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Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Part 1 Organization Data

MAG-16, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

Period covered 1-31 May 1968

TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN	
MAES-16 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN	
VMO-2 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN	
HML-167 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN	
HMM-265 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN	
HMM-361 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN	1-18 May 1968
HMM-163 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN	19-31 May 1968
HMH-463 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN	

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSURE

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Period</u>
CO, MAG-16	REED, E. O.	Colonel	1-31 May 1968
XO, MAG-16	BEAL, S. G.	LtCol	1-28 May 1968
XO, MAG-16	LEWIS, R.	LtCol	29-31 May 1968
Adjutant	MAREK, G. J.	1stLt	1-31 May 1968
S-1	GOLDSBOROUGH, T. A.	Major	1-22 May 1968
S-1	CRONE, F. W.	Major	23-31 May 1968
S-2	COWPERTHWAIT, W. C.	Major	1-24 May 1968
S-2	FLYNN, R. G.	Captain	25-31 May 1968
S-3	KLEPPSATTTEL, F. H.	LtCol	1-31 May 1968
S-4	LEWIS, R.	LtCol	1-28 May 1968
S-4	MILLER, T. F.	LtCol	29-31 May 1968
CO, H&MS-16	ROBBINS, M. G.	LtCol	1-31 May 1968
CO, MAES-16	SMILANICH, W. E. JR.	LtCol	1-31 May 1968
CO, VMO-2	FULTON, S. J.	LtCol	1-31 May 1968
CO, HML-167	FINN, R. C.	Major	1-10 May 1968
CO, HML-167	DUNN, G. H. II	Major	11-31 May 1968
CO, HMM-265	WHELAN, W. L.	Major	1-31 May 1968
CO, HMM-361	CRONE, F. W.	Major	1-18 May 1968
CO, HMM-163	COURTNEY, R. G.	LtCol	19-31 May 1968

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<u>Billet</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Period</u>
CO, HMH-463	WALKER, J. G.	LtCol	1-31 May 1968

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-16	54	500	0	0
MAB-16	20	650	3	19
VMO-2	47	155	1	0
HMM-163	56	241	1	0
HMH-463	46	275	1	0
HML-167	22	96	0	0
HMM-265	52	207	1	0
HMM-361	44	150		

Following personnel changes 1-31 May 1968

a. Number of joinings: 233

b. Number of drops: 166

c. Promotions:

SSgt to GySgt	3
Sgt to SSgt	4
Cpl to Sgt	11
LCpl to Cpl	10
PFC to LCpl	81
PVT TO PFC	5

CASUALTIES

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Major	ZELLICH, R.	074861/7563	VMO-2	Pilot
2ndLt	WARD, J. G.	0103114/7563	VMO-2	Co-pilot
Cpl	MAZIAR, J.	2102424/6319	VMO-2	Crew Chief
1stSgt	BELESKEY, M. F.	643340/9999	HML-167	Gunner

HOSTILE 4 May 1968. 11½ miles SSE Danang, Quang Nam Province on armed escort in support of 2nd Marine Division. Entering gun run and received enemy fire causing engine failure and then crash. Pilot wounded by crash. Received deep abrasion left pretibial area. No nerve or artery involvement. Co-pilot received contusions and laceration of chin. No nerve or artery involvement. Crew Chief received contusion right pretibial area and minor fuel burns to eyes. No nerve or artery involvement. Gunner received cut on nose with second degree burns on left arm. No nerve or artery involvement.

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CASUALTIES

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Sgt	HENSCHEL, J. C.	1959724/6332	HMM-361	None

HOSTILE 5 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Man was sleeping in Squadron tool room when flight line came under mortar attack resulting in a round hitting his immediate area. Shrapnel penetrating the upper extremity right side of body. No nerve or artery involvement.

1stLt	FLATER, M. E. JR.	094697/7562	HMM-265	Pilot
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HOSTILE 6 May 1968. 12 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam Province. On resupply mission when aircraft received enemy automatic fire upon entry to LZ. Wounded by shrapnel penetrating right hand. No nerve or artery involvement.

Capt	LARocca, A.	093249/7561	HMM-361	Pilot
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HOSTILE 7 May 1968. 10 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam Province. On medevac mission when aircraft received heavy small arms fire upon entry to LZ. Wounded by shrapnel laceration of lower portion right leg. No nerve or artery involvement.

1stLt	FLEMING, H. H. III	093919/7562	HMM-265	Pilot
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HOSTILE 10 May 1968. 45 miles southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province. On troop insert mission when aircraft downed by heavy ground fire. evacuation helicopter was forced to leave area prior to completion of pickup. Lieutenant FLEMING grasp the skip as the helicopter left LZ. Was seen to fall from aircraft at approximately 100 feet altitude. Due to intense enemy action no further rescue could be attempted. Declared MIA.

LCpl	DAVIS, J. J.	2312450/6320	HMM-265	Gunner
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HOSTILE 10 May 1968. 35 miles southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province. On medevac mission when aircraft received heavy ground fire. Rounds entered compartment resulting in shrapnel wound lacerating left arm, back, and left knee with fracture to left arm and knee. No nerve or artery involvement.

Capt	BARKSDALE, L. M.	090774/7561	HMM-361	Pilot
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HOSTILE 9 May 1968. On medevac mission 14 miles southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province. While on ground aircraft received small arms fire resulting in shoulder wound. No nerve or artery involvement.

