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 Marine Aircraft Group 16
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for the Period 1 July - 31 July 1967;
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 (b) GruO 5750.1B

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology Report

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter may be downgraded to Unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Commanding Officer	1 July - 10 July 1967	Major M. E. DAY
	11 July - 31 July 1967	LtCol. R. LEWIS, Jr.
Executive Officer	1 July - 31 July 1967	Major R. P. ECKMANN
Operations Officer	1 July - 31 July 1967	Major E. J. MURPHY
Administrative Officer	1 July - 8 July 1967	Capt. H. HALL
	9 July - 31 July 1967	2ndLt. G. J. MAREK
Logistics Officer	1 July - 31 July 1967	Capt. F. T. GRASSI
Maintenance Officer	1 July - 31 July 1967	Major H. H. GAST
Safety Officer	1 July - 31 July 1967	Capt. J. B. BARR
Intelligence Officer	1 July - 31 July 1967	1stLt. J. E. STROUPE

2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

HMM-363, MAG-16 (Fwd), 1stMAW, FMFPac	1 July - 20 July 1967
Dong Ha, RVN	1 July - 20 July 1967
HMM-363, MAG-16, 1stMAW, FMFPac	21 July - 31 July 1967
Marble Mt. Air Facility	21 July - 31 July 1967

3. Average strength of squadron during period:

Officers: 46 (1 Navy)	Enlisted: 164 (1 Navy)
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4. Important visitors to the squadron: None

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PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

Normal daily flight operations during this reporting period consisted of Med-Evac, Resupply, Aerial Recon and Admin/Liaison missions. The events listed took place during the course of these operations.

1 July 1967

Routine flight operations were conducted with no incidents reported.

2 July 1967

At 0915H, YZ-71 encountered mortar fire in the vicinity of a med-evac pick-up zone at YD 115714 near Con Thien. The mission was completed with no damage or injuries reported.

At 1200H, YZ-71 encountered enemy small arms fire from YD 138712 while transporting troops to YD 133712 near the Firebreak. No hits were reported.

At 1430H, mortars fell in a med-evac zone at YD 130716 while YZ-78 was attempting to evacuate wounded. The mission was completed with no damage or injuries reported.

3 July 1967

At 1100H, YZ-84 encountered enemy mortars in a med-evac pick-up zone at YD 116696. No damage or injuries were reported and the mission was completed.

At approximately 2000H, YZ-84 reported air bursts in close proximity to the helicopter at YD 218638 while orbiting over a med-evac zone. No damage or injuries were reported and the mission was completed.

4 - 5 July 1967

Routine flight operations were conducted with no incidents reported.

6 July 1967

At 1800H, YZ-82 encountered enemy artillery fire while waiting at Dong Ha Air Freight for an ambulance to transfer med-evacs from the helicopter. No damage or injuries were reported.

At 2245H, YZ-82 observed two missiles from North Vietnam headed directly at his flight of four helicopters orbiting over YD 134645. The flight took evasive action and dove for the ground. YZ-82 levelled off at 150 feet and observed one missile explode directly over-head at 2500 feet. No damage or injuries were reported.

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Routine flight operations were conducted with no incidents reported.

14 July 1967

At 1730H, YZ-82; a med-evac helicopter, encountered enemy small arms fire from YD 271745. The crew returned 75 rounds of 7.62. No damage or injuries were reported.

15 July 1967

At 1900H, YZ-82 encountered intense small arms fire from YD 270578 while enroute to a med-evac zone. No damage or injuries were reported.

16 July 1967

At 0820H, YZ-82 encountered enemy automatic weapons fire while enroute to a med-evac zone at YD 295715. The crew returned 50 rounds of 7.62.

At 1300H, YZ-78 encountered small arms fire entering a zone near Khe Sanh during a recon insert. The fire originated from YD 738443. No damage or injuries were reported.

17 - 20 July 1967

Routine flight operations were conducted with no incidents reported.

21 July 1967

The Squadron moved to Marble Mountain Air Facility this date and immediately began flight operations.

