

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON-361  
Marine Aircraft Group-16  
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1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is here-with submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to "UNCLASSIFIED" upon removal of enclosure (1).

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON-361  
MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY

9 FEBRUARY to 29 FEBRUARY 1968

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commander and Staff

Commanding Officer	LtCol. D. M. WILSON	( 9 - 29 Feb )
Executive Officer	LtCol. G. A. PORTER	( 9 - 29 Feb )
Operations Officer	Maj. F. W. CRONE	( 9 - 20 Feb )
	Maj. L. DELMORE III	( 21 - 29 Feb )
Personnel Officer	Capt. W. R. GAGE	( 9 - 29 Feb )
Administrative Officer	1stLt. J. DRUCKER	( 9 - 29 Feb )
Intelligence Officer	Maj. R. J. RANTA	( 9 - 20 Feb )
	Capt. T. S. SIGLER	( 21 - 29 Feb )
Logistics Officer	Maj. G. L. JOHNSON	( 9 - 14 Feb )
	Capt. S. P. SCHULZ	( 15 - 29 Feb )
Maintenance Officer	Maj. L. DELMORE III	( 9 - 20 Feb )
	Maj. R. J. RANTA	( 21 - 29 Feb )

2. Inclusive Dates and Location

9 - 29 February 1968: Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
41	147	1	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Upon return to Marble Mountain Air Facility the squadron's standard frags consisted of the following:

Number 2: VIP  
 Number 6: Rocket Belt and Road Recon  
 Number 5: 24 Hour Medevac  
 Number 8: Chu Lai SAR  
 Number 12: Courier Run  
 Number 10: VIP  
 Number 9: ROK Resupply

Plus any other frags our availability will let us handle.

Feb 11: Capt. LARocca, while on a day medevac, took small arms fire at AT 972593. The aircraft received one hit and was forced to land in a secure area.

LtCol. WILSON's section hauled 9000 pounds of resupply in support of ROKMC and received an airburst at BT 043557 but the aircraft received no hits. The aircraft was downed in the zone due to a fire in the clutch compartment and was recovered by a CH-53.

Feb 13: Maj. JOHNSON, while on day medevac, received automatic weapons fire at AT 985561 and AT 987561. The aircraft received hits but no major damage. Later in the afternoon Maj. JOHNSON received automatic weapons fire at AT 983563 on another medevac. The aircraft received hits. Maj. JOHNSON was hit in the arm while Maj. RANTA the co-pilot received small cuts from flying plexiglass. Maj. JOHNSON was flown to G-4 medical facility. Extensive bone damage to the shoulder required his subsequent evacuation out of Vietnam.

Feb 14: Capt. SIGLER, while on night medevac, received automatic weapons fire at AT 982552 but the aircraft received no hits.

Feb 15: Capt. KERSEY, while on day medevac, received automatic weapons fire at AT 911850 but the aircraft received no hits.

LtCol. WILSON, while on a day medevac, received small arms fire at AT 861674 but the aircraft received no hits.

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Feb 16: Capt. COUNCIL, while on a day medevac, received small arms fire at AT 940600. The aircraft received no hits.

Feb 17: Capt. LARocca, while on day medevac, received small arms fire at AT 946900 but the aircraft received no hits.

LtCol. WILSON, while on night medevac, received automatic weapons fire at AT 989573, AT 9158 and BT 076584. The aircraft received hits but made it back to Marble Mountain with minor damage.

Feb 19: Capt. DANIELL, while on day medevac, received small arms fire at AT 868495 but the aircraft received no hits.

Capt. KIRKMAN, while on day medevac, received automatic weapons fire at BT 015586 but the aircraft received no hits.

Capt. SCHIPPER, while on night medevac, received automatic weapons fire at BT 025745. The aircraft received no hits.

Feb 21: Capt. LARocca, while on a day medevac, received automatic weapons fire at BT 068515 but the aircraft received no hits.

Feb 22: Capt. COUNCIL, while on day medevac, received small arms fire at AT 994611 but the aircraft received no hits.

Feb 23: Capt. KERSEY's section, while flying night medevac, received automatic weapons fire at BT 019791. The aircraft was not hit.

Feb 25: Capt. ATKINSON's section, while on night medevac, received 30 and 50 cal fire at BT 067680, but the aircraft received no hits.

Feb 26: Capt. BROWN's section, while on night medevac, received automatic weapons fire at AT 975638 but the aircraft received no hits.

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## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

- a. Promotions: To Capt. - 2  
To 1stLt. - 4  
To LCpl. - 1
- b. Joined and Dropped: 2 - Officer - Joined  
2 - Officer - Dropped  
21 - Enlisted - Joined  
18 - Enlisted - Dropped

2. Awards. Forty-five members of this Squadron were recommended for Air Medals during this period. Also during this period eleven individuals were recommended for various awards.3. Casualties. The following personnel were injured during this period.

Maj. Gerald L. JOHNSON 074099 13 Feb 1968 Coord AT 983563  
Maj. Roger J. RANTA 078568 13 Feb 1968 Coord AT 983563  
Capt. Thatcher S. SIGLER 090237 11 Feb 1968 Coord AT 972593

4. Intelligence. During this reporting period the Intelligence Section gave two briefings for all officers in the squadron. These briefings will be given twice a week in order to keep all pilots abreast of the latest enemy situation. At the first briefing the intelligence reporting procedures were explained in order to give everyone a better understanding of these procedures.

A total of 25 anti-aircraft fire incidents were experienced by the pilots of this squadron during this period. One of these was an airburst. Seven of these fire incidents were hits.

5. Air Operations

Total Flight Hours	864.2
Total Sorties Flown	2340
Total Med-evac	711
Total Cargo Carried	17.2 Tons
Total Passengers Carried	1139

6. Special Operations. During the period 9 - 29 February 1968 the squadron participated in operation Dinousar.

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7. Logistics

## a. AOCF Resume:

(1)	Total Submitted:	167
(2)	Total Filled:	132
(3)	Outstanding:	19
(4)	Cancelled:	16

## b. ANFE Resume:

(1)	Total Submitted:	41
(2)	Total Filled:	25
(3)	Outstanding:	7
(4)	Cancelled:	9

## c. AV-GAS Resume:

(1)	Total Cost:	\$9,594.33
(2)	Gallons Utilized:	56,617

## d. AV-OIL Resume:

(1)	Total Cost:	\$1,445.31
(2)	Gallons Utilized:	3,294

8. Maintenance. During the period 9 February through 29 February excellent aircraft availability permitted successful completion of all missions assigned by MAG-16. A significant increase in aircraft availability was experienced since moving ashore to Marble Mountain Air Facility. One aircraft was shipped to PAR on 26 February and one aircraft was received from H&MS-16. Aircraft on hand remains at 23. Six aircraft received battle damage from hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire. The damage was minor and was repaired by squadron maintenance personnel. Non-receipt of priority 5 and priority 12 supply items through normal replenishment ordering has required several aircraft to be not operationally ready for excessive time periods awaiting receipt of the needed parts which had been re-ordered as priority 2.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No supporting documents for this period.

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