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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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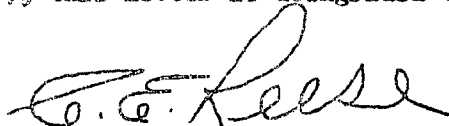
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January 1971 to 31 January 1971

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Encl: ✓(1) HML 367 Command Chronology

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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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 367

COMMANDER

LtCol C. E. REESE
1-31 January 1971

2. LOCATION

1-31 January 1971: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	Maj C. D. SILARD, Jr.	1-31 January 1971
S-1	Capt C. T. CREWS	1-31 January 1971
S-2	1stLt C. W. SMITH	1-31 January 1971
S-3	Maj W. B. JOHNSON	1-31 January 1971
S-4	1stLt E. R. VALDEZ	1-31 January 1971
Maintenance Officer	Maj M. T. BIRD	1-31 January 1971
Material Control Officer	CWO-2 R. A. KEITH	1-31 January 1971
ASO	Maj N. E. BURKE	1-31 January 1971
NATOPS	Capt J. A. BELL	1-31 January 1971
Flight Surgeon	Lt (MC) R. R. OBER	1-31 January 1971
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj E. E. BUTENAS	1-31 January 1971

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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50 142

USN
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0 0

OTHER
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 367 continued throughout January to demonstrate the highest level of professionalism in successfully completing its assigned missions. Due to an increase in both enemy activity and aircraft availability, squadron flight operations for January showed a significant increase over December. HML-367 logged a total of 1,483.7 flight hours and 4,635 sorties in January compared with 1378.5 hours and 3650 sorties in December. The number of tasks decreased from 479 in December to 463 in January.

During January, Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 367 continued to participate in Operation Imperial Lake, initiated in August 1970, and Operation Hoang Dieu, initiated 22 October, 1970. In January HML-367 participated in Operation Dewey Canyon II. HML-367 provided armed escort for heavy logistic support missions conducted by Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463. In January HML-367 participated for the first time in mission Black Hammer and mission Green Anvil.

During January, Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 367 expended 3,814 2.75 FFAR's, 15,040 rounds of 40MM and 106,100 rounds of 7.62MM. HML-367 pilots accounted for four (4) confirmed enemy KBA and 18 probable enemy KBA. Three (3) bunkers were destroyed and one (1) bunker damaged. Three (3) secondary explosions were also reported. In January there were 26 fire incident reports and nine (9) spot reports compared to 11 fire incidents and two (2) spot reports in December. Aircraft VT-5 took two (2) small arms hits on 23 January resulting in no injuries and minor damage to the aircraft.

Awards submitted in the month of January included: four (4) Navy Commendation Medals, eight (8) First Strike Air Medals and 283 additional air medals. There were two promotions in January. One Staff Sergeant was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant and one Lance Corporal was meritoriously promoted to Corporal.

In January, Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 367 added another Marine Corps First to its proud history of individual achievements. 1stLt Joseph W. Gallo completed a distinguished twelve (12) month combat tour in the Republic of Viet Nam by being the first Marine pilot to fly 1000 hours in the AH-1G Cobra.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSJANUARY 1971

- 4 - 1stLt J. W. Gallo became the first Marine pilot to complete 1000 flight hours in the AH-1G Cobra.
- 22 - Aircraft VT-23 suffered an engine failure. There were no injuries and the aircraft sustained Charlie damage.
- 23 - Aircraft VT-5 received two (2) hits resulting in no injuries and minor damage to the aircraft.
- 27 - Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 367 participated in mission Black Hammer for the first time.
- 30 - Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 367 began participation in Operation Dewey Canyon II.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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