At 1340H, YZ-84 encountered enemy small arms fire at AT 9857 while departing a med-evac zone at AT 988573. The helicopter received one hit, but no injuries were reported. The crew returned 20 rounds of 7.62 and the mission was completed.

22 July 1967

Routine flight operations were conducted with no incidents reported.

23 July 1967

At 1200H, YZ-72 encountered enemy small arms fire while enroute to a

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resupply zone. The fire originated from AT 816648. The crew returned 50 rounds of 7.62. No damage or injuries were reported.

At 1245H, YZ-68 encountered small arms fire enroute and departing a med-evac zone at AT 989933. The crew expended 50 rounds of 7.62. No damage or injuries were reported.

24 July 1967

At 0620H, YZ-63 encountered sporadic enemy small arms fire 400 meters east of a med-evac zone at AT 983343. The crew returned 30 rounds of 7.62. No damage or injuries were reported.

25 July 1967

At 1330H, YZ-79 encountered enemy small arms fire from BT 211425 and was hit during take-off from BT 205427, a med-evac zone. The crew was uninjured.

At 1900H, YZ-82 encountered enemy small arms fire near BT 202431, a med-evac pick-up zone. The crew returned 50 rounds of 7.62. No damage or injuries were reported.

26 July 1967

At 0830H, YZ-76 encountered enemy small arms fire originating from BT 143453 while climbing out of Hill 63. No damage or injuries were reported.

27 July 1967

At 1630H, YZ-75 encountered enemy small arms fire during the approach and departure from AT 908494. The fire originated from AT 902501 and AT 914489. No damage or injuries were reported.

At 1755H, YZ-75 encountered enemy sniper fire from 500 meters north of BT 039595, a med-evac pick-up zone. The crew returned 75 rounds of 7.62. No damage or injuries were reported.

28 July 1967

Routine flight operations were conducted with no incidents reported.

29 July 1967

At 1935H, YZ-82 received ground fire from AT 895505 during an emergency med-evac pick-up. No hits were reported and the mission was com-

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pleted.

At 2010H, YZ-82 and YZ-80 received ground fire from AT 8950 enroute to a med-evac pick-up at ZC 144534. No damage was reported and the crew was unharmed.

30 July 1967

At approximately 0030H, YZ-80 and YZ-68 crashed in the vicinity of AT 902518 after hitting obstacles and trees on take-off while attempting an emergency med-evac mission. Both aircraft received small arms fire from 3 positions during approach and take-off.

At 0200H, YZ-78 and YZ-66 received sporadic sniper fire while recovering the med-evacs and crews of YZ-80 and YZ-68. YZ-66 expended 40 rounds of 7.62 ammo while departing the zone. No hits or injuries were reported and the mission was completed. YZ-80 and YZ-68 were recovered later in the day by CH-53 and were externalled back to Marble Mountain Air Facility.

At 1500H, YZ-81 received enemy fire from AT 999617 during a med-evac mission to AT 998607. No damage was reported and the crew was unharmed.

31 July 1967

Routine flight operations were conducted with no incidents reported.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Promotions

- a. Officers: Two (2) to First Lieutenant
- b. Enlisted: One (1) to Staff Sergeant
Five (5) to Sergeant

2. Casualties

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Major	Marvin E. DAY	055261	3Jul67	Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province; shrapnel wound left upper arm.
2ndLt	James E. CASTI	096357	8Jul67	Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province; shrapnel wound upper right leg.
GySgt	John S. GUSTIN	1416009	8Jul67	Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province; Shrapnel wound left palm.
HM3	Russell J. GIULIANO	6868017	3Jul67	Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province; shrapnel wound right upper arm.
LCpl	Cloyd H. ZIMMERMAN	2051030	10Jul67	Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province; shrapnel wound right leg.

3. Air Operations

- a. Total flight hours: 1379.1
- b. Total sorties: 4389
- c. Total cargo tons: 443
- d. Total med-evacs: 1137
- e. Total Pax: 2864

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