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
Cpl	ENGLISH, T. L.	2111021/6332	HMM-361	Crew Chief

HOSTILE 12 May 1968. On medevac mission 10 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam Province when aircraft received small arms fire upon entry into LZ. Wounded by missile penetrating left shoulder through and through with fracture. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	HURLEY, K. D.	2304558/6311	HMM-265	Crew Chief
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HOSTILE 10 May 1968. On emergency extraction 45 miles southwest of Danang Quang Nam Province when aircraft took heavy mortar and rocket fire upon entry into LZ. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating upper left arm, left leg, and buttocks. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	HANDSAKER, T. E.	2177834/6320	HMM-265	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded while eating in the messhall during enemy rocket attack. Shrapnel wound lacerating left palm. No nerve or artery involvement.

Sgt	OUHRE, J. A.	2094726/6381	HMM-361	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded while eating in messhall during enemy rocket attack. Shrapnel wound right arm through and through. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	FREEMAN, R. L.	227105/6331	HMM-361	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded while seeking cover during enemy rocket attack. Shrapnel wound penetrating middle back. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	PIERCE, C. W.	2310039/6351	HMM-361	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded while working in H&MS-16 hanger. Hanger took a direct hit during enemy rocket attack. Shrapnel wound penetrating in right wrist. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	HERNANDEZ, A. S.	2296578/6331	HMM-361	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded while seeking cover during enemy rocket attack. Shrapnel wound penetrating left leg. No nerve or artery involvement.

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
Sgt	GRAY, C. K.	2098593/7041	MABS-16	none

HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating left arm while standing by messhall during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	RUVOLIS, E. J.	2218951/6242	HMH-463	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Killed by enemy rocket while working on H&MS-16 flight line during rocket attack. Killed by shrapnel penetrating head and chest.

LCpl	SAMPSON, B. A.	2309223/6311	HMH-463	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating right buttock while working on H&MS-16 flight line during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

FPC	SHAYNE, C. E.	2355564/3041	H&MS-16	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating left lower leg while seeking cover during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	JONES, J. D.	1814747/3071	HMH-463	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating right biceps while working on flight line during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	GERKIN, D. C.	2288722/6351	HMH-463	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating right leg, foot, and side while seeking cover during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Sgt	RICHARDS, D. F.	2215208/6331	VMO-2	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Running to bunker when hit by shrapnel lacerating left knee during enemy rocket attack; no nerve or artery involvement.

SSgt	COOK, B. J.	1447728/0141	H&MS-16	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating right thumb during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

RANK	NAME	SEFNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
Cpl	BARTLETT, R. J.	2290528/6321	HMH-463	None

HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating head during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Sgt	EASY, F. H.	2100849/0141	MABS-16	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating right calve while in messhall during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

SSgt	HAWLEY, D. A.	1817275/3071	H&MS-16	none
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HOSTILE 12 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded during enemy rocket attack. Shrapnel lacerating right cheek. No nerve or artery involvement.

GySgt	GOMEZ, P. JR.	1395397/6341	HMH-463	Gunner
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HOSTILE 15 May 1968. On combat cargo mission 3 miles south of MMAF, Quang Nam Province when aircraft received small arms fire while taking off from LZ. Wounded by shrapnel penetrating left arm. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	MORGAN, A. M.	2261990/6351	HML-167	none
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HOSTILE 20 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating right foot during enemy mortar attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	WITTIG, C. F.	2240389/6319	HML-167	none
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HOSTILE 20 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel penetrating back, left leg, left arm, and left heel. Was seeking cover during enemy mortar attack when wounded. No nerve or artery involvement.

SSgt	REEVES, W. D. JR.	1539220/6321	HMH-463	none
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HOSTILE 20 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel penetrating left eyebrow during enemy mortar attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	MAILEY, S. M.	2305649/6321	HMH-463	none
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HOSTILE 20 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel penetrating and lacerating abdomen, chest, left leg and foot. No nerve or artery involvement.

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
LCpl	MCGLEY, J. W.	2324247/6311	HMH-463	none

HOSTILE 20 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel penetrating scalp on left side of head during enemy mortar attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	PAUSE, J. A.	2150345/6321	HMH-463	none
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HOSTILE 20 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam, Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating left eyebrow during enemy mortar attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Sgt	DEBIAS, J. R.	2102132/6361	MABS-16	none
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HOSTILE 22 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating face during enemy mortar attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	HAMMONDS, I. L.	2156239/6511	HMH-463	none
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HOSTILE 22 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating left arm, and chest. Wounded during enemy mortar attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Sgt	KEARNEY, J. M.	2109926/2111	HMH-463	none
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HOSTILE 22 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating buttocks during enemy mortar attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	WINKLE, R. A.	2369847/2531	MABS-16	none
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HOSTILE 22 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating left heel during enemy mortar attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	FREDERHASEN, D. W.	2324021/6212	MABS-16	none
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HOSTILE 22 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating left thigh during enemy mortar attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	KIRK, C. J.	2153440/3531	MABS-16	none
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HOSTILE 22 May 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province. Wounded by shrapnel lacerating left arm. No nerve or artery involvement.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Capt	HOLLAND, K. B.	081593/7501	VMO-2	Pilot

HOSTILE 17 May 1968. 4 miles SSW of Kae Sahn, Quang Tri Province. On OI-C spotting mission for 50 caliber weapon position. Located same and took round through cockpit causing flying shrapnel from metal in cockpit to lacerate right side of face, neck, and nose. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl	HARRINGTON, R. J.	1913225/6331	HMM-163	gunner
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HOSTILE 23 May 1968. 11 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam Province. Flying on medevac mission when aircraft received small arms fire upon entry to LZ. Wounded by missile penetrating through and through left leg. No nerve or artery involvement.

Cpl	VERNON, V. W.	2307312/6332	HMM-163	crew chief
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HOSTILE 18 May 1968. 20 miles southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province. On medevac mission when aircraft received small arms fire. Shrapnel lacerated upper left arm. No nerve or artery involvement.

