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1. In accordance with reference (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is herewith submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commander and Staff

Commanding Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Earl W. TRAUT (1-24)
	Major Horace A. BRUCE (24-31)
Executive Officer	Major Charles H. F. EGGER (1-21)
	Major Earle L. SANBORN Jr. (21-31)
Operations Officer	Major Jesse R. GREER (1-21)
	Major Charles E. F. EGGER (21-31)
Maintenance Officer	Major James L. McMANAWAY
Logistics Officer	Captain Eric J. CODY
Administrative Officer	Major Charles A. WIMMLER (1-27)
	Captain Joseph E. UNDERWOOD (27-31)

2. Inclusive Dates and Location

1 - 31 May, Republic of Vietnam

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
48		186	1		0

4. Important Visitors

Major General Louis B. ROBERTSHAW, Commanding General 1st MAW
Colonel S. F. MARTIN, Commanding Officer MAG-16

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1 May: Major C. H. F. EGGER, while flying a resupply mission, came under a crossfire of heavy automatic weapons fire from BT 040297. Neither Major EGGER's aircraft and the aircraft of his wingman, Captain E. J. COADY, received any hits.

While flying the nightly TAOR sweep, 1stLt M. D. GUYER received small arms fire from BT 035725. The aircraft did not receive any hits.

- 2 May: Captain R. D. MCGINN, flying the morning MEDEVAC aircraft came under small arms fire while attempting a MEDEVAC at BT 120625. The aircraft did not receive any hits.

Captain W. E. EVERETT and his wingman Captain C. B. SALMON, flying the night MEDEVAC came under intense automatic weapons fire while attempting a MEDEVAC at BT 107387. They were unable to complete the MEDEVAC due to the fire and low fuel on the aircraft and were forced to return to MMAF to refuel. The MEDEVAC was successfully completed at a later time by POWERGLIDE aircraft.

While flying the nightly TAOR sweep, 1stLt R. J. MONDRY was diverted to an emergency MEDEVAC mission at BT 095405 where he came under enemy automatic weapons fire. The MEDEVAC was accomplished without the aircraft suffering any hits.

- 3 May: Captain E. J. COADY and his wingman Captain J. W. CAUDLE were flying the night MEDEVAC mission when they came under small arms fire at BT 098442. Neither aircraft received any hits.

- 4 May: Captain A. J. PICONE flying the morning MEDEVAC came under intense enemy automatic weapons fire at BT 054688. At this time the aircraft did not receive any hits. At the next MEDEVAC site, Captain PICONE again came under extremely heavy automatic weapons fire. This time the aircraft received numerous hits and was forced down a short distance from the MEDEVAC zone at BT 055704. Captain PICONE, his co-pilot 1stLt ANDERSON and the Aerial Gunner PFC S. D. BOZEMAN received minor wounds as a result of the crash.

Major C. C. MCLENNAN flying the afternoon MEDEVAC received small arms fire from BT 021259. The aircraft did not receive any hits.

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5 May: 1stLt J. R. ELKINS came under small arms and automatic weapons fire while flying a morning MEDEVAC mission at AT 869395 and AT 910516. The aircraft did not receive any hits and the missions were successfully completed.

Captain Q. R. MELAND and his wingman 1stLt R. C. GOOWIN received small arms fire from AT 865645 while on a RE-supply mission. Neither aircraft received any hits.

1stLt J. P. BURGESS flying the afternoon MEDEVAC received sniper fire from AT 9039 and AT 886370. The aircraft did not take any hits either time.

Major C. C. MCLENNAN flying night MEDEVAC with his wingman Captain G. W. CUNNINGHAM received automatic weapons fire from BT 109390. The MEDEVAC aircraft received 3 hits but there were no injuries.

6 May: Captain B. A. GALLUP on a morning MEDEVAC mission received small arms fire from AT 916582. The aircraft did not receive any hits.

1stLt M. M. CALEF II and 1stLt L. B. McDONOUGH flying a re-supply mission in two TARBUS aircraft received small arms fire from AT 917376. Neither aircraft received any hits.

7 May: On the morning MEDEVAC mission, Captain C. B. SALMON received small arms fire from BT 075485. The aircraft did not receive any hits and the mission was completed.

