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for *K. E. Huntington*
K. E. HUNTINGTON

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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

a. Squadron Commander and Staff, with inclusive dates of duration in assigned billets:

Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 66	LtCol. K. E. HUNTINGTON
Executive Officer	1-31 Dec 66	Major M. E. DAY
Operations Officer	1-31 Dec 66	Major R. P. ECKMANN
Administrative Officer	1-31 Dec 66	Capt. G. E. THIRY
Logistics Officer	1-31 Dec 66	Major F. OWLETT
Maintenance Officer	1-31 Dec 66	Major E. J. MURPHY
Safety Officer	1-31 Dec 66	Capt. R. M. NEBEL
Intelligence Officer	1-31 Dec 66	2ndLt. R. W. BOLTON

b. Task Organization and unit location:

HMM-363, MAG-36, 1stMAW, FMFPac 1-31 Dec 66

MCAF Ky Ha, RVN 1-31 Dec 66

c. Average monthly strength of squadron:

Officers: 51 USMC 1 NAVY Enlisted: 167

d. Important visitors to the squadron:

Major General L. B. ROBERTSHAW visited the squadron on 25 December to award the Purple Heart Medal to LCpl R. J. EISENHOWER.

PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

1 December 1966

Two aircraft departed Ky Ha at 0655H to assume SAR duty at Chu Lai. Enroute to Chu Lai, the lead aircraft sustained one .30 cal. round through the main spar of one main rotor blade. There were no injuries.

Six aircraft departed Ky Ha at 0800H for Quang Ngai airstrip to participate in a strike with ARVN Rangers. There they joined seven Buffalo City aircraft and two Klondike gunships. Weather was very marginal, and the aircraft had to return to Quang Ngai after their first attempt to reach the strike zone at BS 640565. The MAG-36 aircraft stood by at Quang Ngai until the weather cleared sufficiently to get the assault forces into the zone. The aircraft departed Quang Ngai at 1105H and successfully transported the ARVN Rangers to the zone. Buffalo City aircraft encountered enemy fire southeast of the zone, and one aircraft was hit. There were no injuries, and Millpoint aircraft reported no fire. Two trips were made into the zone, and there were no further incidents.

2 December 1966

Two aircraft departed Ky Ha at 0745 for Marble Mountain Air Facility where they were fraggged as direct support aircraft for Operation Mississippi. Cargo and passengers were transported throughout the afternoon to coordinates AT 925369, AT 814383, and AT 872468. No enemy fire was reported.

Two squadron aircraft flew direct support missions for the ROKMC forces in the morning and afternoon. Most missions, however, were cancelled, due to very marginal weather.

Two aircraft departed Ky Ha at 1745H for Hill 54 (BT 396145) to pick up ammo for an emergency resupply to a unit of the 7th Marines at BT 340090. The weather was very marginal, but the aircraft managed to reach the zone and drop the ammo. Fifteen U. S. sick and one Viet Cong Suspect (VCS) were lifted from the zone. One aircraft encountered enemy automatic weapons fire from BT 345093, and suppressing fire was used. There were no hits or injuries. The VCS was left at Hill 54 and the med-evacs were carried to the 1st Med. Bn. at MCAF Ky Ha without further incident.

3 December 1966

One squadron aircraft stood med-evac standby at Ky Ha throughout the daylight hours. Three Korean Marines sick and one U. S. Marine sick were evacuated to the 1st Med. Bn. without incident. The med-evac aircraft departed Ky Ha at 1625H with one Klondike gunship for BT 347077 to pick up five U. S. WIA. Departing the zone the aircraft encountered enemy fire. There were no hits or injuries and suppressing fire was not used. The WIA's were transported to the 1st Med. Bn. without further incident.

The two squadron aircraft at Marble Mountain Air Facility flew direct support missions for Operation Mississippi throughout the afternoon. No enemy fire was reported.