Capt	DESSAUSSURE, E. C.	096112/7562	HMM-265	Pilot
Cpl	SMITH, R. L.	2271030/6320	HMM-265	crew chief
1stLt	POWERS, R. R. II	094198/7562	HMM-265	Co-pilot
LCpl	ANDERSON, L. L.	2281333/6341	HMM-265	gunner

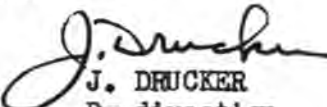
HOSTILE 24 May 1968. 11 miles SSE of Danang, Quang Nam Province. On medevac mission when aircraft received enemy rocket fire on LZ. Gunner wounded by shrapnel lacerating left cheek; no nerve or artery involvement. Copilot received 2nd degree burns over 20% of body. No nerve or artery involvement. Crew chief received contusion of left knee; no nerve or artery involvement. Pilot received 1st and 2nd degree burns of face or right hand; no nerve or artery involvement.

1stLt	BRYANT, M. N.	0100749/7562	HMM-265	Pilot
2ndLt	PRATT, F. J.	0103187/7562	HMM-265	Co-pilot

HOSTILE 12 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam Province. On 24 May 1968. On medevac mission when aircraft received automatic weapons fire upon lift off from LZ. Co-pilot received plexiglass fragments right neck, upper right arm, and right leg; no nerve or artery involvement. Pilot received plexiglass fragments in left upper arm; no nerve or artery involvement.

HN	SAMS, J. M.	B201081/8404	MAB-16	Corpsman
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HOSTILE 30 May 1968. 7 miles SSW Danang, Quang Nam Province. On medevac mission when aircraft took rounds going into LZ. Missile wound left buttock; no nerve or artery involvement.


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1. Command Composition

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	E. O. REED	Colonel	1-31 July 1968
XO, MAG-16	R. LEWIS, Jr.	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
Adjutant	G. J. MAREK	1stLt	1-14 July 1968
Adjutant	G. K. RAINWATER	Captain	15-31 July 1968
S-1	F. W. CRONE	Major	1-31 July 1968
S-2	R. C. FLYNN	Captain	1-31 July 1968
S-3	F. M. KLEPPSATTER, Jr.	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
S-4	T. F. MILLER	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, H&MS-16	M. G. ROEBINS	LtCol	1-11 July 1968
CO, H&MS-16	W. L. WHELAN	Major	12-31 July 1968
CO, MABS-16	R. F. RICK	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, VMO-2	S. J. FULTON	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, HMM-163	R. G. COURTNEY	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, HMM-164	W. E. SMILAFINCH, Jr.	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, HML-167	G. H. DUNN II	Major	1-31 July 1968
O in C, HMM-265 Det "A"	R. L. YANKE	Major	1-7 July 1968
CO, HMM-463	J. G. WALKER	LtCol	1-31 July 1968
CO, 245th SAC	J. B. CARLISLE	Major AUS	1-31 July 1968

2. Task Organization

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-163 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-164 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HML-167 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-265 Det "A" - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-7 July 1968
HMH-463 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-16	52	562	Ø	Ø
MABS-16	23	663	3	2Ø
VMO-2	46	211	1	Ø
HMM-163	41	164	1	Ø
HMM-164	48	177	1	Ø
HML-167	25	1ØØ	Ø	Ø
HMH-463	61	277	1	Ø

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4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. On 4 July 1968, Major General QUILTER, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, toured Marine Aircraft Group 16 and was briefed by the Commanding Officer of MAG-16.

b. On 6 July 1968, Rear Admiral CHILDRESS toured Marine Aircraft Group 16, and was briefed on its mission.

c. On 6 July 1968, Major General TOMKINS, Deputy Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force, Major General QUILTER, Commanding General First Marine Aircraft Wing, and Brigadier General ANDERSON, Assistant Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 to witness the arrival of six OV-10As.

d. On 7 July 1968, Major General QUILTER, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 for an awards ceremony, in which he presented one (1) Bronze Star Medal, one (1) Distinguished Flying Cross Medal and twenty-two (22) Purple Heart Medals.

e. On 29 July 1968, Lieutenant General BUSE Jr., Commanding General, FMFPac, and his official party visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 for a tour and briefing by the Commanding Officer of MAG-16.

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1. Special Operations

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| a. Operation ALLEN BROOK | 1-31 July 1968 |
| b. Operation KENTUCKY | 1-31 July 1968 |
| c. Operation DRAGON PALACE II | 1-31 July 1968 |
| d. Operation LAMELUKE THRUST | 1-31 July 1968 |
| e. Operation SCOTLAND II | 1-31 July 1968 |
| f. Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE | 1-18 July 1968 |
| g. Operation POCAHANTAS FOREST | 8-17 July 1968 |
| h. Operation EAGER YANKEE | 9-11 July 1968 |
| i. Operation HOUSTON | 13 July 1968 |
| j. Operation LANCASTER II | 20-27 July 1968 |

2. General Summary

a. Marine Aircraft Group 16 helicopters and fixed wing supported Army, Navy, ROCAF and USMC units throughout the ICTZ during the month.

b. HML-164 continued to augment the normal medevac package and worked in support of Operations ALLEN BROOK and LAMELUKE THRUST.

c. On 6 July, VMO-2 received the first six Marine OV-10A's to arrive in Vietnam. The OV-10A's flew 499.5 hours during the month of July working throughout the ICTZ.

d. HH-463 crews were used extensively during the withdrawal from Khe Sanh. Approximately one million pounds of equipment and personal baggage were transported from Khe Sanh to LZ STUD and Dong Ha LSA.