While flying a re-supply mission, Major C. C. MCLENNAN and his wingman 1stLt J. R. FARROW received sniper fire from BT 060670. Major MCLENNAN's aircraft suffered one hit but there were no injuries.

On climbout from a zone on a afternoon MEDEVAC mission, Major J. R. GREER received possible .50 cal fire from BT 1154. The aircraft did not receive any hits.

The night MEDEVAC, Captain Q. R. MELAND and Captain K. P. MOTT, received sniper fire from AT 954667. Neither aircraft received any hits.

8 May: Captain W. E. EVERETT flying the morning MEDEVAC received small arms fire from AT 916363. The aircraft received 2 hits but there were no injuries and the mission was successfully completed.

LtCol E. W. TRAUT and his wingman Captain J. W. CAUTLE were

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flying a re-supply mission when they were diverted to an emergency MEDEVAC mission at AT 912352 where they received small arms fire. Col TRAUT's aircraft suffered one hit but there were no injuries and the mission was successfully completed.

Major C. A. WIMMLER and his wingman 1stLt D. A. OBERLANDER were flying a re-supply mission when they received small arms fire from AT 923365. There were no hits received.

9 May: On an early morning MEDEVAC mission, Major J. R. GREER received small arms fire from AT 9934. The aircraft did not receive any hits.

On a MEDEVAC mission to AT 995617, Captain D. R. NAY received small arms fire but his aircraft did not suffer any hits and the mission was completed.

The night MEDEVAC, Major C. A. WIMMLER with Captain C. W. GLASER flying chase plane received small arms fire from BT 063343 and again on a later mission from AT 942608. There were no hits received either time.

10 May: On a morning MEDEVAC mission, Captain W. R. HYATT's aircraft came under intense enemy automatic weapons fire from BT 994607, AT 918317 and AT 958598. At the last zone the aircraft suffered 17 hits and Captain HYATT and his co-pilot, 2ndLt R. A. HERMAN received minor shrapnel wounds and the Crew Chief, Corporal R. A. BEAUCHANE received numerous shrapnel and bullet wounds in both legs. The aircraft was able to depart the zone but was forced to land at Hill 29 due to damage sustained from the enemy fire.

Captain G. L. GAMMACK flying the stand-by MEDEVAC aircraft received intense enemy automatic weapons fire in his approach to BT 035382. Captain GAMMACK was forced to abort and return to MIAF due to damage sustained by the aircraft from the enemy fire. Upon receiving another aircraft Captain GAMMACK returned to zone to make another attempt to MEDEVAC the wounded Marines. Upon landing in the zone the aircraft received extremely heavy automatic weapons fire from all sides. The Aerial Gunner, Sgt J. E. SOMMERS was wounded when he was struck in the side by a .30 cal round. Captain GAMMACK delivered the MEDEVACs to the USS REPOSE and returned to MIAF where he changed aircraft and again returned to the same zone. The aircraft again came under intense enemy fire and the Crew Chief, LCpl R. E. SAMPSON received numerous shrapnel and bullet wounds in his legs and the Aerial Gunner, Corporal P. J. MULLIGAN received shrapnel wounds in his arms. The aircraft was forced to crash land

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shortly after departing the zone due to the heavy damage sustained from the enemy fire.

Captain D. R. NAY flying an afternoon MEDEVAC mission came under small arms fire from BT 065387. The aircraft did not receive any hits and the mission was completed.

On the night MEDEVAC Captain E. J. OADY and his wingman Captain J. W. CAUBLE received small arms and automatic weapons fire from BT 0231. Neither aircraft suffered any hits and the mission was completed successfully.

11 May: LtCol E. W. TRAUT flying afternoon MEDEVAC received small arms fire from BT 005608. The aircraft received no hits and the mission was completed.

12 May: Captain D. R. NAY flying a MEDEVAC mission received small arms fire from BT 005605. The aircraft did not suffer any hits and the mission was completed.

Major C. C. MCLENNAN flying a MEDEVAC mission to BT 041623 received enemy small arms fire but did not suffer any hits.