Marginal weather again caused most missions on this date to be cancelled.

4 December 1966

Four Millpoint aircraft departed Ky Ha at 0715H for LZ Quail where a 19 man recon team was picked up and inserted at BT 184205. Upon take-off from the insertion site one aircraft received enemy fire and returned 200 rounds of suppressing fire. No hits or injuries were taken and all aircraft proceeded to BT 345065 where a 14 man recon team was retracted without incident. After refueling at Ky Ha the recon team was returned to LZ Quail.

Twelve recon marines were then loaded aboard the four helos and flown to BT 236062 to be inserted. The insertion was accomplished without incident and the aircraft proceeded to BT 239088 where a 14 man team was retracted. No fire was received during this mission. The recon team was returned to LZ Quail prior to the aircraft landing at homeplate.

Throughout these insertions and retractions the four Millpoint aircraft were escorted by Klondike UH-1E gunships and Oxwood A-4E's.

Two aircraft departed Ky Ha for LZ Dove (BT 391074) where they lifted 98 men from LZ Dove to BT 313096 in six trips. After refueling at Ky Ha, these aircraft lifted 53 walking med-evacs from BT 312096 to BT 341074 in five trips. The aircraft then lifted 585 lbs. of combat cargo from BT 341074 to BT 376112 and BT 312096 prior to returning to Ky Ha.

Four aircraft were assigned ROKMC resupply during the day's flight operations. The aircraft lifted 33,175 lbs. of combat cargo and 77 troops in support of the ROKMC.

During this date six Millpoint aircraft flew ten routine administrative hops between Da Nang and Quang Ngai. While on approach to a LZ at BS 505896, one Millpoint aircraft received fire south of the zone. Suppressing fire was not used, and no hits or injuries were sustained.

5 December 1966

Four Millpoint aircraft flew med-evac missions this date. Ten patients were evacuated to 1st Med. Bn., Quang Ngai Hospital, and G-4 Hospital Da Nang. During one mission at BT 291084, YZ-65 received a hit upon take-off from the zone. 200 rounds of 7.62mm were returned into the enemy position.

Six Millpoint aircraft flew 22 routine resupply, administrative, and passenger shuttles throughout the day. While on a routine resupply mission

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at BS 532551, YZ-73 received fire on approach and during take-off from the zone. One round entered the tail pylon. No injuries were reported, and no suppressing fire was used due to the close proximity of friendly troops.

While returning to Ky Ha upon completion of a routine administrative hop, two aircraft received fire from the vicinity of BS 559379. No fire was returned, and no hits or injuries were reported.

6 December 1966

Four aircraft departed Marble Mountain and flew to LZ Finch (AT 965751) where a 12 man recon team was loaded aboard the aircraft and flown to a mountain top zone at AT 902413. A landing at this zone was impossible due to cloud cover. Further down the mountain side a small zone was discovered. An attempt was made to insert the recon team, but due to the close proximity of trees in the landing zone a safe landing could not be made. While on take-off from the zone the pilot was informed by his crew chief that one recon member had jumped out of the aircraft while the landing attempt was being made. The pilot tried to re-enter the zone for a pick up. While Severe wind turbulence was encountered causing the aircraft to crash into the mountain side. All occupants escaped from the aircraft with minor injuries, and were forced to remain overnight in the zone. Next morning all members walked down the mountain side to a large zone where they were rescued by Marine helicopters from Marble Mountain.

During the remainder of flight operations at Marble Mountain three aircraft flew five routine administrative missions around the Da Nang TACR. Marginal weather forced most missions to be cancelled and the aircraft returned to Ky Ha during late afternoon.

7 December 1966

Two Millpoint aircraft flew nine med-evac missions this date. Thirty-six patients were evacuated to medical center at Ky Ha, Da Nang, and Quang Ngai.

During one mission YZ-76 received enemy fire from the vicinity of BS 489898. No hits or injuries were reported, and no suppressing fire was used.

