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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 361

DONG HA AIR FIELD

1 September to 3 September

MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY

4 September to 30 September

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commander and Staff

Commanding Officer	Major Horace A. BRUCE
Executive Officer	Major Marion R. GREEN (1-25)
Operations Officer	Major George A. PORTER (25-30)
Maintenance Officer	Major Charles H. F. EGGER
Logistics Officer	Captain Eric J. COADY
Administrative Officer	Captain James T. MAGEE
	Major Gerald L. JOHNSON

2. Inclusive Dates and Location

1-3 September 1967: DONG HA AIR FIELD, Republic of Vietnam
4-30 September 1967: MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, Republic of Vietnam

3. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>		<u>OFF</u>	
38	162	1	0

4. Important Visitors

Lieutenant General B. A. HOCKMUTH, Major General N. J. ANDERSON,
Colonel S. F. MARTIN, and Colonel R. O. REED.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 Sept: Capt. E. J. COADY and his wingman, Capt. W. J. MCSHANE, while on a night medevac mission, received enemy automatic weapons fire at YD 310510. Neither aircraft was hit and the mission was completed.

3 Sept: Capt. G. W. CUNNINGHAM and his wingman, Capt. J. P. BURGESS, while on a late afternoon medevac mission, received enemy automatic weapons fire at YD 110646. Neither aircraft was hit and the mission was completed.

7 Sept: Capt. G. W. CUNNINGHAM and his wingman, Capt. E. E. HEINLE, received small arms fire at BT 136343. Capt. CUNNINGHAM's aircraft was hit, however no one was injured, and the morning medevac mission was completed.

10 Sept: Maj. C. H. F. EGGER, while leading a division on a Logistics hop, received mortar fire in the zone at YD 113653, and intense automatic weapons fire. Maj. EGGER's aircraft received multiple hits, however he was able to complete the mission.

Capt. E. J. COADY, and his wingman, Capt. C. W. GLASER received mortar fire in the zone at YD 110625. Neither aircraft was hit and the night medevac mission was completed.

13 Sept: 1stLt. W. P. WOIDYLA, while on a night TAOR mission, received small arms fire from AT 9269. The aircraft was not hit.

Capt. C. B. SALMON and his wingman, 1stLt. J. O. ATKINSON, while on a day medevac mission, received enemy rocket fire at YD 138648. Neither aircraft was hit.

14 Sept: Maj. C. H. F. EGGER and his wingman, Capt. C. B. SALMON, while on a morning troop lift, received small arms fire from AT 128367. Neither aircraft was hit.

Capt. L. E. DELMORE, and his wingman, 1stLt. W. J. BROWN, while on a resupply mission, received small arms fire at YD 149640, YD 153645, and YD 150695. Neither aircraft was hit.

16 Sept: Maj. C. H. F. EGGER, and his wingman, Capt. E. E. HEINLE, while on a night medevac mission, received automatic tracer fire from YD 214739. Neither aircraft was hit.

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20 Sept: Maj. C. H. F. EGGER, while on a resupply mission, received enemy mortar fire while in the zone at YD 116679. The aircraft was not hit.

Capt. G. W. CUNNINGHAM, while on a medevac mission, received enemy mortar fire in the zone at YD 116699. The aircraft was not hit.

21 Sept: Capt. C. B. SALMON, and his wingman, Capt. J. P. RAY, received enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire in the zone at YD 137696. Capt. RAY's aircraft received several hits and the aircraft was down in the zone. Capt. RAY suffered minor injuries. Later that day, a CH-53 brought the aircraft back to Marble Mountain.

1stLt. W. P. WOIDYLA, and his wingman, Capt. BARKSDALE, received small arms fire at YD 134688. A short time later 1stLt. WOIDYLA and his wingman received enemy artillery fire while at YD 116701. Neither aircraft was hit and the medevac mission was completed.

Capt. J. E. FARROW, while on a medevac mission, received enemy rocket fire at YD 116701. The aircraft was not hit.

22 Sept: Capt. J. P. RAY, and his wingman, 1stLt. D. J. SCHIPPER, while on day medevac, received enemy automatic weapons fire at YD 102642. Thereafter, they received mortar fire in the zone at YD 115701. Neither aircraft was hit.

23 Sept: Capt. G. W. CUNNINGHAM, and his wingman, 1stLt. B. L. GILLASPIE, while on a night resupply mission, received mortar fire in the zone at YD 112675. Neither aircraft was hit.

Maj. C. H. F. EGGER, while on a day medevac mission, received enemy mortar fire in the zone at YD 116702. The aircraft was not hit.

Capt. E. J. COADY, and his wingman, Capt. J. T. MAGEE, while on a Logistics hop, received enemy small arms fire at YD 134668. Later they received enemy artillery fire in the zone at YD 117701. Neither aircraft was hit.

24 Sept: Capt. E. J. COADY, and his wingman, Capt. T. S. SIGLER, while on a resupply mission, received small arms fire at YD 140696. Neither aircraft was hit.

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25 Sept: 1stLt. B. L. GILLASPIE, while on a day medevac, received enemy mortar fire in the zone at YD 137696. The aircraft sustained shrapnel damage and Lt. GILLASPIE's co-pilot, 2ndLt. J. E. DAY suffered a shrapnel wound in his left eye. The aircraft made it back to Dong Ha, where later a CH-53 brought it back to Marble Mountain.

Capt. C. B. SALMON, and his wingman, 1stLt. J. O. ATKINSON, while on a resupply mission, received enemy mortar fire in the zone at YD 118688. Capt. SALMON's aircraft was hit however no one was injured and the mission was completed.