13 May: On an early morning emergency MEDEVAC mission, Captain W. R. HYATT, supported by his chase plane, 1stLt J. R. ELKINS and two F4Bs flying CAS came under intense enemy automatic weapons fire at AT 977597. Both Captain HYATT and his co-pilot 1stLt W. E. WOLOSIA were wounded and the corpsman on the aircraft was killed when struck by an enemy round. The aircraft was able to depart the zone but was forced down shortly thereafter due to damage sustained from the enemy fire.

On a emergency retraction of a beleaguered reconnaissance team the flight leader, Major J. R. GREER with Major C. C. MCLENNAN, Captain E. J. OADY and Captain E. D. HAYMORE came under enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire from AT 946329. None of the aircraft received any hits and the mission was successfully completed.

On a morning MEDEVAC mission 1stLt J. E. BURGESS received enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire suffering one hit. On a later mission to AT 984601, Lt BURGESS again came under heavy automatic weapons fire. The aircraft received 4 hits and the Aerial Gunner, 1stSgt C. G. COOPER received shrapnel wounds to his right leg. The aircraft was able to depart the zone but was forced down at AT 970620 due to the damage sustained.

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As Flight Leader of 8 TARBUSH aircraft LtCol E. W. TRAUT came under enemy small arms fire while flying a troop insertion mission at BT 065624. None of the TARBUSH aircraft received any hits.

On an afternoon MEDEVAC mission to AT 994608 1stLt L. B. MCCLONOUGH received small arms fire from the surrounding area. The aircraft received one hit but there were no injuries and the mission was completed. On a later mission to AT 9763 Lt MCCLONOUGH again received fire but suppressive fire was delivered by the Aerial Gunner, Sgt J. E. SOMMERS. The aircraft did not receive any hits and the mission was completed.

14 May: On an afternoon MEDEVAC mission Major C. C. MCLENNAN received enemy small arms fire from AT 926526. The aircraft suffered one hit but there were no injuries and the mission was completed.

16 May: Flying a night MEDEVAC mission Major J. L. MCKANAWAY received mortar fire while in the zone at AT 958677. The aircraft did not suffer any damage and the mission was completed successfully.

17 May: On a night MEDEVAC mission to BT 040690 Captain Q. R. MELAND received enemy small arms fire. The aircraft did not suffer any hits and the mission was completed.

18 May: Captain E. Q. HAYDORE flying the afternoon MEDEVAC received sniper fire from AT 018358. The aircraft did not suffer any hits and the mission was completed.

Captain B. A. GALLUP flying the night MEDEVAC received enemy small arms fire from AT 9263. The aircraft did not suffer any hits and the mission was completed.

19 May: Major C. C. MCLENNAN flying a re-supply mission with Captain W. E. EVERETT received sniper fire from AT 970471. Neither aircraft was struck and the re-supply was accomplished without further incident.

20 May: On an afternoon MEDEVAC mission to BT 184561, 1stLt N. C. WEITBECK received sniper fire. The aircraft was not hit and the mission was completed.

21 May: Captain C. B. SALMON flying an afternoon MEDEVAC mission to BT 039694 received small arms fire but the aircraft did not receive any hits and the mission was completed.

Captain W. E. EVERETT flying the night MEDEVAC received small arms fire from AT 890520. The aircraft was not hit.

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22 May: 1st Lt J. P. BURGESS flying a MEDEVAC mission to AT 876392 received small arms fire. The aircraft did not receive any hits and the mission was completed.

Captain W. E. EVERETT took enemy small arms fire from BT 002332 while on a MEDEVAC mission but did not receive any hits.

A flight of 5 TARBUSH aircraft led by Major C. H. F. EGGER on a SPARROW HAWK mission received intensive small arms fire from AT 905385. None of the TARBUSH aircraft received any hits.

23 May: Major C. H. F. EGGER flying night MEDEVAC with Captain C. B. SALMON as his wingman were fired on from BT 015375. Both aircraft received hits but there were no injuries and the mission was completed.

24 May: Captain E. J. GADY flying an afternoon MEDEVAC to BT 178574 received small arms fire. Suppressive fire was returned by the Aerial Gunner, PFC E. E. CARLSON, and the mission was completed successfully. The aircraft did not suffer any hits.

26 May: Major C. H. F. EGGER on a MEDEVAC mission to AT 993612 received small arms fire. The aircraft was not hit and the mission was completed.