While on a med-evac mission, YZ-78 received fire upon take-off from BT 169174. Aircraft was hit in tail cone section by a small caliber round. Suppressing fire was fired into the enemy position. No injuries were received by the crew members.

Two Millpoint aircraft shuttled 19 patients from 1st Med. Bn. to the hospital ship Repose.

Four Millpoint aircraft were launched to At 875475 to support a Marine ground operation. Three aircraft flew a 45 man troop lift during the day, plus five routine administrative and resupply missions.

8 December 1966

Four Millpoint aircraft were assigned ROKMC direct support this date. Nine missions were flown, 53,130 lbs. of combat cargo carried, and 39 troops lifted. While on one mission, YZ-76 received enemy fire during its landing approach. Fire was sighted at BS 547854. No hits or injuries were reported, and no suppressing fire was used due to the close proximity of friendly troops.

Four aircraft were launched to Quang Ngai Airfield. Seventeen troops and 10,200 lbs. of combat cargo was loaded aboard the helicopters and flown to BS 875325. This required two trips, but due to marginal weather any further resupply had to be cancelled.

Two Millpoint aircraft flew five med-evac missions this date.

Most missions had to be aborted due to marginal weather.

9 December 1966

Four Millpoint aircraft departed Ky Ha at 0710H and flew to LZ Quail. A 16 man recon team was loaded aboard the aircraft. Enroute to the planned drop zone, Group-3 radioed a change of coordinates to the lead aircraft. Due to marginal weather at the new drop site the insertion had to be aborted. All aircraft returned to homeplate.

Two Millpoint aircraft flew ten med-evac missions this date, carrying 20 patients to 1st Med. Bn and Quang Ngai. While on one mission, YZ65 received fire upon landing at BT 300146. One small caliber round entered the tail cone section. Suppressing fire was not used.

Two aircraft were launched from Ky Ha with combat cargo and troops aboard and flew to Thien Phouc (BT 106143). Condole F-8's provided escort throughout the mission which required four trips.

Four aircraft were launched from Ky Ha to LZ Quail where an 11 Man recon team was loaded aboard the choppers. All aircraft plus two Klondike gunships flew to BS 412852 where the team was inserted. No fire was received during the mission and all aircraft returned to homeplate. These same four aircraft lifted a 12 man recon team from LZ Quail to BS 407945 later in the day, with no fire incidents reported.

Throughout the day Millpoint aircraft flew routine resupply and passenger shuttles within the I Corps area.

10 December 1966

Two Millpoint aircraft evacuated 12 patients to 1st Med. Bn. and Quang Ngai this date. No fire incidents were reported during any of these missions.

Four aircraft flew 14 missions this date in support of the ROKMC. 28,140 lbs, of combat cargo and 65 troops were helicopter lifted.

Three aircraft launched from Ky Ha with 4,340 lbs, of combat cargo and 20 troops. All aircraft flew to Quang Ngai Airfield where the cargo was off-loaded.

Four aircraft along with two Klondike gunships launched from Ky Ha to LZ Quail where a 17 man recon team was loaded aboard the choppers. All aircraft flew to BT 249101 where the team was inserted without a fire incident. These aircraft returned to LZ Quail where a 16 man team was loaded aboard and flown to BT 382008 and inserted without a fire incident.

Throughout the day Millpoint aircraft flew eight routine administrative and passenger shuttles.

11 December 1966

Two Millpoint aircraft evacuated 11 patients this date to 1st Med. Bn. and Quang Ngai. While on take-off from a zone at BT 180175, YZ-71 received enemy sniper fire. No hits or injuries were reported and suppressing fire was not utilized.

