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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMFPac
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16 (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for the Period 1 February - 10 February 1968;
submission of
Ref: (a) 1st MAW Order 5750.1C
(b) MAG-16 Order 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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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, RVN

1 FEBRUARY 1968 - 10 FEBRUARY 1968

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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Commanding Officer	1 Feb - 10 Feb 1968	LtCol. F. E. ALLGOOD
Executive Officer	1 Feb - 10 Feb 1968	Maj. D. W. HOFFERT
Operations Officer	1 Feb - 10 Feb 1968	Maj. M. E. SALTER
Maintenance Officer	1 Feb - 10 Feb 1968	Maj. J. L. HARRISON
Administrative Officer	1 Feb - 10 Feb 1968	1stLt. G. J. MAREK
Logistics Officer	1 Feb - 10 Feb 1968	Capt. J. CLARK
Safety Officer	1 Feb - 10 Feb 1968	Capt. M. D. COOPER
Intelligence Officer	1 Feb - 10 Feb 1968	Capt. R. H. BURNHAM

2. Task organization and unit location with inclusive dates:

HMM-363, MAG-16, 1st MAW, FMFPac	1 Feb - 10 Feb 1968
Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN	1 Feb - 10 Feb 1968

3. Average strength of squadron during period:

Officers: 45 (1 Navy) Enlisted: 166 (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, VIP Chase, and Admin/Liaison missions. The events listed took place during the course of these operations.

1 Feb 1968

Three aircraft flew 8 Admin missions moving 10 ROK Marine passengers and 1,600 pounds of cargo. At 1850H moderate automatic weapons fire from BT 040621 and BT 039619 was received with no hits or injuries reported.

One aircraft flew 7 VIP Chase missions with Hostage moving 1 U.S. passenger, 12 VIP's, and 400 pounds of cargo. Seven aircraft flew 16 missions including a combination of Med-Evac, Admin, and Recon moving 58 U.S. passengers, 40 ROK Marine passengers, 3 U.S. Med-Evacs, 20 ARVN Med-Evacs, and 41,200 pounds of cargo. Two fire incidents were reported. At 1130H light automatic weapons fire was received from BT 050512 and BT 046513. One hit was received by YZ-5 BuNo. 150258 with no injuries reported.

Six aircraft flew 17 Med-Evac missions moving 5 U.S. passengers, 24 U.S. Med-Evacs, 24 ARVN Med-Evacs, 20 VN Civilian Med-Evacs, 6 ROK Marine Med-Evacs, and 50 pounds of cargo. Three fire incidents were reported by the Med-Evac aircraft. At 0930H intense automatic weapons and 30 Cal. fire was received from BT 080510, at 1650H intense automatic weapons, 30 Cal., and Explosive 50 Cal. fire was received from BT 078521, and at 2150H moderate automatic weapons and 30 Cal. fire was received from AT 880347. At 1650H YZ-24 BuNo. 150230 received multiple hits with the Crew Chief, Cpl. Bernard J. STANKO 2178192/6332 receiving multiple wounds. This was the only hit and injury.

2 Feb 1968

One aircraft flew one VIP Chase mission with Hostage moving 1 VIP, Four aircraft flew 9 missions primarily Admin moving 4 U.S. passengers, 4 ARVN passengers, 4 ROK Marine passengers, and 2,100 pounds of cargo.

Five aircraft flew 17 Med-Evac missions. One U.S. passenger, 2 ROK Marine passengers, 28 U.S. Med-Evacs, 13 ARVN Med-Evacs, 10 VN Civilian Med-Evacs, and 6 ROK Marine Med-Evacs were moved. At 1540H light small arms fire was received from BT 031613 with no hits or injuries reported.

3 Feb 1968

Six aircraft flew 13 Admin missions moving 12 U.S. passengers, 2 U.S. Med-Evacs, 9 ROK Marine passengers, 3 ROK Marine Med-Evacs, and 14,400 pounds of cargo. Four fire incidents were reported. On mission 9 fire

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was taken three times, at 1000H moderate small arms, automatic weapons, and 30 Cal. fire from BT 016570, at 1030H light automatic weapons fire from BT 0660, and at 1300H moderate small arms, automatic weapons, and 30 Cal. fire from BT 105527. On mission 45, an Emergency Admin, the Condition IV crews were called out and received intense small arms, automatic weapons, and 30 Cal. fire at 2350H from BT 010712. No hits or injuries were reported.

