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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16 (Attn: S-3)  
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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.
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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, RVN

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## PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Commanding Officer	1 Oct - 31 Oct 1967	LtCol. R. LEWIS, Jr.
Executive Officer	1 Oct - 31 Oct 1967	LtCol. F. E. ALLGOOD
Operations Officer	1 Oct - 31 Oct 1967	Maj. M. E. SALTER
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Logistics Officer	1 Oct - 26 Oct 1967	Capt. F. T. GRASSI
	27 Oct - 31 Oct 1967	1stLt. D. S. McCLUNG
Safety Officer	1 Oct - 27 Oct 1967	Capt. J. B. BARR
	28 Oct - 31 Oct 1967	Capt. T. D. EVANS
Intelligence Officer	1 Oct - 31 Oct 1967	Capt. A. RATLIFF

## 2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

HMM-363, MAG-16, 1st MAW, FMFPac	1 Oct - 31 Oct 1967
Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN	1 Oct - 31 Oct 1967

## 3. Average strength of squadron during period:

Officers: 42 (1 Navy)      Enlisted: 157 (0 Navy)

## 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, Recon Inserts and Extracts, and Admin/Liaison missions. The events listed took place during the course of these operations.

1 Oct 1967

Four aircraft flew 15 Med-Evac missions moving 24 U.S., 6 ARVN, and 2 VN Civilian Med-Evacs. An additional 2 U.S., 2 ARVN, and 2 VN Civilian Pax were carried.

Four aircraft flying Recon moved 40 U.S. Pax and 500 lbs. of cargo while flying 6 missions. Fire was received twice. At 0915H on mission 38B light small arms fire was received from AT 990475 and again at 1000H on mission 38D light small arms fire was taken from coordinates AT 835645 with no hits or injuries received. These four aircraft were split into sections to fly afternoon resupply. The first section moved 11 U.S. Pax and 1500 lbs. of cargo. On mission 40A while carrying emergency supplies moderate small arms fire was received from AT 870550 at 1330H with no hits received. During this time the other section moved 21 U.S. Pax and 7300 lbs. of cargo.

Two aircraft on mission 41A and 41B moved 8 U.S. Pax and 1 U.S. Emergency Med-Evac.

One additional Routine VIP Chase was flown with Deadlock.

2 Oct 1967

Four aircraft flew 8 Recon and Resupply missions moving 55 U.S. troops and 600 lbs. of cargo, while two aircraft flying Admin moved 12 U.S. Pax and 100 lbs. of cargo.

One aircraft flew with Deadlock as SAR - VIP Chase.

Four aircraft flew 20 Med-Evac missions moving 15 U.S., 15 ARVN, and 7 VN Civilian Med-Evacs. On mission 11T, an emergency night Med-Evac, fire was received at 2145H. Light small arms fire was reported from BT 010643, no hits and no injuries were received.

3 Oct 1967

Four aircraft flying Recon as a primary mission and Resupply as a secondary mission moved 32 U.S. Pax and 2,200 lbs. of cargo throughout the day.

One routine VIP Chase aircraft was launched with Deadlock carrying 2 U.S. Pax.

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Two aircraft flew Med-Evac moving 2 U.S. and 4 injured VN Civilians. On mission 11D light small arms fire was received at 0845H from coordinates AT 905495, no hits or injuries were received.

4 Oct 1967

Four aircraft flew 20 Med-Evac missions moving 13 U.S., 5 ARVN, and 7 VN Civilian. Six additional VN Civilian Pax were carried.

One aircraft on a routine Admin flight moved 1 U.S. Pax.

Four aircraft flying Recon and Resupply moved 100 U.S. Pax, 1 Routine U.S. Med-Evac, and 8600 lbs. of cargo.

Two aircraft were sent to work for 3rd MARDIV and on 7 missions moved 21 U.S. Pax, 1 ARVN Pax, 6 U.S. Med-Evacs, 1 ARVN Med-Evac, and 18,200 lbs. of cargo.

Three fire incidents were reported throughout the day. At 0830H on mission 11B intense small arms and automatic weapons fire was received from AT 965603 with no hits made on the aircraft and no injuries. At 1000H on 40C, a Recon mission, light small arms and automatic fire from AT 905375 again failed to hit the aircraft. At 1630H the third fire incident was reported when light small arms fire from BT 047646 hit YZ-75 BUNO 145779 one time in the tail cone while the aircraft was taking off. The aircraft continued to fly with no injuries to any personnel.