Six aircraft launched from Ky Ha and proceeded to Tam Ky. These aircraft lifted 30,750 lbs. of combat cargo to an ARVN outpost at BT 061058. During this cargo lift, Oxwood A-4E's and Condole F-8's provided fixed wing cover. These aircraft then flew a resupply mission from Tam Ky to BT 070061. Six trips were made carrying 19,000 lbs. of combat cargo and 95 troops. All aircraft then returned to homeplate.

Millpoint aircraft flew five routine administrative and passenger shuttles throughout the day.

12 December 1966

Two Millpoint aircraft evacuated 11 patients to 1st Med. Bn. this date.

Two aircraft launched from Ky Ha and flew to Quang Ngai where they escorted a convoy from Quang Ngai to BT 703602.

Four aircraft flew 14 missions in support of the ROKMC this date. 28,140 lbs of combat cargo and 65 troops were lifted. While on approach to landing at the ROKMC-C/P during one mission, YZ 78 received sniper fire. One round entered the bottom side of the chopper. No injuries were reported and no suppressing fire used due to the close proximity of friendly troops.

Three Millpoint aircraft and two Klondike gunships launched from Ky Ha and flew to LZ Quail where a nine man recon team was loaded aboard and flown to BS 598762. The insertion was made without incident.

Two aircraft flew aerial recons of the Chu Lai TAOR to BT 435162, and from BT 1408 to Thien Phouc (BT 11312).

Four aircraft were launched to BT 162174 to conduct a resupply to BT 463073. During take-off from BT 162174, YZ-79 received small arms fire. One round entered the aft fuel tank. No injuries were reported, and no suppressing fire was used due to close proximity of friendly troops.

Millpoint aircraft flew six routine administrative and cargo shuttles during the remainder of the day.

13 December 1966

Two Millpoint aircraft launched from Ky Ha and shuttled 40 patients from the 1st Med. Bn. to the hospital ship Repose.

Four aircraft flew 17 missions in support of the ROKMC. 38,000 lbs. of combat cargo and 91 troops were lifted.

Two aircraft were launched to Quang Ngai Airfield to provide direct support for the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment (Operation Sierra). Fourteen missions were flown this date: 16 troops, 2 med-evacs, and 9,970 lbs. of combat cargo were helo lifted.

During take-off on one mission from BS 685549, YZ-81 drew enemy fire. Suppressing fire was used, and no injuries were reported.

Two aircraft launched from Ky Ha and proceeded to the Chu Lai VIP pad for a passenger pickup. Both aircraft then flew to LZ Magnolia (BS 645005). During the approach to the LZ, YZ-67 received sniper fire and the aircraft was hit at the bottom of its tail pylon. No injuries were received and suppressing fire was not used.

14 December 1967

Four Millpoint aircraft flew fifteen missions in support of the ROKMC this date. 42,220 lbs. of combat cargo and 107 troops were lifted. During take-off from BS 520880 on one mission, YZ-62 encountered enemy fire. Suppressing fire was used. No injuries or hits were reported.

Two aircraft flew fifteen med-evac missions this date. 43 patients were evacuated to the hospital ship Repose, while 33 were evacuated to Quang Ngai hospital and 1st Med. Bn. During approach to LZ at BS 645570, one aircraft received enemy sniper fire. No hits were reported and suppressing fire was not used.

Two aircraft were launched to Quang Ngai Airfield in support of Operation Sierra in the Quang Ngai area. 17,750 lbs. of combat cargo were lifted

to various Marine Companies in the field.

15 December 1966

Four aircraft flew sixteen missions in support of the ROKMC this date. 36,415 lbs. of combat cargo and 73 troops were lifted. During an aerial recon of the ROKMC TAOR two aircraft received fire from the vicinity of BS 635905. No hits or injuries were reported, and no suppressing fire was used.

Two aircraft evacuated 27 patients to Quang Ngai and Ky Ha during the days flight operations.

Four aircraft launched to Quang Ngai Airfield where a 16 man recon team was loaded aboard the choppers and flown to BS 658493. No fire incidents were reported during the insertion.