Four aircraft flew 13 missions primarily Admin but included were Recon and Med-Evac. Thirty nine U.S. passengers, 3 VN Civilian passengers, 1,200 pounds of cargo, 9 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 4 VN Civilian Med-Evacs were moved. At 1000H one hit was received by YZ-5 BuNo. 150258 from light small arms fire at AT 915550. No injuries were reported.

Five aircraft flew 18 Med-Evac missions moving 15 U.S. passengers, 23 U.S. Med-Evacs, 2 ARVN Med-Evacs, 13 VN Civilian Med-Evacs, and 2 Viet Cong Med-Evacs. Four fire incidents were reported. At 0120H light small arms and 30 Cal. fire from BT 019794, at 0310H light small arms fire from AT 983763, at 1015H moderate small arms fire from BT 042621, and at 2030H intense automatic weapons and 30 Cal. fire from AT 025731 was received with no hits or injuries reported. On Night Med-Evac YZ-14 BuNo. 150717 went down in the zone at Hill 10.

4 Feb 1968

Two aircraft flying a VIP Chase mission with Hostage moved 13 U.S. passengers, 1 VIP, 16 ROK Marine passengers, and 700 pounds of cargo. At 1600H light small arms and 30 Cal. fire was received from BT 0561.

Four aircraft flew 25 missions primarily Admin and Resupply moving 33 U.S. passengers, 16 ROK Marine passengers, and 27,100 pounds of cargo. Five fire incidents were reported on mission 9. Intense automatic weapons and 30 Cal. fire was received from BT 012578 and light small arms and 30 Cal. fire was received from BT 019576, BT 082623, BT 103528, and BT 025715.

Four aircraft flew 20 Med-Evac missions and moved 6 U.S. passengers, 10 ARVN passengers, 4 ROK Marine passengers, 6 U.S. Med-Evacs, 16 ARVN Med-Evacs, 5 VN Civilian Med-Evacs, and 7 ROK Marine Med-Evacs. Three fire incidents were reported. At 0431H moderate automatic weapons and 30 Cal. fire was received from BT 065373, at 0520H moderate 30 Cal. fire from AT 964687, and at 0700H light small arms fire from AT 873476 was received with no hits or injuries reported.

5 Feb 1968

Four aircraft flew 8 missions including Admin, Resupply, and Med-Evac moving 28 U.S. passengers, 40 ROK Marine passengers, 21,800 pounds of cargo, and 43 VN Civilian Med-Evacs. Two aircraft flew 4 Visual Recon missions moving 5 U.S. passengers. YZ-2 BuNo 144654 was hit twice

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by light small arms and 30 Cal. fire from BT 055659 at 1020H. No injuries were reported.

Four aircraft flew 16 Med-Evac missions moving 1 ROK Marine passenger, 45 U.S. Med-Evacs, 5 ARVN Med-Evacs, 16 VN Civilian Med-Evacs, and 15 ROK Marine Med-Evacs. At 2330H light small arms fire was received from AT 930690 with no hits or injuries reported.

6 Feb 1968

One aircraft flew Admin with Hostage moving 4 U.S. passengers and 25 ROK Marine passengers. Three other missions were flown by 2 aircraft carrying 5 U.S. passengers, 3 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 350 pounds of cargo. Three aircraft flew 7 missions including Admin, VIP, and Med-Evac. Six U.S. passengers, 2 U.S. Med-Evacs, 2 ARVN Med-Evacs, 5 VN Civilian Med-Evacs and 3,000 pounds of cargo were moved. At 1300H the aircraft on mission 17 and 18 received small arms fire from AT 868518. No hits or injuries were reported. One aircraft flying from Chu Lai moved 18 U.S. passengers and 800 pounds of cargo.

Four aircraft flew 48 Med-Evacs, missions moving 2 VN Civilian passengers, 110 U.S. Med-Evacs, 76 ARVN Med-Evacs, 16 VN Civilian Med-Evacs, 13 ROK Marine Med-Evacs, and 2 NVA Med-Evacs. Seven fire incidents were reported. At 0315H light small arms fire from BT 130575, at 0320H light small arms fire from BT 070670, at 0530H moderate small arms fire from AT 035690, at 0930H intense automatic weapons fire from AT 510890, at 1000H intense automatic weapons and 30 Cal. fire and 1 mortar round from BT 024657, at 1245H intense automatic weapons fire from AT 483905 and at 1730H light small arms and 30 Cal. fire from BT 027668 received no hits or injuries.