5 Oct 1967

Four aircraft flew 17 Med-Evac missions moving 5 KIA's, 10 U.S., 3 ARVN, 28 VN Civilian, and 2 VC wounded with 5 U.S. and 7 ARVN Pax.

There were two routine VIP Chase hops flown moving 2 U.S. Pax.

One section was sent to Dong Ha as working aircraft where they transported 5 U.S. Pax and 1,400 lbs. of cargo.

Four aircraft flew Recon and Resupply missions. 17 U.S. Recon Pax were moved and an additional 23 U.S. Pax plus 15,500 lbs. of cargo.

6 Oct 1967

Five aircraft flew 17 Med-Evac missions moving 11 U.S., 6 ARVN, and 11 VN Civilians, all WIA's. An additional 5 Pax were carried. On mission 11H at 1400H light small arms fire was received by YZ-80 BUNO 144645 with 2 hits in the aircraft but no injury to the crew. The fire came from AT 870388.

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Two aircraft were sent to Dong Ha where they moved 6 U.S. Pax and evacuated 1 U.S. and 5 wounded VN Civilians, flying 4 missions.

Four aircraft flew 6 Recon missions in the morning moving 71 U.S. Pax. The second section split off and flew Resupply moving 9 U.S. and 3 ARVN Pax with 3,900 lbs. of cargo. The Div. was joined and a fifth aircraft was added for a late afternoon Recon flight. Fire was received at 1700H when the aircraft were sent on an Emergency Retraction. All five aircraft received fire while retracting 14 U.S. troops but no hits were received from the intense small arms and automatic weapons fire from around ZC 107657.

#### 7 Oct 1967

Two aircraft were sent to Dong Ha moving troops and cargo, Med-Evacs and flying Recon while being credited with 7 missions. During the day 30 U.S. and 6 ARVN Pax, 600 lbs. of cargo and 1 U.S. Med-Evac were transported. At 1300H on mission 5003 light small arms fire was received from YD 358427 with no hits received.

Two aircraft flying Resupply mission 12A moved 5 U.S. Pax and 6,800 lbs. of cargo.

Three aircraft flying Recon moved 35 U.S. Upon return at 1156H it was discovered YZ-72 BUNO 147189 had received one hit in a tail rotor blade. No injuries were received and location of fire was unknown.

Five aircraft flew 28 Med-Evac missions moving 34 U.S., 7 ARVN, and 14 VN Civilian Med-Evacs and 1 U.S., 7 VN Civilian Pax. At 2045H on mission 11AA moderate small arms and automatic weapons fire was received from AT 983593 with no hits and no injuries.

#### 8 Oct 1967

Two aircraft flying out of Dong Ha completed four missions while flying Med-Evac and Resupply. 73 U.S. Pax, 2 Dogs, 22,000 lbs. of cargo and 2 U.S. Med-Evacs were transported.

Four aircraft flying Recon completed two missions moving 30 U.S. Pax. Fire was received at 0750H and 0800H, YZ-61 BUNO 148120 received one hit from moderate small arms fire at AT 930368. The aircraft was grounded at An Hoa due to battle damage. No injuries were reported.

One routine VIP Chase was flown with Deadlock.

Three aircraft flew six Med-Evac missions moving 5 U.S., 17 ARVN, and 2 VN Civilian Med-Evacs.

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Four aircraft flew 5 Recon missions moving 30 U.S. Pax and 500 lbs. of cargo.

Five aircraft flying Resupply moved 18 U.S. Pax and 4400 lbs of cargo on 6 missions.

Two aircraft flying two routine VIP Chase missions, moving 1 U.S. Pax, 1 Civilian U.S. Pax, and 7 VIP's.

Six aircraft flying 19 Med-Evac missions moved 19 U.S., 6 ARVN, and 7 VN Civilian Med-Evacs with 7 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 5 VN Civilian Pax.

