44
AT 96	- 26
BT 06	- 21
BT 03	- 10
BT 05	- 9

6. During January Intelligence training was conducted in the following areas:

- a. Survival Training
- b. EOOB in the TAOR and ICorps area

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LOGISTICS

1. AACP Resume 1 thru 31 January 1967
 - a. Total Submitted 72
 - b. Total Filled 72
 - c. Outstanding 0
2. ANFE Resume 1 thru 31 January 1967
 - a. Total Submitted 103
 - b. Total Filled 94
 - c. Outstanding 9
3. AVGAS Resume 1 thru 31 January 1967
 - a. Total AVGAS Cost \$18,605.12
 - b. Gallons Utilized 116,282
4. AVOIL Resume 1 thru 31 January 1967
 - a. Total Cost \$1017.50
 - b. Drums 31

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MAINTENANCE

1. The month of January 1967 was one of great concern for the maintenance department. The changing of months and the beginning of a new year didn't influence the monsoon rains. Low clouds and heavy rains continued for the first half of the month. It was feared that January would be the squadron's lowest month for total flight hours flown since coming into country. Total daily flight hours dropped as low as 3.1 and 15.7 on the second and fourth days of January. The thought of starting a new year with a poor month for total flight hours flown wasn't very appealing to maintenance crews as they wished to continue bettering each previous months total flight hours. By the fifteenth of January the squadron had flown a total of 604.1 hours. The weather improved and flying operations increased. The month ended with 1624.8 hours having been flown. This bettered last months time by 17.2 hours.
2. Engine failures plagued the maintenance efforts during the month. A total of six engines were replaced during the month. One aircraft was lost during the month due to an engine failure followed by an emergency landing in an unsecure landing zone. The aircraft was intentionally destroyed to preclude its capture.
3. Battle damaged aircraft continued to be a major affliction toward aircraft availability. Damaged aircraft were repaired in the shortest period of time possible as maintenance personnel worked throughout the night on several occasions to insure that the squadron's availability would not be adversely effected.
4. Maintenance recovery crews were sent out on six occasions to recover aircraft. The aircraft were recovered in a very short period of time as the crews have become highly specialized in the field.
5. Pertinent figures for the month of January are:

A. Average number of assigned aircraft	----- 24
B. Not ready aircraft hours for supply	----- 0
C. Not ready hours for scheduled and unscheduled maintenance	--- 1725
D. Operational ready hours	----- 15967
E. Total possible operational ready hours	----- 17692
F. Total flight hours flown	----- 1624.8
G. Average flight hours per aircraft	----- 67.6
H. Average number of aircraft down for battle damage each day	----- 1
I. Operational ready hours in percent	----- 90.3%
6. For the second month in a row a letter of appreciation was received from the Commanding General of the First Marine Aircraft Wing for the squadron's high availability.

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