At 1300H YZ-2 BuNo 150205 received 4 hits from intense automatic weapons and 30 Cal. fire at AT 945667 while flying mission 5P. The corpsman HM-3 M. W. CAMPBELL, 3195690 received a minor wound.

7 Feb 1968

One aircraft flew VIP Chase with Hostage. Five aircraft flew 11 Resupply missions moving 16 U.S. passengers, 8 VN Civilian passengers, 32 ROK Marine passengers, and 20,075 pounds of cargo. Six aircraft flew 31 Med-Evac missions moving 2 VN Civilian passengers, 70 U.S. Med-Evacs, 34 ARVN Med-Evacs, and 5 VN Civilian Med-Evacs.

Fire was received twice on mission 5Z, both times from BT 042621. At 1631H intense automatic weapons and 30 Cal. fire and at 1723H again intense automatic weapons and 30 Cal. fire with one mortar round failing to hit the aircraft. No injuries were reported.

8 Feb 1968

One aircraft flew 2 VIP Chase missions moving 1 VN Civilian passenger, and 1 VN Civilian Med-Evac.

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Three aircraft flew 6 missions primarily Admin and Resupply. Twenty two U.S. passengers, 14 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 2,800 pounds of cargo. At 1440H YZ-17 BuNo 148091 received two hits from small arms fire and 1 mortar round at BT 023712. No injuries were reported.

Seven aircraft flew 31 Med-Evac missions. Four fire incidents were reported by the night Med-Evac crews. At 2130H light small arms fire was received from BT 017673, at 2020H moderate automatic weapons, 30 Cal., and 50 Cal fire was received from BT 018713, and at 2230 moderate automatic weapons and 30 Cal. fire was received from AT 890520. No hits or injuries were reported. At 1300H on mission 5AL YZ-23 BuNo 150246 received 4 hits from intense small arms and 30 Cal. fire with Maj. James L. HARRISON 065968/7561 receiving a minor injury.

9 Feb 1968

Two aircraft flew 11 VIP Chase missions with Hostage moving 10 U.S. passengers, 2 ROK Civilian passengers, 28 ROK Marine passengers, and 1,300 pounds of cargo. At 1300H light small arms fire was received from AT 8656 with no hits or injuries reported. Two aircraft flew 9 missions including Admin, Recon, and Med-Evac. Eighteen U.S. passengers, 2 U.S. Med-Evacs, and 500 pounds of cargo were moved.

Two aircraft flew 15 Med-Evac missions moving 1 U.S. passenger, 4 VN Civilian passengers, 26 U.S. Med-Evacs, 2 ARVN Med-Evacs, 8 VN Civilian Med-Evacs, and 2 ROK Marine Med-Evacs. At 1300H fire from an unknown source was received at BT 004676. No hits or injuries were reported.

10 Feb 1968

One aircraft flew a VIP Chase mission with Hostage while two aircraft flying 3 Admin missions moved 500 pounds of cargo, 3 U.S. passengers, and 1 U.S. Med-Evac.

Four aircraft flew 13 Med-Evac missions moving 12 U.S. Med-Evacs, 2 ARVN Med-Evacs, 3 VN Civilian Med-Evacs, and 2 ROK KIA's. At 1132H small arms fire was received from AT 995615 with no hits or injuries reported.

In the morning 8 aircraft departed MMAF moving gear, crews, and the aircraft aboard the USS Iwo Jima.

HMM-363 chopped to OPCON of CTG 79.4 at 1200H 10 Feb., continuing to support III MAF with Med-Evac, Resupply, and Admin missions until 0700H 11 Feb.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Promotions

- a. Officers: None
- b. Enlisted: One (1) to Staff Sergeant
One (1) to Private First Class

2. Awards. None3. Casualties

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Cpl.	STANKO, Bernard J.	2178192	1Feb68	WIA 13 miles south east of Da Nang, Quang Nam Province, RVN.
Maj.	HARRISON, James L.	065968	8Feb68	WIA 2 miles south of Da Nang, Quang Nam Province, RVN.

4. Air Operations

- a. Total Flight Hours: 460.4
- b. Total Sorties: 984
- c. Total Cargo, Tons: 9.9
- d. Total Med-Evacs: 396
- e. Total Passengers: 748

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