Millpoint aircraft flew routine administrative and troop shuttles during the remainder of the day.

16 December 1966

Two aircraft launched from Ky Ha and flew to Quang Ngai Airfield where they worked in direct support of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment (Operation Sierra). 16,370 lbs. of combat cargo, 50 troops, and 11 med-evacs were lifted during the day's flight operations. On two mission these aircraft received enemy fire from the vicinity of BS 545584 and BS 646728. No hits or injuries were reported, and no suppressing fire was returned due to the close proximity of friendly troops.

Two aircraft were assigned Command and Control duty in support of 2/7 this date. Seven mission were flown, 1,000 lbs. of cargo carried, and 96 troops lifted.

Two aircraft flew six med-evac missions, evacuating 12 patients to Quang Ngai hospital and 1st Med. Bn. Enemy fire was received by the med-evac aircraft on two different missions. Once while on approach to BS 557828, and while sitting in the landing zone at BS 575924. Fire was held in the first zone due to the close proximity of friendly troops. During the second fire incident 400 rounds were expended as suppressing fire. No hits or injuries were reported from either incident.

Two aircraft flew missions in support of the ROKMC this date. 7,465 lbs. of cargo and 42 troops were lifted.

Millpoint aircraft flew seven routine administrative and cargo shuttles during this day's flight operations.

17 December 1966

Two aircraft flew 13 direct support missions for the ROKMC this date.

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39,988 lbs. of combat cargo and 167 troops were carried.

Two aircraft were launched to Quang Ngai Airfield to provide direct support to 2/7. 6,150 lbs. of cargo and 51 troops were lifted.

One Millpoint aircraft flew eight med-evac missions this date, evacuating 17 wounded troops to Quang Ngai hospital and 1st Med. Bn.

Two aircraft flew Command and Control duty. 44 passengers were carried during the day. While on one mission enroute to Minh Long outpost, YZ-84 developed a rough running engine. YZ-68 joined the flight and continued on to Minh Long with the lead aircraft while YZ-84 was escorted back to Ky Ha.

Four Millpoint aircraft flew routine administrative and passenger shuttles during the day's flight operations.

18 December 1966

Four Millpoint aircraft flew 17 missions in support of the ROKMC this date. 40,600 lbs. of combat cargo and 111 troops were lifted. Enemy sniper fire was received by two aircraft on landing approach to the ROKMC C/P. No hits were reported.

Two aircraft flew direct support missions out of Quang Ngai Airfield in support of 2/7. 11,900 lbs. of combat cargo and 20,000 lbs. were carried.

Two aircraft flew Command and Control missions out of the 2/7 C/P at BS 703602. 1400 lbs. of cargo and 65 troops were carried. During one mission while enroute to BS 628546, YZ-67 drew enemy fire. No hits or injuries were reported.

Two Millpoint aircraft evacuated 27 patients to 1st Med. Bn. during this day's flight operations.

19 December 1966

Millpoint aircraft evacuated 68 patients to Quang Ngai hospital, 1st Med. Bn., and Da Nang this date. One aircraft received sniper fire during approach to Quang Ngai hospital. No hits were reported, and no suppressing fire was used.

Four aircraft flew 14 mission in support of the ROKMC. 51,250 lbs. of combat cargo and 107 troops were lifted this date.

Two aircraft flew direct support on Operation Sierra out of Quang Ngai Airfield. Ten missions were flown. 7,952 lbs. of combat cargo and 139 troops were lifted in support of 2/7.

Millpoint aircraft flew six routine administrative runs during the day's flight operations.

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Two aircraft flew direct support missions in support of Operation Sierra. Six missions were flown, 6,232 lbs. of cargo carried, and 75 troops lifted. One aircraft received fire climbing out of a LZ at BS 677567. No hits were reported and no suppressing fire was used due to the close proximity of friendly troops.