3. Chronological Summary

In the following Chronological Summary emphasis is placed on the activities of MAG-16 transport helicopters.

MAG-16's UH-1E helicopters flew standard missions throughout the month. Normal missions flown were; medevac escort, resupply escort, recon inserts and extracts, APD missions, VIP flights, visual reconnaissance and "Fire-Fly" missions. VMO-2 and HML-167 continued to operate closely with both Squadron's pilots flying gunships of the other squadron. However, all "slick" UH-1E missions continued to be flown only by the HML-167 pilots.

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VMO-2 averaged 37 hours and 300 sorties daily. HML-167 averaged 41 hours and 119 sorties daily. The OV-10A's of VMO-2 logged an average of 16.1 hours and 10 sorties daily during their first month in country.

4. Chronological Summary

1 July - While supporting Operations Mameluke Thrust, Scotland II, Kentucky and Napoleon/Saline, HMM-463 flew for 37.6 hours and transported 434 troops and 125.3 tons of cargo. HMM-163 flew 43.6 hours, of which 4.2 hours were flown on night medevac. The squadron carried 68 passengers and 1.2 tons of cargo. Twenty sorties were flown by HMM-163 in support of the ROKMC. Sea Knight CH-46's from HMM-164 flew 90 sorties in 23 hours flight time, carried 148 troops, transported 12.3 tons, and extracted one medevac. Detachment Alfa, of HMM-265, continued to fly in support of the 1st MAW while the rest of the squadron was in Subic Bay.

2 July - HMM-163, flying the UH-34D, logged 56.2 hours, which included 5.2 hours flown by the night medevac helicopter. The squadron transported 104 passengers, 31 medevacs and 9.6 tons of cargo, which included moving of 46 passengers and 5.1 tons for the ROKMC. HMM-164 flew 44.0 flight hours, carried 147 troops, 26.3 tons of cargo and 76 medevacs. HMM-463 flew in support of Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline, logged 38.5 hours, transported 206 troops and 168.6 tons of cargo. Four TAR missions were completed, one A-4C and a UH-34 administratively, and two UH-1E gunships from the field. Majors EDWARD A. HARNEY (pilot) and WILLIAM J. LOTTMAN (co-pilot) exhibited courage and exemplary airmanship in the recovery of one of the UH-1E's while the zone was under attack by enemy mortars. Ignoring the enemy fire, the Sea Stallion hooked up to a crippled UH-1E gunship, and saved it from almost certain destruction by mortar fire.

3 July - HMM-463 logged 43.0 hours, transported 910 troops and 199.0 tons of cargo in support of Operations Napoleon/Saline and Scotland II. HMM-163 flew 4.9 hours on night medevac and 46 hours during the day, which included 33 passengers and 68 medevacs. The UH-34Ds were flown in direct support of USMC and ROKMC units. Sea Knight CH-46s from HMM-164, flew 45.3 hours, carried 279 troops, 23 medevacs and lifted 15.6 tons of cargo. A reconnaissance team, which had just been inserted at ZC 064864, came under heavy attack as the helicopter departed. With complete disregard for his own safety Captain LITTLER (pilot) turned back into the zone to extract the recon team. At about 100 feet above the zone, the CH-46A (YT-13) piloted by Captain LITTLER was taken under intensive automatic weapons and possible RPG fire. The helicopter caught fire in the aft transmission area and at the same time the pilot and co-pilot were hit in the neck by small arms fire. Out of control, the aircraft crashed to the ground on top of the eight man recon team that the crew had so heroically tried to save. All 8 members of the recon team were killed as well as the four crewmembers in the aircraft and one recon man in the aircraft. The dead crewmembers were: Captain J. M. C. LITTLER (Pilot), 1stLt. R. C. DALEY (CO-pilot), SSgt J. C. BILENSKI and Cpl R. B. LITTLE. At 2130H

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MMAF received 6 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. One rocket armed with a delayed fuse, caused a 5' x 5' hole in the runway. Detachment Alfa of HMM-265 (representing 50% of squadron assets) completed day carrier qualifications aboard the USS Tripoli.

4 July - Major General QUILTER, CG, 1st MAF, toured MAG-16 and was briefed on the current status of the Group. HMM-164 flew 36.0 hours, carried 526 troops, 2 medevacs and 14 tons of cargo. Squadron aircraft came under heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire at AT 808628 which resulted in two hits and Cpl F. L. MARTINEZ received minor wounds. HMM-463 transported 633 troops and 308.3 tons of cargo in 45.8 hours while supporting Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline. The squadron also administratively moved one UH-34D. UH-34D's from HMM-163 flew 49.6 hours, carried 10.6 tons of cargo, 103 passengers and 56 medevacs. While on a medevac mission, one helicopter received one 50 caliber hit which caused limited damage and no injuries. The aircraft returned safely to MMAF. USMC and ROKMC units were supported. Detachment Alfa CH-46's from HMM-265 completed night carrier qualifications in preparation for going aboard the USS Tripoli.

5 July - HMM-463 carried 484 troops, and 115.3 tons of cargo and administratively moved a UH-34D which totaled 31.0 hours in support of Operations Manchu Thrust, Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline. HMM-163 logged 50.6 hours, transported 112 passengers, 42 medevacs and 2.7 tons of cargo. Two squadron aircraft were hit by enemy fire while on medevac missions. The damage to the two aircraft was slight and there were no injuries. CH-46's from HMM-164 flew 39.9 hours carrying 273 troops, 31 medevacs and 19 tons of cargo. One aircraft was hit by small arms fire at AT 895520. There were no injuries and the aircraft returned safely to MMAF.