Major C. C. MCLENNAN leading a flight of 5 TARBUSH aircraft on a troop lift received small arms fire from BT 073296. None of the aircraft suffered hits and the mission was completed.

Captain W. E. EVERETT received small arms fire from AT 036505 while on a MEDEVAC mission. The aircraft was not hit and the mission was completed.

27 May: Major C. C. MCLENNAN flying a morning MEDEVAC mission to BT 115386 received small arms fire causing the aircraft to suffer two hits. There were no injuries and the mission was successfully completed.

On a re-supply mission to BT 066298 Captain M. M. CALEF II and his wingman Captain M. V. GRIFFITH received small arms fire. Neither aircraft suffered any hits. On another re-supply later to BT 073295 Captain CALEF again took fire. No hits were received.

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28 May: On a re-supply mission to AT 995606 Captain L. DELMORE and his wingman Captain K. P. MOTT received small arms fire from BT 001611. There were no hits received.

While flying an aerial reconnaissance over-flight Major C. H. F. EGGER and his wingman Captain K. P. MOTT received automatic weapons fire from AT 987288. There were no hits received.

29 May: Captain A. J. PIONE and his wingman Captain W. E. EVERETT received small arms fire from BT 001611 while on a re-supply mission. There were no hits received.

On night MEDEVAC Captain B. A. GALLUP received small arms fire from ZC 136535. There were no hits received and the mission was completed.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 4 May: Captain Arthur J. PICONE was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission 2 miles southwest of Marble Mountain Air Facility.
- 1stLt Larry T. ANDERSON was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission 2 miles southwest of Marble Mountain Air Facility.
- PFC Stephen M. BOZEMAN was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission 2 miles southwest of Marble Mountain Air Facility.
- 10 May: Captain Wayne R. HYATT was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission at New La Huan.
- 2ndLt Roger A. HERMAN was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission at New La Huan.
- Sergeant John E. SOMMERS was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission at New La Huan.
- Corporal Richard D. BEAUCHANE was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission at New La Huan.
- Corporal Patrick J. MULLIGAN was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission at 1 and 1/2 miles southwest of My Loc.
- Lance Corporal Ronald E. SAMPSON was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission 1 and 1/2 miles southwest of My Loc.
- Staff Sergeant Richard H. HALL was wounded in action on a downed aircraft recovery mission at My Loc.
- 13 May: First Sergeant Charles G. COOPER was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission 8 miles southwest of Danang.
- 14 May: Captain Wayne R. HYATT was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission 21 miles south of Danang.
- 1stLt Wilfred P. WOJNYLA was wounded in action on a MEDEVAC mission 21 miles south of Danang.
- HM-2 Auburn D. McCOMB was killed in action on a MEDEVAC mission 21 miles south of Danang.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING EVENTSOPERATIONS

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| 1. Total Flight Hours | 1990.9 |
| 2. Total Sorties Flown | 5,335 |
| 3. Total MEDEVACS | 1,750 |
| 4. Total Cargo Carried | 172.4 Tons |
| 5. Total Passengers Carried | 4,048 |

INTELLIGENCE

1. 21 aircraft received 78 hits with one other aircraft destroyed by enemy fire.
2. 60 no hit fire incidents were reported
3. 13 WIA's and 1 KIA
4. 11 spot reports on various sightings were reported

LOGISTICS

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| 1. AOC Resume: | a. Total Submitted: | 275 |
| | b. Total Filled: | 240 |
| | c. Outstanding: | 24 |
| | d. Cancelled: | 11 |
| 2. ANFE Resume: | a. Total Submitted: | 45 |
| | b. Total Filled: | 41 |
| | c. Outstanding: | 4 |
| | d. Cancelled: | 0 |
| 3. AV-GAS Resume: | a. Total AV-GAS Cost: | \$25,110.72 |
| | b. Gallons Utilized | 156,452 |
| 4. AV-OIL Resume: | a. Total AV-OIL Cost: | \$1,980.00 |
| | b. Drums Utilized: | 72 |

AWARDS

1. Air Medal: 388, Navy Cross: 1, DFC: 1, Bronze Star: 5, NCM: 1, PH: 14

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