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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 367

COMMANDERLtCol H. E. SEXTON
1 - 30 April 19702. LOCATION

1 - 30 April 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj B. D. WACHACK	1 - 25 April 1970
	Maj H. P. L. MILLER	26 - 30 April 1970
Operations Officer	Maj H. P. L. MILLER	1 - 30 April 1970
Administrative Officer	Capt G. E. TRINNY	1 - 30 April 1970
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt D. W. HANE	1 - 30 April 1970
NATOPS Officer	Capt R. E. FIX	1 - 30 April 1970
Intelligence Officer	1stLt J. P. CLARK	1 - 14 April 1970
	Capt W. F. CILLIAND	15 - 30 April 1970
Material Control Officer	Capt R. E. WARNE	1 - 30 April 1970
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Maj T. L. WATKINS	1 - 30 April 1970
Flight Surgeon	1st (MC) W. L. HULON	1 - 30 April 1970
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj W. G. VALENTINE	1 - 30 April 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
55	164

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
1	0

<u>OTHER</u>	
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During the month of April 1970, SCARFACE had a total of 1,698.9 flight hours. The total number of sorties was 3,850 and there were 360 tasks accomplished. SCARFACE pilots accounted for a total of 44 KBA's during the reporting period, with 23 probable KBA's reported.

Perhaps the most significant event during the month was the initiation of testing and evaluation of the XM-76 Anti-Oscillation Sighting System, manufactured by Dynasciences Corporation. These sights are being tested under actual combat conditions by HML-367 pilots, and their remarks on the sighting system will probably have great influence in the decision of whether or not to incorporate the sighting system into the future AH-1 Cobra models.

HML-367 also acquired on temporary loan from the U. S. Army a functional XM-28 Test Stand. This equipment enables the squadron to perform it's own IMA level maintenance on the sophisticated XM-28 armament system in the AH-1G. Since SCARFACE is the only Cobra squadron in the Marine Corps, we consequently became the first Marine organization to utilize and have the capability of this equipment.

Also during this reporting period, HML-367 was honored with the visit of the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General L. W. WAITE. Also visiting the squadron was Brigadier General R. H. SPANJER.

It is interesting to note that the average aircraft availability of the squadron was 88% of the 25 aircraft assigned.

The squadron witnessed a very high increase in individual fire incidents or anti-aircraft activity, 51 for the reporting period as compared to 30 the previous month. This increase is explainable due to an increase in enemy activity in the squadron's area of operation. The total of spot-reports for the month was 7, a new low for this squadron. Besides the 44 confirmed kills and 23 probables, squadron pilots destroyed 28 enemy hootches, 7 enemy bunkers, 6 sampans, 2 enemy fish traps and 100 pounds of enemy rice. In addition, there were 7 bunkers, 6 hootches and 2 caves damaged. There was one secondary explosion observed.

During the reporting period, SCARFACE joined 7 officers and 20 enlisted personnel. 4 officers and 15 enlisted were transferred.

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- 4 April 1970 - VT-27 (817086) took 2 hits in the main rotor, a result of direct enemy action.
- 7 April 1970 - VT-28 (817090) sustained a frag hole in the vertical fin, also a result of direct enemy action.
- 10 April 1970 - VT-23 (817062) took one hit on the left side of the co-pilot's seat. VT-1 (815085) took one round in the left synchronized elevator.
- 12 April 1970 - BGen R. H. SPANJER visited HML-367 to ensure that all was ready for Gen WALT's visit the following day.
- 13 April 1970 - The Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General L. W. WALT visited HML-367 and addressed a formation of MAG-16 Marines in the SCARFACE hangar.
- 16 April 1970 - HML-367 became the first operating squadron in the Marine Corps to utilize the Anti-Oscillation Sighting System: IM-76. The squadron was chosen to field test and evaluate this system prior to large scale requisitioning for the new AH-1J aircraft. The first IM-76 system was installed by the manufacturer's technical representative, Mr. Joe DOMANUE, and Sergeant Ronald W. RIBER from the Avionics section. The aircraft was VT-1, Bureau Number 815073. At this time, four systems are installed and operational, undergoing test and evaluation in the squadron aircraft.
- 17 April 1970 - Once again, BGen R. H. SPANJER visited the squadron.
- 24 April 1970 - The Avionics/Armament section received, on temporary loan from the Army, a Functional IM-28 Test Stand. This test equipment enables HML-367 to perform it's own IMA level maintenance on the very sophisticated IM-28 armament system, and consequently our squadron is the first Marine Corps organization to utilize this equipment and have this capability.
- 28 April 1970 - VT-6 (815105) took one round through the main rotor, a result of direct enemy action.

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30 April 1970 - In an Awards Ceremony held this date, members of HML-367 received 2 Single Mission Air Medals, 1 Navy Commendation Medal and 3 Good Conduct Medals. Four enlisted personnel were promoted at the same ceremony. During the entire month, there were 214 Air Medals earned by pilots of the squadron.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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