Five fire incidents were reported. At 0645H on Med-Evac mission 11B light small arms and automatic weapons fire was received from BT 103509 with no hits or injuries reported. At 1030H on Med-Evac mission 11G intense small arms fire was received from BT 046580 with no hits or injuries reported. At 1115H flying Recon mission 40, 1 hit was received by YZ-65 BUNO 150240 from light small arms fire at AT 905363, no injuries reported. At 1630H on Med-Evac mission 11P moderate small arms fire was received from AT 065625, no hits or injuries were reported. On Med-Evac mission 11T, light small arms fire was received at 2355H. The fire came from BT 100578 with no hits or injuries reported.

10 Oct 1967

Five aircraft flying 4 Recon missions moved 59 U.S. Pax and 1000 lbs. of cargo. Three of the aircraft then went to fly Resupply in support of Operation MEDENA where 4 missions moved 88 U.S. Pax, 2 VN Civilian Med-Evacs and 2000 lbs. of cargo. The other two flew 7 missions moving 39 U.S. Pax, 2 U.S. Med-Evacs and 300 lbs. of cargo.

Two aircraft flew one resupply mission moving 1 U.S. Pax and 29,000 lbs. of cargo.

One aircraft flew a routine VIP Chase with Deadlock carrying 3 U.S. Pax.

Four aircraft flew 23 Med-Evac missions moving 13 U.S., 1 ARVN, and 32 VN Civilian Med-Evacs with 5 U.S. and 8 VN Civilian Pax. While one flying mission 11T from 9 Oct took fire while on SAR at 0140H from light automatic weapons at BT 093006, no hits or injuries reported. Five more fire incidents were reported. At 0900H on Resupply mission 46 YZ-77 BUNO 150219 received one hit from moderate small arms fire at AT 819483 with no injuries reported. At 1245 fire was received on Med-Evac mission 11K from small arms fire from AT 834827 with no hits or injuries reported. At 1350 small arms fire was received on Recon mission 41 from AT 876865 with no hits or injuries reported. On Med-Evac mission 11Y at 1845 intense small arms fire was reported from BT 070517 with no hits or injuries reported. The last incident was reported on Med-Evac mission 11W when moderate automatic weapons fire was received from BT 010590 with no hits or injuries reported.

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Ten aircraft from HMM-363 led a strike in support of Operation MEDENA. U.S. and ARVN troops were moved in the morning and supplies and men were moved to the established positions in the afternoon. In all the ten aircraft sent by HMM-363 234 U.S. troops and 207 ARVN troops were moved with an additional 6,050 lbs. of cargo. Fire was sighted by YZ-70 flying no. 3 in the first division of the first wave. No hits or injuries were reported. The automatic fire was reported at 0830H from coordinates YD 309378 and was quickly suppressed.

Two aircraft flew 15 Med-Evac missions moving 18 U.S., 7 ARVN and 3 VN Civilian Med-Evacs. 3 VN Civilian Pax were carried during the same period. There was one fire incident on mission 11J at 1345H. Small arms fire was received from coordinates AT 842492 with one hit and no injuries being received by YZ-78 BUNO 148091.

One additional routine VIP Chase mission was flown in the afternoon.

12 Oct 1967

Five Med-Evac aircraft flew 17 missions moving 25 U.S., 3 ARVN, and 10 VN Civilian Med-Evacs with 2 VN Civilian Pax. Two fire incidents were reported, one at 0740H on mission 11D when light small arms fire was received from AT 849500 with no hits or injuries reported, again at 0945H when moderate small arms fire was received by YZ-70 BUNO 148104 from AT 920378. One hit was reported with no injuries.

Two aircraft were sent to Dong Ha where flying Resupply and Med-Evac. Four missions were credited. During this time 3 U.S. and 1 ARVN Med-Evac, 32 U.S. Pax and 27,000 lbs. of cargo were transported.

One routine VIP Chase hop was flown with Deadlock moving 1 U.S. Pax.

In the afternoon 4 aircraft were called out on emergency troop lifts when 3 platoons were surrounded by NVA troops. Four missions were flown with Powerglide and Deadlock. In all, 99 U.S. troops were moved from two zones. At 1600H on mission 38A intense small arms and automatic weapons fire was received from 360° at coordinates 856502 with 60MM Mortars in the zone. Two hits were received by YZ-82 BUNO 150580. At 1730H on mission 38B the aircraft were surrounded with intense small arms and automatic weapons fire at coordinates AT 829496 with mortars in the zone. YZ-72 BUNO 147189 took two hits with no injuries to the crew.