6 July - Six (6) OV-10A's arrived at MMAF from Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines and were greeted by Major General QUILTER, CG, 1st MAF. The OV-10A's are assigned to VMO-2 at MMAF. Rear Admiral Childress also visited MMAF. The Admiral toured MAG-16 and was briefed on its mission by Col E. O. REED, CO, MAG-16. HMM-163 flew 20.3 hours, carried 31 passengers and 18 medevacs. CH-46s from HMM-164 flew 51.5 hours, carried 221 troops, 23 medevacs and 46.8 tons of cargo. HMM-463 carried one CH-46 administratively and recovered one UH-1E and one CH-46A from the field. The squadron supported Operations Scotland II, Napoleon/Saline and Kentucky, logged 60.1 hours and transported 1438 troops and 145 tons of cargo.

7 July - Major General QUILTER, CG, 1st MAF, visited MMAF and presented one (1) Bronze Star Medal to Cpl D. D. WEATHERS of HMM-167, and one (1) Distinguished Flying Cross Medal to Capt. M. F. PIXTON of HMM-167 and three (3) Purple Heart Medals. Detachment Alfa of HMM-265 was chopped from MAG-16's OPCON at 0700H to join its parent unit aboard the USS Tripoli in support of SLF "B". HMM-164 logged 29.6 flight hours, moved 181 troops, 1 medevac and 8 tons of cargo. In support of Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline, CH-53A helicopters from HMM-463 flew 52.7 hours, carried 732 troops and 236.1 tons of cargo. Three helicopters, one

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UH-1E and two UH-34D's were administratively moved in support of III MAF. UH-34D's from HMM-163 flew 40.3 hours, carried 35 passengers and 28 medevacs.

8 July - One UH-1E gunship from VMO-2 was forced down in the field with a 50 caliber round in the tail rotor. The downed UH-1E was quickly removed with a CH-53A from HMM-463. During a quick reaction troop insert two HMM-167 UH-1E gunships delivered suppressive fire on suspected enemy positions after two transport helicopters, CH-46's, had been fired upon. HMM-167 gunships were credited with 3 structures destroyed and five (5) confirmed KBA. HMM-164 flew 40.7 hours, carried 217 troops, 24 medevacs and 1.4 tons of cargo. In support of Operations Napoleon/Saline and Scotland II, HMM-463 helicopters flew 44.3 hours and transported 706 troops and 250 tons of cargo. The squadron lifted two UH-34D's administratively in support of III MAF.

9 July - HMM-164 flew 40.4 hours, lifted 212 troops, 3 medevacs and 20 tons of cargo. HMM-163 flew 71.2 hours, transporting 145 passengers, 44 medevacs and 14.8 tons of cargo. The squadron's UH-34D's supporting the ROKMC received intense small arms fire throughout grid square BT 1063. The aircraft received numerous hits causing numerous damage but all aircraft returned safely to MMAF with no injuries. HMM-463 flew 37.5 hours, transported 236 troops and 164.6 tons of cargo in support of Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline. In support of III MAF, one UH-34D was administratively lifted.

10 July - UH-34D's from HMM-163 logged 35.6 hours, carried 17 passengers and 1.4 tons of cargo. HMM-463's aircraft flew 30.3 hours, transported 253 troops and 154.3 tons of cargo while supporting Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline. One UH-34D was recovered from the field in support of III MAF. HMM-164 flew 51.9 hours, lifted 400 troops, 29 medevacs and 41.5 tons of cargo.

11 July - HMM-163's helicopters flew 51.1 hours carrying 115 passengers 43 medevacs and 17.9 tons of cargo. CH-46's from HMM-164 carried 64 medevacs, 631 troops and 24.1 tons of cargo in 53.2 hours. The big CH-53A helicopters of HMM-463 supported Operation Scotland II by transporting 42 troops and 182.9 tons of cargo in 32.9 hours. III MAF was administratively supported by movement of two UH-1E's.

12 July - A VMO-2 UH-1E gunship, in support of the ROKMC, fired rockets at suspected enemy positions resulting in two (2) confirmed KBA. HMM-164 carried 341 troops, 18 medevacs and 47.8 tons of cargo, in 61.7 hours of flight time. In 51.6 hours, HMM-163 carried 123 passengers, 51 medevacs and 16.8 tons of cargo. HMM-463, in support of Operations Scotland II and Napoleon/Saline, flew 42.6 hours, moved 932 troops and 145.1 tons of cargo. For III MAF administrative purposes, the CH-53 squadron transported one UH-1E and two UH-34D's.

13 July - In administrative support of III MAF one UH-1E and one UH-34D were moved by HMM-463. The CH-53's of that squadron also supported Operations Napoleon/Saline and Scotland II, flying 47.5 hours while carry-

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ing 253 troops and 307.2 tons of cargo. The CH-46's of HMM-164 flew for 65.6 hours and transported 612 troops, 28 medevacs and 42.3 tons of cargo. HMM-163 logged 56.0 hours, transported 147 passengers, 54 medevacs and 15.2 tons of cargo. The squadron supported USMC and ROKMC units throughout the day. One medevac aircraft was hit by small arms which caused minor damage, but the aircraft returned to MMAF safely with no personnel injuries.

14 July - HMM-164 flew 61.6 hours, carried 44 medevacs, 224 troops and 43.4 tons of cargo. Captain F. L. GAUSE received a minor hand wound when the CH-46A in which he was co-pilot received fire from coordinates AT 829505. An HMM-163 helicopter received minor damage when it was hit while on a medevac mission. The squadron carried 70 passengers and 63 medevacs in 39.5 hours. HMM-463 flew 36.7, transported 276 troops and 231.2 tons of cargo. One CH-46 and one UH-1E were recovered from field positions in support of III MAF by the giant CH-53A helicopter.