One Millpoint aircraft flew 21 med-evac missions, evacuating 21 patients. While enroute to BS 515745 enemy fire was encountered. No hits were reported and no suppressing fire was used.

Six Millpoint aircraft flew five routine administrative and passenger shuttles during the day's flight operations.

21 December 1966

Two Millpoint aircraft evacuated 19 patients during the day's flight operations. Fire was encountered while flying at 2000' in the vicinity of BS 800474 during one mission. No hits were reported, or suppressing fire used.

Four aircraft flew 15 missions in support of the ROKMC this date. 64,151 lbs. of combat cargo and 72 troops were lifted. No fire incidents were reported.

Four aircraft flew direct support out of Quang Ngai Airfield in support of Marine ground troops from the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. Twelve missions were flown with 18,990 lbs. of combat cargo and 113 troops lifted. Three fire incidents were reported during these twelve missions:

The crew of YZ-75, while on an aerial recon of the BS 6852 and BS 6750 grid squares, received enemy fire from an altitude of 1500. One round entered the forward fuel tank, proceeded up through the deck of the cabin, passed through the right thigh of a passenger, continued up at an angle and struck the crew chief in the left arm. The round continued on through the transmission deck and exited out the starboard side of the transmission deck. Both gunners returned about 200 rounds of 7.62mm each. It is believed that two VC were killed. Both wounded Marines were flown to 1st Med. Bn.

As two aircraft were climbing out of BS 723584 and passing through 1800', enemy automatic weapons fire opened up from the vicinity of BS 575364. No hits were reported, and the gunner of the second aircraft returned 200 rounds of 7.62mm at the enemy position.

One Millpoint aircraft while on a med-evac mission, received fire from the vicinity of BS 6752. No hits were reported and no suppressing fire was used.

22 December 1966

Two Millpoint aircraft operating out of Quang Ngai Airfield flew four

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missions during marginal weather. 45 passengers and 400 lbs. of cargo were carried. Fire was received on two missions:

While on take-off from BS 660930, enemy sniper fire was encountered. No hits were reported, and no suppressing fire was used. During the next mission YZ-74 received enemy fire from BS 698571. One round entered the portside of the transmission deck. No injuries were reported, and 150 rounds 7.62mm were returned into the enemy position.

One aircraft flew three med-evac missions with no enemy fire encountered.

Seven patients were evacuated to Ky Ha and Quang Ngai Hospital.

Marginal weather forced the squadron to cancel most of its missions this date.

23 December 1966

Marginal weather again kept most squadron aircraft on the deck this date.

Two aircraft flew one mission for the ROKMC, carrying 2,250 lbs. of cargo and 7 troops. On take-off from a LZ, fire was encountered at BS 673892. No hits were reported, and 50 rounds of 7.62mm were returned into the enemy position. Marginal weather forced the mission to be aborted.

While enroute to Quang Ngai on a routine passenger shuttle, YZ-73 received enemy fire from BS 789425. One round entered the center fuel tank. No injuries were reported, and 40 rounds of 7.62mm were returned into the enemy position.

Four aircraft attempted to fly three routine administrative mission, but returned to homeplate due to marginal weather.

24 December 1966

Again marginal weather kept most Millpoint aircraft on the deck this date.

Two aircraft operating out of Quang Ngai Airfield flew five direct support missions for 2/7. 30,670 lbs. of combat cargo and 112 troops were lifted. No fire incidents were reported.

One Millpoint aircraft, along with a Klondike gunship, flew four med-evac missions, carrying 8 wounded troops.

All other missions were cancelled.

25 December 1966

Four Millpoint aircraft flew ten missions in support of the ROKMC this date. 45,400 lbs. of combat cargo and 68 troops were lifted from their logistic support area to various rifle companies in the field. No fire incidents were reported.

One aircraft flew five med-evac missions, evacuating nine patients to the 1st Med. Bn.