The final fire incident reported was moderate small arms fire at 1830H. The fire originating from AT 817512 failed to hit the Med-Evac aircraft on mission 11N.

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Six aircraft went to Dong Ha and flew 19 missions moving 60 U.S. Pax, 50 U.S. Med-Evacs and 10,755 lbs. of cargo. Two fire incidents were reported. On mission 3014 at 1845H small arms fire was taken from YD 3063. Again at 2020H on mission 305 small arms fire was received from YD 2958. No hits or injuries were recorded.

Seven aircraft flew seven Resupply missions moving 61 Pax and 5,000 lbs. of cargo.

14 Oct 1967

Ten aircraft were sent to Dong Ha to support the 3rd MARDIV. During this time they flew 17 Resupply, Med-Evac, and VIP missions moving 71 U.S. Pax, 103 U.S. and 3 ARVN Med-Evacs, and 27,250 lbs. of cargo. No fire incidents were reported.

15 Oct 1967

Four aircraft flew in support of 3rd MARDIV out of Dong Ha. 9 Resupply, Med-Evac, and VIP missions were flown moving 19 U.S. Pax, 2 VIP's, 25 U.S. Med-Evacs and 5,100 lbs. of cargo.

Two additional Resupply missions were flown in the Da Nang area moving 8 U.S. Pax and 15,800 lbs. of cargo.

No fire incidents were reported.

16 Oct 1967

Ten aircraft flew out of Dong Ha in support of the 3rd MARDIV. 22 Resupply and Med-Evac missions were flown moving 61 U.S. Pax, 44 U.S. Med-Evacs and 6,100 lbs. of cargo.

One fire incident was reported on mission 3000 when light small arms fire was received from YD 285525 at 0700H with no hits or injuries reported.

17 Oct 1967

Six aircraft flew out of Dong Ha in support of the 3rd MARDIV. Seven missions were flown during this time with 21 U.S. Pax, 1 ARVN Med-Evac and 1 Viet Cong Med-Evac being moved.

One hit was received at 0950H by YZ-63 BUNO 150553 when intense small arms and automatic weapons fire was encountered. The right strut was hit with an explosive type round and the aircraft landed at Quang Tri to check damage before flying home. The fire was received from YD 377366 with no injuries being received. A discrepancy was reported in that the LZ picked for a Recon Insert at YD 360360 was most undesirable.

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Four aircraft flew 2 Recon missions transporting 11 U.S. Troops. The aircraft were called to Dong Ha on mission 31C but on arrival the mission was found to be complete. The second section remained as working aircraft for the 3rd MARDIV flying 3 hops moving 10 U.S. and 9 ARVN Pax with 7,400 lbs. of cargo and 4 Emergency Med-Evacs. On the return flight YZ-61 BUNO 148120 was forced to land when the engine caught fire and then ceased to run. The crew was picked up by the wingman and no one was injured. The following day one hit was found in the engine.

Three aircraft flew in a Sparrow Hawk and Bald Eagle Insert moving 42 U.S. Pax and 250 lbs. of cargo.

One aircraft flew one VIP Chase mission and one Med-Evac mission with Tarbush moving 6 VIP's. One other aircraft flew a routine VIP Chase mission with Deadlock carrying 10 U.S. Pax and 2 VIP's.

19 Oct 1967

Two aircraft flying 4 morning missions carried 9 U.S. Pax and 6 U.S. Med-Evacs.

Four aircraft flew 5 Recon missions moving 52 U.S. Pax and 1200 lbs. of cargo. The first section was sent to Dong Ha to fly Night Med-Evac.

Six aircraft flew at Dong Ha completing 11 missions moving 31 U.S. troops, 1 Med-Evac and 1250 lbs. of cargo.

20 Oct 1967

Six aircraft flew out of Dong Ha as working aircraft for the 3rd MARDIV. A total of 16 missions were flown moving 180 U.S. and 43 ARVN Pax with 2,700 lbs. of cargo. 12 U.S. wounded were also moved.

21 Oct 1967

Four aircraft flying 2 missions moved 38 U.S. troops while 2 other aircraft moved 7 VIP's on a routine VIP mission.