27 Sept: Capt. E. E. HEINLE, while on a resupply mission, received enemy small arms fire at YD 109653. The aircraft was not hit.

Capt. J. E. FARROW, while on a day medevac, received enemy small arms fire at YD 111670. The aircraft was not hit.

29 Sept: 1stLt. B. L. GILLASPIE, and his wingman, Capt. L. DELMORE, while on an afternoon medevac mission, received enemy artillery fire at YD 115701. Neither aircraft was hit.

Capt. J. T. MAGEE, and his wingman, Capt. E. J. COADY, while on a night medevac mission, received enemy automatic weapons fire at YD 212739. Neither aircraft was hit.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 September: Dong Ha Air Field and the HMM-361 area came under enemy artillery and rocket fire at 0530H, 1107H, 1245H, 1340H, and 1515H. Several aircraft sustained moderate damage. Several huts in the working area sustained light damage. There were six WIA's.

3 September: At 0855H, Dong Ha Air Field came under heavy enemy artillery fire. Soon after the beginning of the attack, a round or rounds landed in the ammunition dump that was adjacent to the HMM-361 enlisted quarters. After being set off, the ammo storage area continued to explode and cook off rounds for eight hours. Due to the close proximity of the ammo dump to the enlisted huts, the living area was destroyed by shells and consumed by fire. The shops area was leveled and the officers huts sustained moderate damage. The damage to squadron aircraft was extensive from incoming rounds, shrapnel, and shells cooking off from the ammo dump. There were 46 WIA's, mainly as a result of the ammo dump going off, and not from the initial enemy artillery. Beginning at approximately 1800H, personnel of HMM-361 were moved to Marble Mountain Air Facility by CH-53's. As much squadron and personal property as possible was moved with the personnel. A night medevac crew stayed on the USS TRIPOLI to handle the night medevacs.

4 September: Operations continued to retrieve squadron property and damaged aircraft, and return them to Marble Mountain. The CH-53's did an unwavering job, and all gear and equipment was moved to Marble Mountain in 4 days. The squadron suffered the following WIA's:

Cpl	Robert W. AUDETTE
L/Cpl	Howard E. BEAM
Cpl	John S. BEEMAN
PFC	Stephen M. BOZEMAN
Cpl	Joseph D. BROGLIO
L/Cpl	Joseph E. BUCKMAN
L/Cpl	Billy E. CARLSON
L/Cpl	John P. CLARK
Sgt	David W. CLASPELL
Cpl	Harold G. COOK
Sgt	Joseph R. DEGEARE
PFC	Robert D. DEKEYSER

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WIA's Contd.

Cpl	Paul G. DEWAR	L/Cpl	Raymond A. FORMONT
PFC	Michael S. DEWESE	Cpl	Gilbert E. MOORE
Cpl	Gregory M. FERRIS	L/Cpl	Allan L. STAUTZENBACH
L/Cpl	Albert F. FORKER	Sgt	Jeffrey L. STEPHENS
Cpl	James P. FREEMON	L/Cpl	Dennis P. WILLIAMS
Sgt	Joel D. GODDARD		
SSgt	Richard H. HALL		
L/Cpl	Joel D. HUNT		
Cpl	John L. JENKINS		
Sgt	James D. KIRKER		
Cpl	Arthur W. LARSEN		
L/Cpl	Charles E. MAAHS		
Cpl	Leonardo G. MARTINEZ		
Sgt	David K. MCGRATH		
Cpl	Albert MIRELES		
Sgt	Charles E. MORROW		
Sgt	Patrick J. MULLIGAN		
Sgt	Ronald C. NEWTON		
Cpl	Roy O. OFFT		
SSgt	Richard K. PARKER		
Cpl	Harry R. PAUL		
Cpl	Martin L. POLESKI		
Sgt	Richard M. SACK		
Cpl	Perfecto SAUCEDA		
Sgt	Jerry L. SAUNDERS		
Sgt	John E. SOMMERS		
Cpl	Jack A. STEVENS		
Sgt	Calvin D. STOY		
Sgt	Albin F. SZULC		
Sgt	Antonio VASQUEZ		
L/Cpl	Donald L. WAGONER		
GySgt	James L. WARD		
PFC	Larry L. WILCKENS		
PFC	Donald M. WINAR		
Cpl	Kirk RICHARDSON		

WIA's not as a result of the Dong Ha attacks:

2nd/Lt. John E. DAY
 Capt. John P. RAY

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PART IV

SUPPORTING EVENTSOPERATIONS

1. Total Flight Hours	1211.9
2. Total Sorties Flown	3217
3. Total MEDEVACs	1412
4. Total Cargo Carried	562 Tons
5. Total Passengers Carried	2845

INTELLIGENCE

1. Five aircraft received 22 hits (All but 4 squadron aircraft sustained damage from enemy artillery attacks on the 2nd and 3rd)
2. There were 17 no hit fire incidents reported.
3. 54 WIA's
4. There were 2 spot reports

LOGISTICS

1. AOPC Resume:	a. Total Submitted:	194
	b. Total Filled:	160
	c. Outstanding:	16
	d. Cancelled:	18
2. ANFE Resume:	a. Total Submitted:	25
	b. Total Filled:	22
	c. Outstanding:	3
	d. Cancelled:	0
3. AV-GAS Resume:	a. Total Av-Gas Cost:	\$13,403.35
	b. Gallons Utilized:	77,325
4. AV-OIL Resume:	a. Total Av-Oil Cost:	\$522.50
	b. Total Drums Utilized:	19

AWARDS

1. 54 Purple Hearts; 149 Air Medals

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