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Six routine administrative and passenger shuttles were flown by four Millpoint aircraft. These hops were flown to the Quang Ngai Tropo Pad, Chu Lai Admin Pad, and the ROKMC C/P.

Most missions could not be completed due to marginal weather.

26 December 1966

Seven missions were flown in support of the ROKMC by two Millpoint aircraft this date. 18,520 lbs. of combat cargo and 67 troops were lifted. No fire incidents were reported.

Two Millpoint aircraft flew direct support missions out of Quang Ngai Airfield in support of Operation Sierra. 2,900 lbs. of combat cargo and 24 troops were lifted.

One Millpoint aircraft flew escort of a Klondike gunship on an aerial recon of grid squares BS 8440.

Two aircraft flew seven med-evac missions, evacuation 25 patients to 1st Med. Bn. and Quang Ngai hospital.

Six routine administrative, cargo, and passenger shuttles were flown by four Millpoint aircraft. These missions were flown from Ky Ha to Quang Ngai Tropo Pad, and various landing zones controlled by the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 7th Marine Regiment. No fire incidents were reported during any mission.

27 December 1966

Two aircraft flew five missions in support of the ROKMC this date. 9,450 lbs. of combat cargo and 45 troops were carried.

One Millpoint aircraft and one Klondike gunship launched from Ky Ha on an aerial recon mission. Grid square BS 8340 was covered during the mission. While flying over an area at BS 835412, the gunship received three hits from enemy small arms fire. No injuries were reported and no suppressing fire used.

Four Millpoint aircraft flew direct support missions out of Quang Ngai Airfield, supporting Operation Sierra. Twelve missions were flown, 3,225 lbs. of cargo and 41 troops were carried. Enemy fire was received during five of the missions:

YZ-80 received small arms fire while on the approach to landing at BS 832412. No hits were received or suppressing fire used due to close proximity of friendly troops.

YZ-82 received fire from the vicinity of BS 834404 on four missions. While on approach and during take-off, enemy small arms fire was encountered.

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No hits were reported. YZ-82's crew fired 800 rounds of 7.62mm into the enemy position during these four missions.

Seven routine administrative and passenger shuttles were flown around the Chu Lai TAOR this date.

28 December 1966

Two Millpoint aircraft departed Ky Ha and flew to Chu Lai Airfield. A seven man UDT-team was loaded aboard the choppers and flown to BS 849404 where they were inserted to clear a river entrance.

Two aircraft flew seven direct support missions out of Quang Ngai Airfield in support of Operation Sierra. 10,000 lbs. of combat cargo and 19 troops were lifted. Enemy fire was encountered on two missions by YZ-69 while on approach, and during take-off from BS 845405. No hits were received and 400 rounds of suppressing fire were expended.

Two aircraft flew ten missions in support of the ROKMC this date. 8,250 lbs. of cargo and 68 troops were lifted. No fire incidents were reported.

One Millpoint aircraft flew twelve med-evac missions this date, evacuating 68 troops to Quang Ngai hospital and 1st Med. Bn. During an approach to BS 452150, enemy small arms fire was encountered. 200 rounds of 7.62mm and one M-79 round was returned into the enemy position. No hits were reported taken on the aircraft.

Four routine administrative and passenger shuttles were flown to the Quang Ngai Tropo Pad, and Quang Ngai Airfield.

29 December 1966

Two Millpoint aircraft flew sixteen med-evac missions this date. Thirty-four patients were evacuated to Quang Ngai hospital and 1st Med. Bn. at Ky Ha. These two aircraft encountered enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire on nine of the sixteen missions. YZ-84 received automatic weapons fire while on approach to BS 814419, and one round was taken through the tail cone. No injuries were reported, and 200 rounds of 7.62mm was returned into the enemy positions. While on approach to BS 835395 small arms fire was received. No hits were taken during this approach. A Huey gunship flying escort for YZ-84 expended 14 rockets and 1200 rounds of 7.62mm into the enemy positions. While on approach to landing zone at BS 572365, 605750, 831425, 834414, 834402, 831384, and BS 812384, YZ-78 encountered enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. No hits were reported during any of the missions, and 1400 rounds of 7.62mm was directed into the enemy positions by YZ-78's gunners

Two Millpoint aircraft flew six missions in support of Operation Sierra out of Quang Ngai Airfield. 6,700 lbs. of combat cargo and 27 troops were

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lifted. No fire incidents were reported.