Two aircraft flying in support of the 3rd MARDIV completed 4 missions moving 5 U.S. wounded. On mission 3005 YZ-77 BUNO 150219 received one hit with no injuries to the crew. At 1430H intense small arms and automatic weapons fire was received from YD 255545.

22 Oct 1967

Eight aircraft flew 16 missions in support of the 3rd MARDIV. During the day 20 U.S. Pax and 2 U.S. wounded were carried.

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The four aircraft flying at night carried 14 U.S. Pax and 3 U.S. Med-Evacs. Fire was received on an emergency Recon Extract which ran into the morning. At 0130H YZ-77 BUNO 150219 took two hits with no injuries to the crew from intense fire from small arms and automatic weapons using tracers. The fire was received from all around the zone at YD 252529.

23 Oct 1967

Six aircraft flying out of Dong Ha in support of the 3rd MARDIV flew 18 missions moving 65 U.S. Pax, 10,200 lbs. of cargo, and 9 U.S. Med-Evacs. Missions flown were Resupply, Recon, and Med-Evac.

24 Oct 1967

Ten aircraft flew 18 Resupply missions. Nine of the aircraft supporting Operation Knox. 146 U.S. Pax and 2 VIP's were moved.

One aircraft was diverted to fly 1 Routine VIP Chase mission.

Four aircraft broke off from Resupply to fly two Recon missions moving 17 U.S. Pax.

25 Oct 1967

Three aircraft flew 22 Resupply missions moving 16 U.S. and 1 VN Civilian Pax, 3 U.S. and 1 VN Civilian Med-Evac. 10,300 lbs. of cargo was also moved.

Six aircraft supporting 3rd MARDIV and Operation Kingfisher out of Dong Ha flew 22 missions including Resupply, Med-Evac, and Recon. 50 U.S. Pax, 18 U.S. Med-Evacs, 1 U.S. KIA and 17,650 lbs. of cargo were transported. Fire was received at 1030H on an Emergency Resupply mission. The mission was 7063, an airburst was fired from YD 117698. No hits or injuries were received.

Mailfile Bravo requested two aircraft stay for backup on Night Med-Evac. No other aircraft showed up, the flight leader flew 16.1 hours and the wingman flew 12.8 hours during this period.

26 Oct 1967

Four aircraft flew 16 missions which included Recon, Med-Evac, and Resupply. 37 U.S. Pax, 5 Viet Cong Pax, 2 U.S. Med-Evacs and 11,700 lbs. of cargo were transported.

Six aircraft flew out of Dong Ha in support of the 3rd MARDIV. Two aircraft that <sup>were</sup> there from the night before flew 4 Med-Evac missions

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moving 5 U.S., 1 VN Civilian, and 1 Viet Cong Med-Evac. Light small arms fire was received at 0340H from YD 120610 and YD 123620 with no hits and no injuries reported. Two aircraft flew 8 day Med-Evac missions moving 1 U.S. Pax, 29 U.S. and 2 ARVN Med-Evacs. On mission 3011 at 1535H intense small arms and automatic weapons fire was received from YD 116654. The aircraft while waving off was hit and crashed destroying the aircraft YZ-66 BUNO 148056. The pilot Capt. Ronald D. BENNETT, 088775 USMC and the Crew Chief Cpl. Edward CLEM 1952686 USMC were fatally wounded. The Co-pilot 2ndLt. Vernon J. SHARPLESS 0100680 USMC and the Gunner L/Cpl. Howard J. CONES 2185419 USMC were seriously wounded. YZ-75 BUNO 145779 received four hits when it went down into the zone in an attempt to pick up the survivors. The pilot Capt. Frank T. GRASSI 089410 USMC was wounded in the leg and arm while the Corpsman from MABS-16 HM-3 De. B. WINTER 9158493 USN received a minor injury. The Gunner Cpl. Larry G. BAYSINGER 2148278 USMC received a minor shrapnel wound in the leg.

Two more aircraft flew 2 night missions moving 10 U.S. Pax and 4 U.S. Med-Evacs. At 1830H light small arms fire was received from AT 864571 and at AT 937605 while enroute at 2000 feet. No hits or injuries were reported.

#### 27 Oct 1967

Two aircraft flying 2 Med-Evac missions out of Dong Ha carried 4 U.S. Med-Evacs. Moderate fire was received at 0130H from small arms and mortar fire in the zone at YD 113691. No hits or injuries were reported.

