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MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 367
Marine Aircraft Group 16
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16
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Ref: (a) MEO 5750.1
(b) FMFPac 5750.8
Encl: ✓(1) HML-367 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is down-graded to unclassified.

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PART I

Organizational Data

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 367

1ACol W. G. CRETNEY

1 - 15 March 1970

1ACol H. E. SEITON

16 - 31 March 1970

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 March 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj B. D. WOMACK	1 - 31 March 1970
Operations Officer	Maj H. F. STROMAN	1 - 19 March 1970
	Maj H. P. L. MILLER	20 - 31 March 1970
Administrative Officer	Capt G. E. THIRT	1 - 31 March 1970
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt D. W. HANE	1 - 31 March 1970
Intelligence Officer	Lt P. D. C. DUMAS	1 - 10 March 1970
	Lt J. P. CLARKE, Jr	11 - 31 March 1970
Material Control Officer	Capt R. E. WARNE	1 - 31 March 1970
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Maj H. P. L. MILLER	1 - 31 March 1970
Flight Surgeon	Lt W. A. HOLMAN	1 - 31 March 1970
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj W. G. VALENTINE	1 - 31 March 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

HML-367 witnessed a change of command in the month of March. In ceremonies conducted on 15 March 1970, LtCol W. G. CHESTNEY relinquished command of the squadron to LtCol H. E. SEITON.

The month of March was marred by a number of aircraft mishaps. Four aircraft and seven pilots were lost in these mishaps. Five of the seven pilots were killed and the other two were severely injured and medically evacuated out of country.

HML-367 flew a total of 1661.8 hours. Although this total is less than the number of hours flown in February 1970, it is significant to note that our maintenance department was able to keep an average of 18 out of 25 aircraft in a flyable status. The squadron had a total of 7481 man hours committed to flying during the month. Only 3360 man hours were committed to actual flight hours. Additionally, 2358 man hours were spent on mission 80 standby with only 121.4 of these hours logged as actual flight time. Approximately one-third of our total committed man hours and aircraft were on a standby status, therefore the number of aircraft flight hours indeed is a significant figure.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. ADMINISTRATION (S-1)

a. During the period 1 - 31 March 1970, HMI-367 joined 7 officers and 13 enlisted men. Eighteen officers and eighteen enlisted men were transferred during the month.

b. There were 15 promotions effected during the reporting period.

c. During the month there were 219 Air Medals earned and 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses presented.

2. INTELLIGENCE (S-2)

a. There was a slight increase in enemy initiated anti-air activity for this reporting period, 30 individual incidents reported compared to 28 during the previous month.

b. Of the 30 fire incidents for March, there was a total of 3 individual hits on aircraft, all small caliber. One aircraft took a hit with minor damage sustained and two aircraft crashed and were not recovered. The casualties resulting from the above were 1 crew-member KIA and 2 crew-members WIA.

c. Enemy equipment/personnel/structures destroyed or damaged were as follows: 39 hootches destroyed, 17 bunkers destroyed, 8 sampans destroyed, 4 hootches damaged, 33 bunkers damaged, 4 secondary explosions, 29 confirmed KBA's and 32 probable KBA's.

d. The following operations are in effect and are not all supported by Marine ground forces: GENEVA PARK, FREDRICK HILL, IRON MOUNTAIN, NANTUCKET BEACH, RANDOLPH GLEN, GREEN RIVER and VICTORY DRAGON XIX.

3. OPERATIONS (S-3)

a. The following air operations statistics were accomplished:

1. Total hours flown - 1646.8
2. Total gun hours - 1533.1
3. Total test hours - 113.7
4. Total tasks flown - 389
5. Total sorties flown - 4146
6. 7.62 rounds expended - 212000
7. 40MM grenades expended - 33700
8. 2.75 HE rockets expended - 4011
9. 2.75 WP rockets expended - 1701
10. Armed halo sorties - 3909
11. Armed Halo tasks - 152

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4. MAINTENANCE

a. During the month of March there were 2 direct enemy action accidents. On 6 March, 1 aircraft sustained ALFA damage with 1 injury and on 11 March one aircraft sustained ALFA damage with 1 KIA and 1 injury.

b. There was one operational accident during the month resulting in ALFA damage to two aircraft and four fatalities.

c. Two operational incidents were incurred; 2 March, ECHO damage to the aircraft, and on 21 March a 40MM round exploded in the barrel causing ACHO damage to the aircraft.

d. At the beginning of the reporting period, HML-367 had 29 aircraft assigned but this number was reduced to 25 aircraft by the end of the month. The average daily availability was 76.4%.

e. During the month HML-367 transferred 5 aircraft, received 1 and there were 865 JCH's.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. In accordance with reference (a), no supporting documents are submitted.

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