Two aircraft flew seven missions in support of the ROKMC this date, carrying 10,100 lbs. of combat cargo and 54 troops.

Five routine administrative and passengers shuttles were flown by Millpoint aircraft this date. These missions were flown between the Quang Ngai Troop Pad and 7th Marine Regiment landing zone with the Chu Lai TAOR.

30 December 1966

Two aircraft flew fifteen med-evac missions this date, evacuating 37 patients to Quang Ngai hospital and 1st Med. Bn., Ky Ha. Enemy small arms automatic, and 12.7mm fire was encountered during six of these missions.

While on an approach to a landing zone at BS 805385, enemy 12.7mm fire was directed toward YZ-81. No hits were reported, and 650 rounds of 7.62mm, plus 2 M-79 rounds were returned into the enemy gun emplacements.

YZ-64 received enemy small arms fire from BS 800420, 773442, 693537, 720574, and 846407. This fire was encountered on five separate missions. No hits were reported and 600 rounds of suppressing fire was fired into these enemy positions.

Two aircraft flew seven direct support missions out of Quang Ngai Airfield in support of Operation Sierra. 8,300 lbs. of combat cargo and 43 troops were lifted.

Two Millpoint aircraft flew eight mission in support of the ROKMC this date. 16,880 lbs. of combat cargo and 47 troops were lifted.

Four routine administrative and passenger shuttles were flown by two Millpoint aircraft. These missions were flown to the Quang Ngai Troop Pad.

31 December 1966

Seven missions were flown this date in support of the ROKMC, 7th Marine Regiment, I Corps, and Task Force X-Ray. Most missions were flown from Ky Ha to the Quang Ngai Troop Pad, ROKMC C/P, and to various landing zones within the Chu Lai TAOR.

Marginal weather curtailed most of Millpoints flight operations, and most missions were aborted. No fire incidents were reported during this date.

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PART III - MISCELLANEOUS

a. Awards

The following personnel were decorated as indicated during the month of December:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
GOETZ, R. H.	Capt	087882	Purple Heart
NEBEL, R. M.	Capt	077134	" "
RENSCH, R. W.	Capt	087806	" "
FLINK, R. J.	Sgt	2049270	" "
TUSHKOWSKI, R. T.	Cpl	2129713	" "
EISENHOWER, R. J.	LCpl	2051580	" "
RUFFIN, B. L.	LCpl	2136471	" "
VALLIERE, A. J.	PFC	2148804	" "
HALL, H.	Capt	086669	1st Air Medal
GRASSI, F. T.	1stLt	089410	" " "
RATLIFF, A.	1stLt	089061	" " "
MODINE, E. E. Jr.	1stSgt	490947	" " "
BARBER, W. L.	Sgt	2051575	" " "
VARELI, J. J.	Sgt	1942646	" " "
MERCADO, M.	Cpl	2031948	" " "
LEYVAS, R. B.	LCpl	2136526	" " "
MOSER, S. L.	LCpl	2110949	" " "
SCHULTZ, S. G.	LCpl	2128324	" " "
GEBEL, J. R.	PFC	2106195	" " "
WHITCOMB, J. M.	PFC	2156344	" " "

b. Casualties

Circumstances surrounding the below listed crew member's injuries are described in the narrative portion of this report for 21 December:

EISENHOWER, R. J. LCpl 2051580/6422 WIA (21 Dec 66)