15 July - HMM-163 pilots logged 41.6 hours, carried 131 passengers and 3.5 tons of cargo. The CH-53A's were employed in support of Operations Scotland II and Kentucky. One UH-1E and two CH-46's were recovered from the field while one UH-34D was lifted administratively. The squadron flew a total of 31.0 hours transporting 144.1 tons of cargo and 216 troops. HMM-164 pilots logged 68.1 hours, carried 408 troops, 81 medevacs and 42.7 tons of cargo.

16 July - HMM-164 carried 314 troops, 59.7 tons of cargo and 19 medevacs in 60.0 flight hours. CH-53A helicopters flew 19.1 hours and transported 122 troops and 80.0 tons of cargo while supporting Operation Scotland II. Flying in support of USMC units HMM-163 pilots flew 35.3 hours, carried 6 passengers and 23 medevacs. The night medevac UH-34D received heavy fire at BT 097640 but limped back to the NSA pad. With numerous rounds in the transmission and the tail pylon, the pilot considered the aircraft unsafe for flight and left it at the NSA Pad over-night. The aircraft was lifted to MMAF by a CH-53 the next morning.

17 July - HMM-163 flew 26.7 hours in support of USMC and ROKMC units. HMM-164 flew 60.8 hours, carried 315 troops, 7 medevacs, and 57.1 tons of cargo. HMM-463's CH-53A helicopters were utilized for 34.7 hours in support of Operations Scotland II and Kentucky and transported 246 troops and 33.1 tons of cargo. One UH-1E was administratively moved in support of III MAF.

18 July - Operations Napoleon/Saline, Kentucky and Scotland II were supported by CH-53A helicopters for 31.1 hours, during this time 345 troops and 115.8 tons of cargo were moved. One UH-1E was carried in support of III MAF on an administrative move. HMM-164 moved 653 troops, 40 medevacs and 50.6 tons of cargo in 74.8 flight hours. 43.7 hours were logged by HMM-163 in moving 117 passengers, 52 medevacs and 8.2 tons of cargo. Enemy activity caused one hit with minor damage to the CH-46 with no personnel injuries reported.

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19 July - HMM-163 transported 147 passengers, 52 medevacs and 11.6 tons of cargo totaling 70.3 hours. Only one fire incident was reported, resulting in minor damage to the helicopter and no personnel injuries. The CH-53A's transported two UH-1E's and one UH-34D on administrative flights for III MAF. Operations Kentucky and Scotland II were supported by CH-53A's from HMM-463; 167 troops and 143.1 tons of cargo were transported in 36.2 hours. In HMM-164, pilots flew 54.1 hours, carried 849 troops, 10 medevacs and 16.0 tons of cargo.

20 July - HMM-463 pilots transported 154 troops and 108.0 tons of cargo while flying for 28.1 hours in support of Operations Scotland II and Kentucky. A CH-46A was also lifted administratively for III MAF. HMM-164 moved 494 troops, 7 medevacs and 51.1 tons of cargo during 56.5 flight hours. HMM-163 reported one fire incident with minor damage and no personnel injuries during 27.0 hours of flight time.

21 July - A HMM-167 crew flying in a UH-1E from VMO-2 received hits in the vicinity of Hill 65. The aircraft was unable to maintain flight and crashed killing all four crewmembers. HMM-463 flew 21.9 hours, lifted 154 troops and 80.8 tons of cargo in support of Operation Scotland II. One O-1C observation aircraft was lifted administratively by a CH-53A. HMM-163 logged 33.9 flight hours, transported 13.2 tons of cargo and 54 passengers. Heavy enemy activity resulted in 17 hits but no injuries in the CH-46's of HMM-164. The heavy fire came from coordinates AT 824504, AT 900565, AT 835515, BT 032524, and BT 024719. HMM-164 flew 53.6 hours and transported 406 troops and 24.4 tons of cargo.

22 July - HMM-163 UH-34D's were flown for 42.9 hours, carried 76 passengers, 28 medevacs and 16 tons of cargo. CH-46's from HMM-164 lifted 265 troops, 7 medevacs and 4.5 tons of cargo in 21.7 flight hours. Enemy fire was received throughout the day but no hits or injuries were reported. HMM-463 flew 26.3 hours, transported 512 troops and 115.3 tons of cargo while supporting Operation Scotland II.

23 July - At 0005H, MMAF received 53, 82mm mortar rounds all within the airfield perimeter. Damage was moderate, HMM-463 maintenance hangar received a direct hit, several CH-53 aircraft received shrapnel damage. There were also numerous holes in the ASP along the East parking apron. All damage was expeditiously repaired. Twenty five (25) medevacs, 212 troops and 19.8 tons of cargo were moved by HMM-164 CH-46's during 34.5 flight hours. Enemy action had no deleterious affect on the squadron activities. Scotland II was the only operation supported by HMM-463. The squadron flew 24.4 hours and transported 512 troops and 115.3 tons of cargo. HMM-163 carried 112 passengers, 57 medevacs and 15.7 tons of cargo while flying in support of USMC units for 43.4 hours.

24 July - CH-53A's from HMM-463 lifted one UH-1E administratively for III MAF as well as supporting Operations Scotland II and Kentucky by flying 29.7 hours and moving 503 troops and 136.9 tons of cargo. 17.4 hours were logged by HMM-163 crews. While subjected to small arms and mortar fire,

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CH-46 crews from HMM-164 flew 45.8 hours, transported 438 troops, 23 medevacs and 25.4 tons of cargo. The enemy was unable to damage any of the CH-46's despite unusually heavy fire.