Two aircraft supported Operation Knox flying 14 Med-Evacs and Resupply missions. 136 U.S. and 3 ARVN Pax, 3 U.S., 1 ARVN and 1 VN Civilian Med-Evac and 15,410 lbs. of cargo were moved.

Two aircraft flying 5 missions including Recon, Med-Evac and Resupply moved 63 U.S. and 1 VN Civilian Pax, 3 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 3,400 lbs. of cargo.

One aircraft flew Recon and Med-Evac completing 8 missions. 1 U.S. and 7 ARVN Pax, and 1 U.S. Med-Evac were transported. Fire was received on mission 16E at 1500H. Moderate small arms and automatic weapons fire from ZD 137053 failed to hit the aircraft. No injuries were reported.

#### 28 Oct 1967

One aircraft had a routine flight from Dong Ha on an aircraft recovery.

One aircraft flying with Deadlock carried 3 U.S. Pax on a routine VIP Chase mission.

Five aircraft moved 105 U.S. Pax on mission 17. The strike was made

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in support of Operation Knox. Four aircraft later flew two Recon missions moving 16 U.S. Pax. One Recon Insert was cancelled because no fixed wing were available. One aircraft later flew 1 mission moving 29 U.S. to the USS SANCTUARY.

29 Oct 1967

Three aircraft flew 7 missions including Recon, Aircraft Recovery and Resupply moving 28 U.S. Pax and 3,350 lbs. of cargo.

Four aircraft flew on a Sparrowhawk and moved 80 U.S. Pax. Fire was received at 1435H when moderate to intense, 50 Cal. fire from AT 941344 hit YZ-78 BUNO 148091 twice. No injuries occurred. Two of the aircraft flew an additional 5 missions moving 35 U.S. Pax on Recon, Aircraft Recovery, and a troop lift.

30 Oct 1967

Two aircraft flew 18 Resupply missions moving 43 U.S. Pax and 10,200 lbs. of cargo.

Two aircraft flew one mission moving 12 U.S. Pax from the USS TRIPOLI to Da Nang.

Two aircraft flew 5 routine VIP Chase missions moving 7 U.S. Pax.

31 Oct 1967

Four aircraft flew 6 Recon missions in support of the 1st Recon Bn. moving 65 U.S. Pax and 5,600 lbs. of cargo.

Four aircraft flew 8 Resupply missions moving 213 U.S. Pax, 2 VIP's and 10,000 lbs. of cargo.

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## PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Promotions

a. Officers: One (1) to Lieutenant Colonel  
Two (2) to Captain  
Three (3) to First Lieutenant

b. Enlisted: Twenty Five (25) to Corporal

2. Awards

a. Air medals were awarded to 26 Officers and 87 enlisted personnel.

b. Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to Captain Eric J. COADY  
080564/7561 USMC.

c. Purple Heart Medal was awarded to Sergeant Walter T. ECKENFELS  
1880130/6491 USMC.

3. Casualties

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Capt	Ronald D. BENNETT	088775	26Oct67	KIA 2 miles south of Con Thien, Quang Tri Province, RVN
Cpl	Edward CLEM	1952686	26Oct67	-do-
2ndLt	Vernon J. SHARPLESS	0100680	26Oct67	WIA 2 Miles south of Con Thien, Quang Tri Province, RVN. GSW Right leg.
L/Cpl	Howard J. CONES	2185419	26Oct67	WIA 2 Miles south of Con Thien, Quang Tri Province, RVN. GSW Lower Abdomen.
Capt	Frank T. GRASSI	089410	26Oct67	WIA 2 Miles south of Con Thien, Quang Tri Province, RVN. Shrapnel wound Left Elbow and Left Buttock.
Cpl	Larry G. BAYSINGER	2148278	26Oct67	WIA 2 Miles south of Con Thien, Quang Tri Province, RVN. Shrapnel wound Lower Right Leg.

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a. Total Flight Hours:	1486.4
b. Total Sorties:	3446
c. Total Cargo, Tons:	176
d. Total Med-Evacs:	763
e. Total Pax:	3550

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## 3. Average strength of squadron during period:

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## 4. Important visitors to the squadron: Rear Admiral G. S. MORRISON visited the squadron on 28 Nov 1967.

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