

HEADQUARTERS
Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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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 August 1968

TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS 16 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
MABS-16 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
VMO-2 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HML-167 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-164 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-163 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMH-463 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSITION

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Period</u>
CO, MAG-16	REED, E. O.	Col	1-31 Aug 1968
XO, MAG-16	KLEPPSATTEL, F. M.	LtCol	1-31 Aug 1968
Adjutant	RAINWATER, G. K.	Capt	1-31 Aug 1968
S-1	CRONE, F. W.	Maj	1-31 Aug 1968
S-2	FLYNN, R. C.	Capt	1-31 Aug 1968
S-3	KLEPPSATTEL, F. M.	LtCol	1-3 Aug 1968
S-3	DOSTER, G. C.	LtCol	4-31 Aug 1968
S-4	MILLER, T. F.	LtCol	1-17 Aug 1968
S-4	CONARD, J. W.	LtCol	18-31 Aug 1968
CO, H&MS-16	WHELAN, W. L.	Maj	1-31 Aug 1968
CO, MABS-16	RICK, R. F.	LtCol	1-31 Aug 1968
CO, VMO-2	FULTON, S. J.	LtCol	1-31 Aug 1968
CO, HML-167	DUNN, G. H.	Maj	1-17 Aug 1968
CO, HML-167	MILLER, T. F.	LtCol	18-31 Aug 1968
CO, HMM-164	SMILANICH, W. E.	LtCol	1-31 Aug 1968
CO, HMM-163	COURTNEY, R. G.	LtCol	1-31 Aug 1968
CO, HMH-463	WALKER, J. G.	LtCol	1-31 Aug 1968

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AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

SQUADRON	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&MS-16	52	509	0	0
MABS-16	24	674	2	18
VMO-2	45	225	1	0
HMM-163	29	118	10	0
HMM-164	51	190	1	0
HML-167	31	142	0	0
HMH-463	63	270	1	0

Following personnel changes 1-31 August 1968:

A. Number of joinings: 210

B. Number of drops: 208

C. Promotions:

1stLt to Capt:	4
WO to CWO-2:	2
SSgt to GySgt:	1
Sgt to SSgt:	1
Cpl to Sgt:	2
LCpl to Cpl:	11
PFC to LCpl:	11
Pvt to PFC:	9

CASUALTIES

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
LCpl	HUTCHINS, N. I.	2267716/6311	HMM-164	Crew Chief

HOSTILE. 22 August 1968. 15 miles southwest of Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam, RVN. Flying as Crew Chief on CH-46A on troop lift mission when aircraft took small arms fire while hovering above landing zone. Crew Chief was wounded by the resulting shrapnel in the left leg. No nerve or artery involvement.

LCpl WHITMAN, D. E. 2316117/7041 HMM-163 Gunner

HOSTILE. 22 August 1968. 13 miles southwest of Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam, RVN. Flying gunner on UH-34D on medevac mission. While leaving landing zone, aircraft was hit by small arms fire causing shrapnel. Gunner was wounded by shrapnel in the right medial cap. No nerve or artery involvement.

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
LCpl	LUBY, W. K.	2342164/0431	VM0-2	N/A

HOSTILE. 23 August 1968. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam, RVN. Marine was wounded by shrapnel in forehead while running to a bunker during enemy rocket attack. No nerve or artery involvement.

Capt	BROWNE, J. E.	064940/7531	VM0-2	Pilot
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HOSTILE. 22 August 1968. 17 miles west of Quang Tri Base, RVN. While flying recon mission in OV-10, received small arms fire wounding pilot in left forearm and lower left leg. No nerve or artery involvement.

1stLt	HIMLER, R. F.	093940/7562	HMM-265	Pilot
1stLt	LAMMERS, D. G.	0100395/7562	HMM-265	Co-pilot
LCpl	ALBERICI, M.	2187264/6221	HMM-265	Gunner

HOSTILE. 24 August 1968. 13 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam, RVN. CH-46A aircraft received fire, crashed and burned attempting to lift out of zone on resupply mission. Pilot, Co-pilot, and gunner were all killed.

Capt	KEY, J. H.	086585/7563	HML-167	Pilot (WIA)
Capt	STOCKBURGER, A. L.	081350/7563	HML-167	Co-pilot
Cpl	BECKER, J. B.	2218428/6212	HML-167	Gunner
MFC	WAGSTAFF, F. D.	2208375/6311	HML-167	Crew Chief

HOSTILE. 27 August 1968. 7 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam, RVN. UH-1E aircraft was hit by enemy fire, crashed and burned while on TAOR mission. Co-pilot, Crew Chief and Gunner were all killed.

LCpl	HORVE, O. O.	2356520/6242	H&MS-16	Gunner
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HOSTILE. 28 August 1968. Near An Hoa, RVN. While flying gunner on UH-34 aircraft on medevac mission, was wounded in left calf by small arms fire when leaving landing zone. No nerve or artery involvement.

LtCol	SWANSON, R. D.	MWSG-1	Co-pilot	
Capt	FLYNN, R. C.	079047/7561	H&MS-16	Pilot

HOSTILE. 29 August 1968. 1 mile northwest of An Hoa, RVN. Pilot and Co-pilot hit by shrapnel caused by small arms fire received while going into landing zone in a UH-34 aircraft on medevac mission. No nerve or artery involvement.

Sgt	MAGEE, G. B.	2076093/6320	HMM-164	Gunner
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NON-HOSTILE. 14 August 1968. An Hoa Landing Zone, RVN. Marine was standing close to his CH-46 while on landing zone when CH-46 from HMM-265 came to close and its rotor blades hit the other CH-46. Sgt MAGEE was injured by flying debris and suffered a collapsed lung, fractured left ankle and multiple lacerations.