25 July - Heavy enemy ground fire was responsible for downing one OV-10A from VMO-2 at coordinates BT 0155. The newly arrived aircraft crashed and burned with no known survivors. HMM-164 flew only 20.1 hours, carried 81 troops, 21 medevacs and 14.9 tons of cargo. UH-34D's of HMM-163 logged 41.7 hours, transported 192 passengers and 40 medevacs. Three fire incidents were reported resulting in minor damage and no injuries. HMM-463 lifted 297 troops and 85.3 tons of cargo while flying 24.7 hours. Operations Scotland II and Kentucky were supported. One UH-1E was transported for administrative purposes in support of III MAF.

26 July - One OV-10A from VMO-2, flying in support of E/2/5 in contact with enemy units, ran 6 flights of fixed-wing and 1 artillery mission. These strikes resulted in 14 structures destroyed, 6 damaged, and 2 bunkers destroyed. HMM-463 administratively moved one UH-34D for III MAF. The squadron also supported Operation Scotland II, flew 24.0 hours, transported 90 troops and 116.9 tons of cargo. HMM-163 crews carried 138 passengers and 24 medevacs and logged 55.1 hours. No fire incidents were reported by 163 crews. Crews from HMM-164 flew their CH-46's for 36.8 hours and lifted 227 troops and 20.1 tons of cargo. A CH-46 sustained one hit at coordinates AT 909517 with no injuries reported.

27 July - CH-46's from HMM-164 lifted 18 medevacs 336 troops and 18.4 tons of cargo in 47.1 hours. Small arms fire was received on numerous occasions but no hits were sustained. HMM-163 flew 47.8 hours, delivered 89 passengers and 56 medevacs. One UH-34D from HMM-163 was left in the field overnight due to engine failure. 460.5 tons of cargo and 334 troops were moved by the CH-53A's of HMM-463 in 51.4 hours of flight time. Operations Scotland II and Kentucky were supported.

28 July - HMM-163 flew 50.4 hours supporting 1st and 3rd MARDIV units in the field. One CH-53A (YH-16) Bureau Number 153284 crashed and burned killing all five crewmembers. The cause of the crash is unknown. Other CH-53's flew 39.1 hours, transported 588 troops and 212.8 tons of cargo in support of Operations Kentucky and Lancaster III. The squadron recovered one UH-34D from the field and returned it to HMM-163 for repairs. One UH-1E was moved administratively. 1stLt. J. C. ASTLE sustained a superficial leg wound when the CH-46 from HMM-164, in which he was co-pilot, was taken under intense automatic weapons fire at coordinates AT 889503. HMM-164 logged 36.4 flight hours, carried 250 troops, 4 emergency medevacs, and 15.2 tons of cargo.

29 July - Lieutenant General H. W. BUSE Jr., Commanding General FMFPac, and his official party visited MMAF for a tour of the base and a briefing by the Commanding Officer of MAG-16. HMM-164 flew 44.5 hours, carried 292 troops, 64 medevacs and 36.5 tons of cargo. Enemy ground fire was intense but no hits or injuries were sustained. Operations

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Napoleon/Saline, Kentucky and Lancaster III were supported by CH-53's from HMM-463. The CH-53's logged 39.0 hours, transported 777 troops and 158.5 tons of cargo. Two UH-34D's were administratively lifted in support of III MAF. UH-34D, Sea Horse helicopters, from HMM-163 flew 34.5 hours and reported no fire incidents.

30 July - Emergency blood was carried from Danang to Dong Ha by an OV-10A from VMO-2. Crews from HMM-164, flying the CH-46, received fire from coordinates AT 813753, AT 958625, BT 059545 and ZC 083853 but no hits were scored by the enemy gunners. The squadron logged 74.3 hours, lifted 477 troops, 32 medevacs and 57.7 tons of cargo. HMM-163 reported three fire incidents, flew 37.6 hours and lifted 136 passengers and 54 medevacs. HMM-463 flew for 35.7 hours transported 759 troops and delivered 152.9 tons of cargo. One UH-1E was lifted on an administratively mission in support of III MAF.

31 July - HMM-163 reported three fire incidents which resulted in light damage and no crew injuries. The squadron's UH-34D's logged 34.5 hours in support of Marine units in the field. CH-53A's from HMM-463 logged 19.9 hours, lifted 555 troops and 60.3 tons. The Sea Stallions supported Operations Scotland II and Lancaster III. Sea Knight CH-46's from HMM-164 flew 37.5, transported 364 troops, 17 medevacs and 11.3 tons of cargo.

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APD - Airborne Personnel Detector
ASP - Asphalt
FIREFLY - UH-1E fitted with a night illumination light
HMH-463 - Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 (CH-53A)
HML-167 - Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 (UH-1E)
HMM-163 - Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 (UH-34D)
HMM-164 - Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 164 (CH-46A&D)
HMM-265 - Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 (CH-46A)
KBA - Killed By Air
LSA - Logistic Support Area
MAG-16 - Marine Aircraft Group 16
MMAF - Marble Mountain Air Facility
NSA - Naval Support Activity
SLF "B" - Special Landing Force Bravo
TAR - Tactical Aircraft Recovery
VMO-2 - Marine Observation Squadron 2 (UH-1E, OV-10A)
III MAF - Third Marine Amphibious Force

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1. Personnel

a. Number Joined	100
b. Number Dropped	295
c. Promotions:	
(1) Major to LtCol	2
(2) 1stLt to Captain	1
(3) 2ndLt to 1stLt	5
(4) WO to CWO-2	7
(5) SSgt to CTSgt	1
(6) Cpl to Sgt	4
(7) LCpl to Cpl	33
(8) PFC to LCpl	15
(9) Pvt to PFC	6

2. Awards:

a. Distinguished Flying Cross	
Captain M. F. PIXTON	HML-167
b. Bronze Star Medal	
Corporal D. D. WEATHERS	HML-167
c. Navy Achievement Medal	
MABS-16	1
d. Good Conduct Medal	
MABS-16	6
HMH-463	1
e. Air Medal (First Award)	
H&MS-16	6
HMM-163	38
HML-167	24
HMH-463	9

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f. Purple Heart Medals

HEMS-16	1	HMA-2	5	HML-167	3
MABS-16	3	HML-163	7	HMH-463	3

3. Casualties

a. Hostile

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Capt	J. L. M. LITTLER, III	3 July 1968	21 Miles NW Danang, RVN
1stLt	R. C. DALEY	3 July 1968	21 Miles NW Danang, RVN
SSgt	J. C. BILENSKI	3 July 1968	21 Miles NW Danang, RVN
Cpl	R. B. LITTLE	3 July 1968	21 Miles NW Danang, RVN
Maj	J. B. BROWN	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	D. M. WRIGHTSMAN	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	R. S. HAYMES	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	C. L. SMITH	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	G. "C" BUSTOS	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	L. D. WINTERTON	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	R. J. NICHOLS	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	R. L. WEILER	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	M. E. GONZALES	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
LCpl	A. P. ROUSSELL	3 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Cpl	F. L. MARTINEZ	4 July 1968	12 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	T. B. DAY	8 July 1968	2 Miles S MMAF, RVN
1stLt	S. I. HURME	10 July 1968	3 Miles S Danang, RVN
LCpl	W. E. RAY	20 July 1968	4 Miles N An Hoa, RVN
1stLt	R. M. LURIE	21 July 1968	11 Miles SW Danang, RVN
1stLt	D. L. GLOER	21 July 1968	11 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Sgt	W. H. FOSTER	21 July 1968	11 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	K. L. NORWORTHY	21 July 1968	11 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Capt	A. L. TRIPP	25 July 1968	12 Miles S Danang, RVN
1stLt	J. C. ASTLE	28 July 1968	3 Miles NW An Hoa, RVN

b. Non-Hostile

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
LCpl	R. J. LaSALLE	17 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Maj	D. A. DALRYMPLE	26 July 1968	MMAF, RVN
Maj	R. M. DRYDEN, Jr.	28 July 1968	3 Miles, NW Danang, RVN
1stLt	J. W. ZUEHLSDORF	28 July 1968	3 Miles, NW Danang, RVN
Cpl	E. J. MARCEAUX	28 July 1968	3 Miles, NW Danang, RVN
Cpl	W. S. CLARK	28 July 1968	3 Miles, NW Danang, RVN
Cpl	G. G. GORDON	28 July 1968	3 Miles, NW Danang, RVN

4. Civic Action

a. Medical. During the month of July, doctors and corpsmen from MAG-16 assisted at the Stella Maris Dispensary/Orphanage, the Catholic

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craft hit from the previous month, while hours per aircrew spot report increased 11.0 hours from 260.8 the previous month to 271.8 for the month of July. Enemy A/A fire was responsible for four (4) USMC WIA and ten (10) USMC KIA in MAG-16 aircraft.

7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-163</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>HMM-164</u>	<u>CH-46A/D</u>
Hours	1363.9	Hours	1481.9
Sorties	5152	Sorties	5524
Pax	2571	Pax	10,793
Evacs	1326	Evacs	850
Cargo (Tons)	153.9 T	Cargo (Tons)	892.0 T
<u>HML-167</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u> <u>OV-10A</u>
Hours	1269.9	Hours	1146.0 499.5
Sorties	3697	Sorties	3117 301
Pax	2401	Pax	133 - -
Evacs	8	Evacs	214 - -
Cargo	- -	Cargo	- - - -

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<u>HMM-265 (Det "A")</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>245th SAC</u>	<u>OV-1B / U-6A</u>
(1 thru 6 July)			
Hours	100.8	Hours	910.0
Sorties	226	Sorties	473
Pax	192	Pax	- -
Evacs	86	Evacs	- -
Cargo (Tons)	65.5 T	Cargo (Tons)	- -
<u>HMH-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>TAR</u>	
Hours	1096.8	17 UH-34 (3 Field, 14 Admin)	
Sorties	4442	20 UH-1E (7 Field, 13 Admin)	
Pax	13,692	7 CH-46 (4 Field, 3 Admin)	
Evacs	- -	1 A-4C (Admin)	
Cargo (Tons)	5079.0 T	1 O-1G (Admin)	
<u>HMS-16</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>CH-53A</u> <u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	107.3	31.7	22.4 161.4
Sorties	109	15	22 146
Pax	2646	0	114 2760
Evacs	- -	- -	- - - -
Cargo (Tons)	46.2 T	- -	28.6 T 74.8 T
			<u>MAG-16</u> <u>TOTAL</u>
			Hours 8030.2
			Sorties 23,078
			Pax 35,542
			Evacs 2484
			Cargo (Tons) 6265.2 T

8. Ground Defense. During the month of July 1968, additional bunkers and defensive positions were constantly being worked on and improved.

9. Motor Transport. During the month of July 1968, the Marble Mountain Air Facility Motor Transport Section traveled 62,710 miles, transported 35,334 passengers; hauled, 1,588,100 gallons of water; 26,590 gallons of MOCAS; 4,133 gallons of diesel fuel; 2,255 gallons of aircraft oil, and 1,721 short tons of cargo.

10. TAFDS. During the month of July 1968, the TAFDS Section issued the following amounts of fuel to the locations indicated: