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GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Part 1 Organization Data

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

Period covered 1-30 September 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-362 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMH-463 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-265 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSURE

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	MAC QUARRIE, W. L.	Col	13-30 Sep 1968
	REED, E. O.	Col	1-12 Sep 1968
XO, MAG-16	KLEPPSATTEL, F. M.	LtCol	1-30 Sep 1968
Adjutant	RAINWATER, G. K.	Capt	1-16 Sep 1968
	WORK, R. G.	CWO-3	17-30 Sep 1968
S-1	CRONE, F. W.	Maj	1-30 Sep 1968
S-2	FLYNN, R. C.	Capt	1-30 Sep 1968
S-3	DOSTER, G. C.	LtCol	1-30 Sep 1968
S-4	CONARD, J. W.	LtCol	1-30 Sep 1968
CO, H&MS-16	WHELAN, W. L.	Maj	1-30 Sep 1968
CO, MABS-16	RICK, R. F.	LtCol	1-10 Sep 1968
	PARISH, L. W.	LtCol	11-30 Sep 1968
CO, VMO-2	FULTON, S. J.	LtCol	1-30 Sep 1968
CO, HML-167	MILLER, T. F.	LtCol	1-30 Sep 1968
CO, HMM-164	SMILANICH, W. E.	LtCol	1-30 Sep 1968
CO, HMM-362	SHAUER, W. H.	Maj	5-18 Sep 1968
	SCHLARP, J. E.	LtCol	19-30 Sep 1968
HMH-463	WALKER, J. G.	LtCol	1-30 Sep 1968
CO, HMM-265	EDWARDS, R. J.	LtCol	1-18 Sep 1968
	YANKE, R. L.	Maj	19-30 Sep 1968

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AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

SQUADRON	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&MS-16	56	519	0	0
MABS-16	23	703	3	24
VMO-2	42	220	1	0
HMM-362	58	213	1	0
HMM-164	48	195	0	0
HML-167	32	146	0	0
HMH-463	61	265	1	0
HMM-265	50	180	2	3

Following Personnel Changes 1-30 September 1968:

A. Number of Joinings: 105

B. Number of Drops: 162

C. Promotions:

1stLt - Capt:	2
2ndLt - 1stLt:	3
CWO2 - CWO3:	2
WO - CWO2:	2
CySgt - MSgt:	1
Sgt - SSgt:	2
LCpl - Cpl:	37
PFC - LCpl:	10
Pvt - PFC:	3

CASUALTIES

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
1stLt	SIMS, R. W.	0101578/7561	HMM-362	Pilot
1stLt	WARREN, R. G.	0103121/7561	HMM-362	Co-Pilot
PFC	GRIFFIN, T. L., Jr.	2172058/6351	HMM-362	Gunner
Cpl	BINFORD, G. A.	2312658/6311	HMM-362	Crew Chief
HM2	HAWKINS, C. E.	B603710/B404	MABS-16	Corpsman

HOSTILE: 18 September 1968. 8 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. UH-34 aircraft on medevac mission crashed during approach into landing zone, received small arms and automatic weapons fire. All crew members were wounded in crash.

Cpl	WESELEY, M.	2213421/6320	HMM-265	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 18 September 1968. 16 miles southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Received scrapnel wound in back while flying on a troop lift mission in CH-46 aircraft as aircraft received hostile fire while leaving landing zone. 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	1-12 September 1968
CO, MAG-16	W. L. MAC QUARRIE	Colonel	13-30 September 1968
XO, MAG-16	F. M. KLEPPSATTEL, Jr.	LtCol	1-30 September 1968
Adjutant	G. K. RAINWATER	Captain	1-16 September 1968
Adjutant	R. G. WORK	CWO-3	17-30 September 1968
S-1 Officer	F. W. CRONE	Major	1-30 September 1968
S-2 Officer	R. G. FLYNN	Captain	1-30 September 1968
S-3 Officer	G. C. DOSTER	LtCol	1-30 September 1968
S-4 Officer	J. W. CONARD	LtCol	1-30 September 1968
CO, H&MS-16	W. L. WHELAN	Major	1-30 September 1968
CO, MABS-16	R. F. RICK	LtCol	1-10 September 1968
CO, MABS-16	L. W. PARISH	LtCol	11-30 September 1968
CO, VMO-2	S. J. FULTON	LtCol	1-30 September 1968
CO, HMM-164	W. E. SMILANICH	LtCol	1-30 September 1968
CO, HML-167	T. F. MILLER	LtCol	1-30 September 1968
CO, HMM-265	R. J. EDWARDS	LtCol	1-18 September 1968
CO, HMM-265	R. L. YANKE	Major	19-30 September 1968
CO, HMM-362	W. H. SHAUER, Jr.	Major	5-18 September 1968
CO, HMM-362	J. E. SCHLARP	LtCol	19-30 September 1968
CO, HMM-463	J. G. WALKER	LtCol	1-30 September 1968
CO, 245th SAC	C. A. WEAVER, Jr.	Major AUS	1-30 September 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-164 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HML-167 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-265 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-362 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN (5-30 September 1968)
HMM-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	56	519	Ø	Ø
MABS-16	23	7Ø3	2	24
VMO-2	42	220	1	Ø
HMM-164	43	195	Ø	Ø
HML-167	32	146	Ø	Ø
HMM-265	55	18Ø	2	3
HMM-362	55	213	1	Ø
HMM-463	61	265	1	Ø

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4. Important visitors to the command.

a. On 2 September 1968, Major General TOWNSEND, U.S. Army, MACV (J-3), visited MAG-16 and received a briefing on the operations and mission of MAG-16 as well as a tour of Marble Mountain Air Facility.

b. Major General QUILTER, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited MAG-16 and participated in an Awards Ceremony and a Change of Command Ceremony on 10 September 1968. The General awarded eight (8) Distinguished Flying Cross Medals, two (2) Bronze Star Medals, thirteen (13) Purple Heart Medals and one (1) Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart Medal.

c. On 13 September 1968, Major General QUILTER, Major General TOMPKINS and General LEE (of the ROK Marine Corps) visited MAG-16 for the purpose of attending the Change of Command Ceremony in which Colonel E. O. REED relinquished command of MAG-16 to Colonel W. L. MAC QUARRIE.

d. On 22 September 1968, Brigadier General H. S. HILL, USMC, Assistant Wing Commander, visited MAG-16 to inspect damage caused by a mortar attack on MMAF the previous night.

e. On 26 September 1968, Major General ADAMS, Commanding General Third Marine Aircraft Wing, visited MAG-16 and received an orientation briefing and discussed aircrew training problems.

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1. Special Operations

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| a. Operation MAMELUKE THRUST | 1-30 September 1968 |
| b. Operation DRAGON PALACE III | 1-16 September 1968 |
| c. Operation LANCASTER II | 3-12 September 1968 |
| d. Operation VICTORY DRAGON III | 7-30 September 1968 |
| e. Operation SCOTLAND II | 1 September 1968 |
| f. Operation HOUSTON | 8 September 1968 |

2. General Summary

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

b. HMM-164 continued to augment the normal medevac package and worked in support of Operations MAMELUKE THRUST and DRAGON PALACE III.

c. VMO-2 OV-10A aircraft were flown extensively throughout the month and logged 1332.4 hours.

d. During the month of September 1968, VMO-2 and HML-167 UH-1E gunships continued to support MAG-16 Cargo/Transport helicopters on various escort missions. UH-1E aircraft also provided "Fire-Fly" missions, Airborne Personnel Detector (APD) and Visual Reconnaissance missions.

e. The HMM-463 CH-53A "Heavy Haulers" continued troop/cargo movement throughout the I Corps area during the month. In addition, CH-53As transported 13 aircraft on field and administrative lifts for a total of 51.1 tons.

f. On 5 September 1968, HMM-362 arrived at Marble Mountain Air Facility from the USS Princeton. While operating from MMAF, HMM-362 conducted normal operations in support of Operations MAMELUKE THRUST and DRAGON PALACE III as well as providing medevac and command and control support directly to the 1st, 5th, 7th, 11th and 26th Marine Regiments and the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

3. Chronological Summary

In the following chronological summary, emphasis is placed on the activities of MAG-16's transport helicopters.

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MAG-16's UH-1E helicopters were used extensively throughout the Quang Nam province of RVN. A variety of missions were flown including; medical evacuation, medevac escort, recon inserts and extracts, re-supply escort, VIP flights, APD missions, visual reconnaissance missions, and "Fire-Fly" searchlight missions. VMO-2 and HML-167 continued to be closely associated in almost all operational commitments. Pilots from each squadron flew UH-1E gunships belonging to the other squadron due to a continued shortage of qualified UH-1E pilots. HML-167 continued to fly all UH-1E "slick" missions.

HML-167 averaged 41.1 hours and 113 sorties daily while VMO-2, less OV-10A's, flew 38.0 hours and 77 sorties each day. The OV-10A's flew 18 sorties and 44.4 hours daily, an increase of 6 hours over the daily flight time average during the month of August.

1 September - OV-10A's from VMO-2 were flown for 30.2 hours, while they directed 12 flights of fixed wing on assigned targets. The UH-1E "Huey" gunships of VMO-2 flew 32.0 hours, 4.5 hours of which were logged on an APD mission. HML-167's UH-1Es logged 30.3 hours of which 6.5 hours were logged on reconnaissance missions. HMM-265, in CH-46's, flew 44.0 hours and received small arms fire on numerous occasions while they worked in support of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST. Forty-two and one tenth flight hours were logged by pilots from HMM-164. Small arms and 50 caliber fire were received throughout the day, while 166 troops/passengers and 9.6 tons of cargo were moved. HMM-463's CH-53A's logged only 13.4 hours due to poor availability. Operation SCOTLAND II was supported. A total of 147 troops and 40.6 tons of cargo were transported. Major C. W. GOBAT and Lt C. L. BURKHART in a HEMS-16 CH-53A, WW-4, were taken under intense and accurate 50 caliber fire and received approximately 30 hits in the vicinity of Liberty Bridge. The aircraft was landed safely in a secure zone at Liberty Bridge, repairs were made and the aircraft was flown back to MMAF on 2 September.

2 September - HMM-164 flew 46.6 hours and carried 474 troops/passengers and lifted 41.7 tons of cargo. Small arms fire was received at coordinates BT 092653 which resulted in 4 hits and no injuries. CH-53A's from HMM-463 logged 18.6 hours and transported 92 troops, 20 NVA PW's and 107.1 tons of cargo. The only operation supported by HMM-463 was the ROKMC's Operation DRAGON PALACE III. The pilots of HMM-265 flew 43.0 hours while they lifted 22.7 tons of cargo and 354 troops/passengers. HMM-265 crews and aircraft supported Operation MAMELUKE THRUST. HML-167 flight crews logged 36.8 hours of which 7.3 hours were flown on visual reconnaissance missions. They also carried 73 passengers. The UH-1E's from VMO-2 logged 29.6 hours which included 2.1 hours on an APD mission for the First Marine Division. Small arms fire was received and returned at AT 847547. The OV-10A's were flown for 45.1 hours in support of the First and Third Marine Divisions. OV-10 crews directed 22 flights of fixed wing and two artillery missions against enemy targets.

3 September 1968 - HMM-362 flew 36.9 hours and carried 10 passengers, .9 ton of cargo and 61 medevacs. This was the squadron's first day of

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operations as a tenant squadron at Marble Mountain Air Facility. All UH-34 missions assigned were completed. Most of the flight time was in support of Operation LANCASTER II for the Third Marine Division. HMM-265 supported the First Marine Division with 34 hours while they lifted 23.4 tons and carried 206 troops/passengers. Small arms fire resulted in minor battle damage to squadron aircraft while they were operating in support of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST. The CH-46's of HMM-164 logged 46.2 hours and carried 606 troops/passengers and 39.9 tons of cargo. VMO-2 "Huey's" were flown for 77.8 hours which included 5.3 hours on two APD missions while reconnaissance insertions and extractions accounted for another 10.8 hours. While supporting the Fifth Marines in the vicinity of An Hoa, enemy fire was received at coordinates AT 858519, AT 863509, AT 855547, AT 839546 and AT 868516. HML-167 "Hueys" logged 34.9 hours during which 96 passengers were transported. Area visual reconnaissance missions accounted for 3.7 hours while a short APD mission accounted for 1.4 hours. The APD mission aircraft received fire at coordinates AT 823684. The OV-10A "Broncos" logged 38.6 hours while their aircrews directed 18 air strikes. Visual reconnaissance missions composed the majority of the OV-10A's assigned tasks.

4 September - "Hueys" from HML-167 were flown for 16.9 hours, 1.7 hours of which were flown on a road reconnaissance mission. VMO-2 UH-1E's were flown for 46.1 hours. Reconnaissance inserts and extractions accounted for 6.6 hours. Small arms and automatic weapons fire were received at coordinates AT 866520, AT 849543 and AT 855555 with negative injuries or damage reported. OV-10A's had a slow day with only 27.2 hours. The lack of activity was attributed to the approach of Typhoon "BESS". HMM-463 logged only 7.1 hours and carried 25 troops and 56.5 tons of external cargo. At 0800H, Detachment "Alfa" of HMM-463 which had been in operation at Quang Tri since late April, was returned to Marble Mountain Air Facility. From now on HMM-462, based at Phu Bai, must take over flight operations in the Northern I Corps area. H-34's from HMM-362 flew only 23.8 hours. The medevac package evacuated 19 emergency, 3 priority and 17 routine med-evacs. Three fire incidents were reported but the aircraft involved were not damaged. HMM-164 logged 32.8 flight hours and carried 244 troops/passengers and 39.4 tons of cargo. HMM-265 flew only 10 hours due to poor weather and aircraft availability. The squadron flew all 10 hours in support of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST.

5 September - Typhoon "BESS" came ashore just north of Hai Van Pass with heavy rains and high winds. All aircraft remained grounded because of the weather except the medevac aircraft of HMM-362. The medevac aircraft logged 3.1 hours and evacuated 6 emergency and 1 routine medevac.

6 September - VMO-2 logged 42.1 hours, of which 11.9 hours were flown on reconnaissance inserts and extracts. HML-167 UH-1E's were flown for 30.1 hours while 90 passengers were transported. Visual road and area reconnaissance accounted for 6.9 hours of the total time. Twenty-seven point five hours were logged by HMM-362 pilots. Day medevac accounted for 9.9 hours and night medevac accounted for 4.0 hours. Forty-two

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casualties were evacuated. The CH-46A's of HMM-265 carried 8.4 tons of cargo and 254 passengers/troops in 28.0 hours of flight time. Operations were limited again by poor weather. HMM-164 logged 66.0 hours and lifted 1277 troops/passengers and 37.8 tons of cargo. Small arms and automatic weapons fire were received at coordinates AT 855518, AT 841547 and AT 840510, with negative report of damage or injury. The CH-53A's were flown for 10.3 hours and transported 236 troops/passengers and 46.1 tons of cargo. While on Operation DRAGON PALACE III in support of the ROKMC, a CH-53A carried 13 medevacs. VMO-2's fixed wing pilots logged 29.2 hours in the OV-10A's and directed 10 flights of fixed wing. An OV-10A while on a VR mission located and maintained watch over two stranded marines in the ALLEN BROOK area and helped coordinate the rescue operation.

7 September - HMM-362 flew 23.6 hours, 10.7 hours of which were flown on a night medevac. CH-46's from HMM-265 flew 36.0 hours and transported 343 troops/passengers and 17.6 tons of cargo. HMM-164 crews logged 44.5 flight hours and carried 420 troops/passengers and 30.7 tons of cargo. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 32 priority casualties. HMM-463 carried 235 troops and 23.7 tons of cargo, in 12.2 flight hours. The only operation supported was Operation DRAGON PALACE III, sixty passengers were carried during 36.1 flight hours logged by HMM-167 aircrews. Four point five hours were flown on road and area visual reconnaissance while 3.9 hours were flown on the APD mission. VMO-2 UH-1E crews flew 35.7 hours and received and returned fire at coordinates BT 032609. OV-10A aircrews logged 38.4 hours and directed 10 flights of fixed wing against enemy fortifications and assembly areas.

8 September - Twelve hours were logged by HMM-463 crews with 14 troops and 31.2 tons of cargo carried. One UH-34D was administratively lifted from Marble Mountain Air Facility to HEMS-17 at Danang. VMO-2's fixed wing logged 47.7 hours while aircrews directed 22 fixed wing flights and one artillery mission. HMM-362 flew 29.3 hours with only 14 medevacs. All other H-34 missions were conducted in a routine manner. UH-1E's from VMO-2 were flown for 50.3 hours, 3.3 hours of which were spent on reconnaissance inserts and extracts. Small arms fire was received at coordinates AT 864538, with negative damage. With 4.6 hours flown on visual road and area reconnaissance and 1.8 hours flown on the APD mission, HMM-167 accumulated 54.9 flight hours. HMM-265 flew 49 hours and transported 13.7 tons of cargo and 253 troops/passengers. Mortars and small arms fire were received at coordinates AT 861542 and automatic weapons fire was received at coordinates AT 865506. CH-46's from HMM-164 were flown for 38.3 hours and carried 163 troops/passengers and 9.1 tons of cargo. Enemy activity did not effect squadron activities.

9 September - Nineteen airstrikes were controlled by OV-10 aircrews while they logged 39.0 flight hours. The UH-34D was administratively lifted from the ROK Command Post BT 13619 to MMAF, HMM-265 flew 29 hours, lifted $\frac{1}{2}$ ton and 240 troops/passengers. HMM-164 logged 46.9 flight hours while they transported 574 troops/passengers and 34.6 tons of cargo. Small arms fire was received at coordinates AT 860510. UH-34's flew 22.7 hours

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in support of the First Marine Division. Only 10 medevacs were evacuated by the medevac package. HML-167 flew 40.9 hours and transported 126 passengers. Two point eight hours were flown on a road and area reconnaissance and 7.2 hours on the "Firefly" mission. UH-1E's from VMO-2 logged 30.1 hours including 11.7 hours in reconnaissance inserts and extracts, plus one APD mission of 3.3 hours duration.

10 September - CH-53A helicopters flew 16.6 hours and transported 46 troops and 53.5 tons of cargo. HMM-164 aircrews were credited with 29.4 flight hours while they carried 253 troops/passengers and 21.0 tons of cargo. HMM-265 logged 30.0 hours and lifted 4.8 tons of cargo and 399 troops/passengers. UH-34's from HMM-362 flew 34.2 hours and evacuated 32 medevacs. Three fire incidents were reported with negative damage or injury. HML-167 flew area reconnaissance for 3.7 hours and APD for 1.5 hours and with all other missions accumulated 38.4 hours. VMO-2 logged 26.2 hours in the UH-1E and 53.1 hours in the OV-10A. "Hueys" flew 8.2 hours in support of the First Division Reconnaissance Battalion. One APD mission was flown for 2.0 hours flight time. The fixed wing aircrews directed 32 flights of fixed wing against a variety of enemy targets throughout the ICTZ. An OV-10A was scrambled to relieve another OV-10A on station after the crew sighted some road building equipment. The second OV-10A controlled 2 flights of fixed wing resulting in one road roller, one road grader, and one bridge destroyed. In the same action a supply area was damaged and two concrete bunkers uncovered

11 September - HML-167 aircraft carried 46 passengers in 45.4 flight hours. Area reconnaissance and APD accounted for 5.6 hours. Enemy fire was received and returned at coordinates AT 853506, AT 9149 and BT 0954. CH-46's from HMM-265 logged 27 hours. During a resupply mission at Thuong Duc Special Forces Camp, mortars were received with negative damage or injury to aircraft or crews reported. UH-1E's from VMO-2 were flown for 23.9 hours primarily in support of the First Marine Division. Reconnaissance team insertions and extractions required 8.5 hours. Enemy fire was received and returned at coordinates BT 019571 and ZC 042508. HMM-362 flew 35.4 hours with three fire incidents reported. The night medevac aircraft received three hits from automatic weapons fire at BT 067630. HMM-164 aircraft flew for 47.0 hours and transported 706 troops/passengers and 20.7 tons of cargo. Enemy fire was received at coordinates AT 861515, AT 9253, AT 855507, AT 865518 and ZC 191799 with no reported damage or injuries. The CH-53A's of HMM-463 logged 17.3 hours while they transported 53.2 tons of cargo and 47 troops. OV-10A's directed 22 fixed wing flights in direct and close air support attacks against the enemy. The OV-10A's logged a total of 53.2 flight hours.

12 September - HMM-463 flew 16.0 hours and lifted 4 troops and 45.1 tons of cargo. Operation LANCASTER II was the only operation supported by the CH-53's. "Hueys" from VMO-2 were flown for 35.9 hours with no significant events reported. HMM-362 flew 52.7 hours and evacuated 38 medevacs with no fire incidents reported. The CH-46's of HMM-164 logged 42.0 flight hours

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with 575 troops/passengers and 34.8 tons of cargo carried. Crews from HMM-265 flew 39.0 hours and carried 22.5 tons of cargo and 53 troops/passengers. Sixty millimeter mortar fire was received on three occasions at coordinates ZG 147536. Twenty-nine flights of fixed wing were directed by OV-10 crews in 54.1 hours. Numerous bunkers and structures were damaged or destroyed. HML-167 crews flew 35.9 hours and carried 127 passengers. Area reconnaissance required 5.0 hours to complete and no fire incidents were reported.

13 September - HMM-265 flew 24.0 hours in support of the First Marine Division with 117 troops/passengers and 12 tons of cargo lifted. The OV-10's from VMO-2 logged 45.9 hours while they accomplished TAC(A), VR, Artillery, Naval gunfire spotting and Photo reconnaissance missions. Twenty-six flights of fixed wing were directed against enemy positions and equipment. UH-34's from HMM-362 flew 35.2 hours and evacuated 31 medevacs. The night medevac crew was very active and flew 9.0 hours. Heavy lift CH-53 aircraft from HMM-463 flew 13.9 hours and moved 30 troops and 40 tons of cargo in general support of the Third Marine Amphibious Force. VMO-2 gunship crews flew 31.8 hours with 6.1 hours flown on reconnaissance insertions and extractions. HML-167 crews flew 42.0 hours and transported 53 passengers. HMM-164 flight crews moved 455 troop/passengers and 47.6 tons of cargo. The CH-46's flew on 12 medevac missions and evacuated 32 medevacs. Fifty caliber and automatic weapons fire was received at coordinates AT 8649 and AT 9863 with negative damage or injuries reported.

14 September - VMO-2 OV-10's flew 48.1 hours and directed 20 fixed wing airstrikes in direct and close air support missions. Medevac aircraft evacuated 74 medevacs while HMM-362 flew 42.6 hours. HMM-463 flew 23.9 hours and carried 96 troops and 82.5 tons of cargo. One UH-34D was recovered from the vicinity of Liberty Bridge and externalled to MMAF. One CH-53 was mortared out of Thuong Duc and therefore was unable to complete the mission. "Hueys" from HML-167 flew 62.6 hours and transported 123 passengers. Area reconnaissance and APD missions accounted for 6 hours of flight time. Enemy fire was received and returned at coordinates ZC 732510, ZC 200621, ZC 155499 and AT 185790. HMM-164 crews reported 53.1 flight hours with 445 troops/passengers and 25.7 tons of cargo transported. Enemy small arms fire was received at ZC 200621 and ZC 155499 resulting in 7 hits and 10 hits respectively with no injuries. VMO-2 gunships logged 52.1 hours with 3.2 hours flown on reconnaissance insertions. Thirty-seven hours were flown by HMM-265 flight crews while 6.2 tons of cargo and 324 troops/passengers were transported.

15 September - HMM-463 flew 24.6 hours and carried 29 troops and 61 tons of cargo from Danang to An Hoa. One US Air Force O-2 was externally lifted from Chu Lai to Danang Air Base. Slicks and gunships from HML-167 flew 25.8 hours and transported 11 passengers. Road reconnaissance required 2 hours with no significant sightings. Enemy fire was received and returned at coordinates AT 980560 and AT 949560. VMO-2 gunships logged 40 flight hours primarily in support of the First Marine Division. Four point three hours were flown on an APD mission into the Elephant Valley area. The OV-10's of VMO-2 flew 40.1 hours and directed 26 flights of fixed wing. HMM-362

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flew 36.7 hours with 14.1 hours flown by the night medevac aircraft. Forty-three casualties were evacuated by the daily medevac aircraft. CH-46's from HMM-265 flew 34 hours and lifted 110 troops/passengers and 9.9 tons of cargo. Enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire were received on several occasions with no damage or injuries reported. HMM-164 crews flew 48.2 hours and transported 612 troops/passengers and 21.5 tons of cargo. One aircraft was hit by enemy fire at coordinates AT 9557.

16 September - UH-34's from HMM-362 logged 42.7 hours with 45 casualties evacuated by medevac aircraft. The day medevac suffered 6 bullet holes as the aircraft departed a zone after a pick up. No injuries were reported and the aircraft damage was limited. HMM-463 flew 27.2 hours and carried 58.2 tons of cargo and 190 troops. CH-46's from HMM-164 logged 34.9 hours and transported 217 troops/passengers and 17.3 tons of cargo. Enemy fire was received at coordinates ZC 193853, ZC 193853, ZC211591, and AT 957437. "Huey" gunships from VMO-2 logged 33.7 hours, 4.8 hours of which were flown on an APD mission. The squadron's OV-10's flew 49.4 hours in support of the First and Third Marine Divisions. Twenty-two flights of fixed wing and four artillery missions were directed by the OV-10 crews. HML-167 "Hueys" had a busy day of 74.3 hours with 86 passengers transported. The CH-46's from HMM-265 flew 41 hours. Operation Mameluke Thrust was the only operation supported by HMM-265. The squadron aircraft carried 20.8 tons of cargo and 201 troops/passengers.

17 September - Fifty-four point seven flight hours were flown by HMM-164 with 398 troops/passengers and 31 tons of cargo lifted. Small arms fire was received at coordinates ZC 150745 and ZC 140765. HMM-265 supported the First Marine Division with 50 flight hours. Mortar fire was received in one zone at coordinates AT 900611 with no resultant damage or injuries. HMM-265 CH-46's lifted 33.7 tons of cargo and 103 troops/passengers. HMM-167 flew 51.3 flight hours and transported 127 passengers. Area reconnaissance was flown for 1.6 hours. Two HML-167 gunships received and returned fire at coordinates BT 023569 and BT 003583. The aircraft took no hits. UH-1E gunships from VMO-2 logged 46.0 flight hours, 4.5 hours of which were flown on an APD mission. Enemy fire was received and returned at coordinates ZC 193583, AT707590 and AT 956444. The OV-10's of VMO-2 directed 27 flights of fixed wing against enemy targets. The air strikes resulted in the destruction of several bunkers and structures. UH-34's from HMM-362 flew a total of 48.3 hours and evacuated 45 medevacs. Pilots reported four fire incidents from coordinates AT 844495 and AT 854509. Fourteen point six hours were flown by aircrews of HMM-463, during which 84 troops and 40.4 tons of cargo were lifted.

18 September - HML-167 crews flew 62.9 hours and transported 107 passengers. Reconnaissance insertions and extractions required 9.1 hours. Two gunships received and returned fire at coordinates ZC 083668 and ZC 151581 with negative report of damage or injuries. VMO-2 gunships flew 33.3 hours, 3.3 hours of which were flown on reconnaissance inserts and extracts. One point eight hours were also flown on an APD mission. The OV-10's flew 51.3 hours and directed 21 flights of fixed wing on enemy targets damaging or destroying several bunkers and structures. HMM-265 flew 43.9 flight hours

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and lifted 9.1 tons of cargo and 527 troops/passengers in support of the First Marine Division. Enemy small arms fire was received during support of Operation Mameluke Thrust and four hits were reported with minor damage to the aircraft. Small arms fire was received at coordinates AT 875650 and AT 970576. HMM-362 flew 47.1 hours and evacuated 73 medevacs. Two fire incidents were reported at coordinates AT 925718 and AT 901537 with no damage or injuries reported. CH-53A's from HMM-463 accumulated 22.5 flight hours and transported 194 troops and 23.5 tons of cargo from Danang to An Hoa. HMM-164 aircrews logged 51.7 flight hours and lifted 117 troops/passengers and 14.8 tons of cargo. Mortar fire was received at coordinates ZC 151581 and small arms fire was received at coordinates ZC 193080, ZC 082672 and ZC 083668 which resulted in one hit and no injuries. The CH-46's completed 6 medevac missions and evacuated 28 casualties.

19 September - The OV-10's of VMO-2 were flown for 48.5 hours and 28 flights of fixed wing were directed in close and direct air support missions. Gunships of VMO-2 logged 39.2 hours, 3.1 hours of which were flown on an APD mission in Elephant Valley. HML-167 "Hueys" were flown 40.9 hours and 98 passengers were transported. One area reconnaissance mission was flown which required 2.6 hours of flight time logged by crew members of HMM-362. No fire incidents were reported. HMM-164 flew 40.7 hours and lifted 419 troops/passengers and 27.5 tons of cargo. Small arms fire was received at coordinates AT 009576, AT 004512 and AT 002577 with negative damage reported. The "Heavy Haulers" of HMM-463 flew 21.3 hours and transported 95.4 tons of cargo and 55 combat troops in support of the First Marine Division. One UH-34D was lifted from the ROKMC CP to Marble Mountain Air Facility for repair. HMM-265 logged 33 flight hours and carried 215 troops/passengers and 1.8 tons of cargo. Enemy fire was received at coordinates AT 983581, ZC 168677, ZC 210660 and AT 992513 with negative damage or injuries reported.

20 September - Flight crews from HMM-164 flew 49.9 hours and transported 465 troops/passengers and 26.5 tons of cargo. Small arms fire was received at coordinates ZC 085540 and resulted in one passenger KIA. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 69 casualties. HMM-463 accumulated 16.1 hours and transported 154 passengers and 1.8 tons of cargo. Of the total flight time for the day, 5.8 hours were utilized in instrument procedure and aerial gunnery training. HMM-362 flight crews logged 44.5 hours and carried 25 medevacs. One aircraft received .30 cal fire at coordinates AT 963577 and suffered one hit with no injuries reported. Flight crews from VMO-2 flew 40.2 hours in their "huey" gunships with no significant activity reported. Fifty-one point seven flight hours were flown by the OV-10 aircrews. Twenty-one flights of fixed wing were directed against enemy targets during the day. With a road reconnaissance mission of 3.6 hours duration HML-167 flew 56.9 hours. No fire incidents were reported. In support of Operation Mameluke Thrust and the First Marine Division, HMM-265 flight crews logged 37 flight hours.

21 September - HMM-362 flew 49.2 hours and evacuated 93 medevacs. The medevac aircraft received small arms fire at coordinates BT 065712 with

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no hits reported. "Huey" slicks and gunships from HML-167 flew 55.6 hours and transported 75 passengers. Reconnaissance missions required 9.7 flight hours to complete. VMO-2 "Huey" gunships were flown for 53.3 hours in support of the First Marine Division. In 20.5 flight hours, HMM-463 transported 74 troops and 37.4 tons of cargo. One UH-34D was administratively lifted from LZ EAGLE at Camp Carroll to Phu Bai for repairs. HMM-265 flight crews logged 41 flight hours and carried 9.7 tons of cargo and 76 troops/passengers in support of Operation Mameluke Thrust. HMM-164 flew 38.2 hours and carried 710 troops/passengers and 43.4 tons of cargo. Enemy small arms fire was received on four occasions and resulted in two hits with negative injuries. OV-10 flight crews flew 54.0 hours and directed 35 air-strikes in support of the First and Third Marine Divisions.

22 September - At 0205H Marble Mountain Air Facility received 28 rounds of 82mm mortar fire which damaged 54 aircraft and 2 hangars. 1 minor WIA resulted from this attack. HMM-463 flight crews were airborne for 17.0 hours and lifted 47.8 tons of cargo and 304 troops. All assigned CH-53 missions were completed. The CH-46's of HMM-164 logged 28.5 flight hours and carried 459 troops/passengers and 11.5 tons of cargo. Intense enemy fire was received at coordinates ZC 152498 and ZC 160514 which resulted in 24 hits and 2 injuries. Lieutenant JOHN S. HYDE received a gun shot wound in the lower left leg and First Lieutenant THOMAS U. WALL received a shrapnel wound on the left side of his face. Twenty-two point four hours were flown by HMM-362. The night medevac aircraft received small arms fire, .30 cal fire and grenades while in a medevac zone at coordinates BT 068564 which resulted in an estimate of 30 hits and no injuries. The OV-10 "Broncos" were flown for 43.0 hours while their flight crews directed thirteen flights of fixed wing against enemy targets. While in support of the First Marine Division, one OV-10 aircraft received one .30 cal hit in the cockpit, which resulted in Echo damage to the aircraft and minor injury to the passenger. VMO-2 gunships flew 38.2 hours with no significant events to report. HML-167 "Hueys" flew 50.7 hours and transported 119 passengers. Reconnaissance insertions and extractions required 5 flight hours. One HML-167 gunship and one VMO-2 gunship received and returned fire at coordinates AT 977545. CH-46's from HMM-265 flew 49.2 hours and carried 16.9 tons of cargo and 584 troops/passengers. Intense enemy ground fire was received from coordinates ZC 204014, AT 987544 and BT 008588 with negative damage or injuries reported.

23 September - HMM-362 aircrews flew 27.4 hours and evacuated 25 medevacs. HML-167 "Hueys" flew only 20.7 hours and carried 107 passengers. Three point one hours were flown on road and area reconnaissance with no significant sightings. Aircrews from HMM-164 logged 22.9 flight hours and transported 195 troops/passengers and $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of cargo. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 42 casualties. OV-10 aircrews directed twelve flights of fixed wing on close and direct air support missions and logged 45.8 hours flight time. Thirty-one point four flight hours were flown by CH-53A aircrewmembers from HMM-463 while 95 troops and 82.6 tons of cargo were transported. HMM-265 flight crews logged 22.8 flight hours and lifted 5.9 tons of cargo and 315 troops/passengers. No fire incidents were reported.

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24 September - HML-167 "Huey" crews flew 40.1 flight hours and 67 passengers. Area reconnaissance required 8.0 flight hours and resulted in no significant sightings. VMO-2 gunships logged 42.3 hours, of which 6.4 hours were flown on reconnaissance insertions and extractions. Enemy fire was received and returned at coordinates BT 064602 with negative damage or injuries reported. HMM-265 aircrews flew 38.8 hours and lifted 156.3 tons of cargo and 172 troops/passengers. Six flights of fixed wing were directed by OV-10 aircrews and 49.6 hours were accumulated while these missions were conducted. In 22.2 flight hours HMM-463 aircrews carried 60.2 tons of cargo and transported 158 combat troops in support of the First Marine Division. One US Air Force O-2 was administratively lifted from Hue Citadel Airfield and returned to Danang Air Base. HMM-164 flight crews flew 16.9 hours and carried 126 troops/passengers and 1.6 tons of cargo with negative fire incidents reported. Flight crews logged 32.4 hours of flight time in the UH-34 for HMM-362. The medevac aircraft evacuated 23 emergency, 7 priority and 8 routine medevacs. Two fire incidents were reported at coordinates AT976804 and AT065444 with negative damage or injuries.

25 September - Forty-eight point nine flight hours were logged by OV-10 flight crews in support of the First and Third Marine Divisions. Direct and close air support missions were directed throughout the ICTZ which resulted in the destruction of numerous enemy positions. HMM-164 CH-46's logged 28.2 flight hours and carried 259 troops/passengers and lifted 12.6 tons of cargo. Two fire incidents were reported with negative damage or injuries. Thirty-four point five hours were flown by HMM-265 crews while they lifted 76 tons of cargo and 150 troops/passengers. Operation Mameluke Thrust was the only operation supported by the squadron's aircraft. VMO-2 "Hueys" were flown for 26.8 flight hours, 5.1 hours of which were on insertions and extractions. One emergency extract was attempted but had to be aborted due to extremely heavy small arms fire. Thirty-six point five hours were logged by HMM-362 flight crews in support of the First Marine Division. The medevac aircraft evacuated 25 casualties. The "Heavy Haulers" of HMM-463 flew 23.6 hours and transported 58 combat troops and 68.8 tons of cargo. One UH-1E was lifted out of the field at coordinates AT916713 and returned to Marble Mountain for repairs. Two administrative lifts were also conducted with one CH-46 carried from Quang Tri to H&MS-17 Danang Air Base and one UH-34D from Marble Mountain to H&MS-17 Danang Air Base. HML-167 flight crews transported 108 passengers in 33.7 flight hours. No significant sightings were reported from the 3.1 hours flown on area and road reconnaissance.

26 September - HMM-164 aircrews flew 18.3 hours and transported 150 troops/passengers and lifted 4.8 tons of cargo. Flight crews from HMM-265 flew 35.4 hours and lifted 25.2 tons of cargo and 254 troops/passengers. HMM-164 and HMM-265 flight operations were not effected by enemy ground actions. VMO-2 gunships were flown for 24.5 hours with no fire incidents reported. HMM-463 logged 28.1 hours and carried 154 troops and 91.5 tons of cargo. One CH-53 was sent to Prov M-39 and supported elements of the Third Marine Division along the DMZ. One UH-1E and one A-4E were lifted from Phu Bai Airfield to Danang Air Base as administrative aircraft recoveries.

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Flight crews from HML-167 logged 40.5 hours and carried 77 passengers while flying in support of the First Marine Division. Two HML-167 gunships received and returned fire at coordinates BT175575 with negative damage or injuries reported. Twenty-five flights of fixed wing were directed against enemy targets by OV-10 flight crews. The aircrews logged 42.8 flight hours and completed all assigned missions. One fire incident was reported by HMM-362 at coordinates ZC188800 with negative aircraft damage. Squadron pilots accumulated 28.1 hours and evacuated 28 casualties.

27 September - OV-10's flew 59.1 hours and their aircrews directed 25 flights of fixed wing aircraft in support of the First and Third Marine Divisions throughout the ICTZ. HMM-362 flew 48.4 hours and evacuated 35 casualties. One UH-34D sustained substantial damage in an accident on approach to landing on the First Hospital Co. helopad. VMO-2 "Huey" gunships were flown for 22.5 flight hours with no significant events reported. Forty point nine flight hours were flown by aircrews of HMM-164 with 596 troops/passengers and 17.5 tons of cargo lifted. Small arms fire was received at coordinates BT017606 and resulted in one hit and no injuries. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was received at the same coordinates and resulted in 7 hits and no injuries. HML-167 flight crews logged 40.5 hours and transported 157 passengers. A road and area reconnaissance flight of 5.0 hours resulted in no significant sightings. HMM-463 flew 28.5 hours and transported 256 troops and 74.1 tons of cargo. One UH-1E was administratively lifted from Phu Bai Airfield to H&MS-17 at Danang Air Base. CH-46 crews from HMM-265 logged 60.8 hours and lifted 46.7 tons of cargo and carried 605 troops/passengers. Enemy small arms fire resulted in one hit with minor damage to the aircraft and no injuries to personnel.

28 September - Eighty-five passengers were transported by flight crews from HML-167 while they accumulated 44.2 flight hours. Reconnaissance inserts and extractions required 12.2 flight hours to complete. "Huey" gunships from VMO-2 logged 55.1 flight hours and accumulated most of the flight time flying in support of the defensive forces at Thuong Duc. HMM-463 CH-53A's were flown 25.3 hours and lifted 115 troops and carried 109.7 tons of cargo. HMM-164 carried 445 troops/passengers and 24 tons of cargo in 43.8 flight hours. Thirty caliber fire was received at coordinates AT947507 and resulted in two hits and negative injuries. Three medevac missions were flown and 55 casualties were evacuated. Forty-six point three flight hours were logged by OV-10 flight crews as they directed 25 flights of fixed wing. HMM-362 aircrews logged 41.0 hours and evacuated 56 casualties. Four fire incidents were reported at coordinates ZC032570, ZC150532, ZC 145334 and ZC145330 which resulted in negative damage to aircraft and negative injuries. HMM-265 CH-46A's were flown for 42.0 hours and lifted 13.1 tons of cargo and 456 troops/passengers. No injuries or damage to aircraft were reported from 3 fire incidents.

29 September - HMM-463 flew 25.0 flight hours and lifted 181 troops and 81 tons of cargo. CH-46 crews from HMM-164 flew 38.9 hours and lifted 164 troops/passengers and 16.7 tons of cargo. Three enemy fire incidents were reported with negative damage or injuries. HMM-362 aircrews logged 50.5 flight hours, 9.4 hours of which were flown on a night medevac mission.

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The medevac aircraft evacuated 39 casualties from the field. VMO-2 "Huey" gunships were flown for 71.9 hours and worked extensively around the area of Thuong Duc. The OV-10 aircrews directed 33 flights of fixed wing during their 57.2 flight hours. Numerous air strikes were directed and coordinated by OV-10 aircrews airborne in the vicinity of Thuong Duc. HML-167 flight crews flew 45.3 hours and carried 90 passengers. APD and area reconnaissance missions required 10.0 flight hours and no significant sightings were noted. Victor Sierra-24 Alpha, a UH-1E slick, on the APD mission crashed and burned at coordinates AT 850635 and all crew members were killed. Crew members were, 1st LT. Lee M. HALSTEAD 094751, 1st LT. William A. VOSS 0100050, Corporal Stephen B. PUGH 2174420. Lance Corporal Terry B. DAY 2261407, Corporal C. B. WAGNER 2263370. HMM-265 flew 61.4 flight hours and lifted 22.8 tons of cargo and 405 passengers. Three fire incidents resulted in 1 hit and negative injuries.

30 September - OV-10 flight crews logged 41.4 flight hours in support of the First and Third Marine Division throughout the ICTZ. The aircrews directed 23 flights of fixed wing and 4 artillery missions working primarily in the Thuong Duc area. VMO-2 "Huey" gunships were flown for 41.3 hours. Two fire incidents were reported and negative damage to aircraft and no injuries were reported. "Huey" guns and slicks from HML-167 logged 51.9 flight hours and carried 68 passengers in support of the First Marine Division. Six point two flight hours were flown on area reconnaissance which resulted in negative significant sightings. HMM-362 flew 50.5 hours and evacuated 43 casualties. One fire incident was reported at coordinates ZC148534 with no recorded aircraft damage or injuries. CH-46's from HMM-164 logged 58.3 flight hours and carried 590 troops/passengers and 57.4 tons of cargo. Fifty caliber fire was received at coordinates AT833659 and resulted in 7 hits with negative injuries reported. Thirty caliber fire was received on two occasions at coordinates AT951548 resulted in two hits with negative injuries reported. HMM-265 flew 47.6 hours and carried 20.2 tons of cargo and 115 troops/passengers. Fifty caliber fire was received at coordinates AT144533 which resulted in two hits and negative injuries. The "Heavy Haulers" of HMM-463 lifted 117 troops and 133.5 tons of cargo in 32.4 flight hours. All CH-63 missions that were scheduled were completed.

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1. Personnel

- a. Number Joined 105
- b. Number Dropped 162
- c. Promotions
 - (1) 1stLt to Captain 2
 - (2) 2ndLt to 1stLt 3
 - (3) CWO-2 to CWO-3 2
 - (4) WO to CWO-2 2
 - (5) GySgt to MSgt 1
 - (6) Sgt to SSgt 2
 - (7) LCpl to Cpl 37
 - (8) PFC to LCpl 10
 - (9) Pvt to PFC 3

2. Awards

a. Distinguished Flying Cross Medal

Lieutenant Colonel Robert F. RICK	MABS-16
Major James B. BROWN	HEMS-16
Major Walter H. SHAUER	HMM-362
Captain Alexander A. FRISENDA	HEMS-16
Captain John K. TRAINOR	HEMS-16
Captain Lawrence M. ZIPSIR	HEMS-16
First Lieutenant John C. ROBERSON	HEMS-16
Commissioned Warrant Officer 2 William A. POE	HMM-265

b. Bronze Star Medal

Sergeant Joseph R. SETTERS	HEMS-16
Corporal Thomas T. QUIDAN	VMO-2

c. Purple Heart Medal

HEMS-16	3
MABS-16	2
VMO-2	2
HMM-164	2
HMM-265	2
HMH-463	2

d. Good Conduct Medal

HEMS-16	15
MABS-16	8

e. Air Medal

MABS-16	2
HMH-463	74
HML-167	16

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3. Casualties (Hostile)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1stLt	R. W. SIMS	18 September 1968	8 Miles S Danang, RVN
1stLt	R. G. WARREN	18 September 1968	8 Miles S Danang, RVN
PFC	T. L. GRIFFIN, Jr.	18 September 1968	8 Miles S Danang, RVN
Cpl	G. A. BINFORD	18 September 1968	8 Miles S Danang, RVN
HM2	C. E. HAWKINS	18 September 1968	8 Miles S Danang, RVN
Cpl	M. WESLEY	18 September 1968	16 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	W. T. SAIN	18 September 1968	Quang Nam Province, RVN
Cpl	S. B. LOSSASSO	22 September 1968	MMAF
1stLt	T. W. WALL	22 September 1968	Quang Nam Province, RVN
1stLt	J. S. HYDE	22 September 1968	3 Miles S Thuong Duc, RVN
1stLt	J. W. TEAGARDEN, III	28 September 1968	Thuong Duc, RVN
1stLt	M. L. HALSTEAD	29 September 1968	10 1/2 Miles SW Danang, RVN
1stLt	W. A. VOSS	29 September 1968	10 1/2 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	T. B. DAY	29 September 1968	10 1/2 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Cpl	S. B. PUGH	29 September 1968	10 1/2 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Cpl	C. B. WAGNER	29 September 1968	10 1/2 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Major	R. T. TRUNDY	30 September 1968	Quang Nam Province, RVN

4. Civic Action

a. Medical. During the month of September 1968, doctors and corpsmen from MAG-16 assisted at the Stella Maris Dispensary/Orphanage, the Protestant Orphanage, the Boys Town Orphanage and the Hoa Long Village Dispensary. In their continuing effort to win the trust and confidence of the local populace, the medical department treated 1966 patients and gave medical checkups to MAG-16 Vietnamese employees.

b. Education. MAG-16 continues to support sixteen (16) students under the General WALT Scholarship Program. Each student received \$1000VN in scholarship funds during the months of August and September.

c. Projects. Reconstruction of the Hoa Long Primary School has been completed. Repainting of the school is scheduled for the near future.

d. Give-Away. Popular Forces received 6000 sandbags plus four (4) cases of .30 caliber ammunition, two (2) cases of .30 caliber (linked) ammunition, one (1) case of M-79 rifle grenades and one (1) case of M-26 grenades. The Hoa Long Village School was donated 100 sheets of tin, 11 sacks of cement, 7 sheets of plywood, 20 feet of screen wire, 60 2X4"s and 200 pounds of clothing.

5. Morale-Welfare. During the month of September 1968, MAG-16 Chaplains provided Sunday and daily religious services at Marble Mountain Air Facility in addition to weekly services at An Hoa Airfield. The Group Catholic Chaplain also conducted masses at the chapels of the 5th Comm Bn. and MCB-128. The Chaplains ministry and allied activities are reflected in the following figures:

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<u>Divine Services</u>	<u>Sunday/Att</u>	<u>Weekday/Att</u>	<u>Total Services/Att</u>
Protestant	10 512	27 252	37 764
Catholic	14 836	24 120	34 956
<u>L.D.S.</u>	<u>4 44</u>	<u>4 37</u>	<u>8 81</u>
TOTALS	28 1392	55 409	79 1801

<u>Memorial Services</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
	1	75

a. Schedule of Weekly Religious Services:

<u>Sunday</u>	Catholic Confession	0730
	Catholic Mass	0800
	Protestant Sunday School	0900
	Protestant Divine Services	1000
	Latter Day Saints Services	1300
	Catholic Confession	1730
	Catholic Mass	1800
	Protestant Evening Services	1900
	Protestant Communion	2000
<u>Monday through Saturday</u>	Catholic Mass	1800
	Protestant Prayer Service	1900
<u>Thursday</u>	World Religious Classes (Interdenominational)	1830
<u>Saturday</u>	Protestant Choir Practice	1830

6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence. 330 fire incidents were reported during the month of September, this constitutes an increase of 18 from the month of August, 64 of these fire incidents resulted in aircraft hits, an increase of 16 from the previous month. The increase in fire incidents reflects a decrease in flight hours per fire incident. Flight hours per fire incident were 24.6 a decrease of 1.4 the month of August 1968. Flight hours per aircraft hit were 126.7 a decrease of 42.3 hours per aircraft hit over the previous month, while flight hours per aircrew Spot Report decreased 28.6 hours from 300.4 the previous month to 153.1 for the month of September. Enemy A/A fire was responsible for five (5) USMC KIA, seven (7) USMC WIA, crewman, one (1) KIA passenger and one (1) WIA passenger in MiG-16 aircraft.

7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-362</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>HMM-164</u>	<u>CH-46A/D</u>
(3-30 September 1968)			
Hours	1085.0	Hours	1176.2
Sorties	3046	Sorties	4412
Pax	1326	Pax	12,870
Evacs	1081	Evacs	561
Cargo (Tons)	33.9 T	Cargo (Tons)	699 T

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<u>HML-167</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>OV-10A</u>
Hours	1235.9	Hours	1141.1	1332.4
Sorties	3406	Sorties	2822	568
Pax	2586	Pax	42	--
Evacs	18	Evacs	271	--
Cargo (Tons)	--	Cargo (Tons)	--	--

<u>HMM-265</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>245th SAC</u>	<u>OV-1A,B,C/U-6A</u>
Hours	1101.8	Hours	751.0
Sorties	3606	Sorties	346
Pax	7770	Pax	--
Evacs	497	Evacs	--
Cargo (Tons)	544.6 T	Cargo (Tons)	--

<u>HMH-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>TAR</u>
Hours	578.9	6 UH-34 (5 Field, 1 Admin)
Sorties	1729	3 UH-1E (2 Field, 1 Admin)
Pax	3463	1 CH-46 (Admin)
Evacs	--	1 A-4E (Admin)
Cargo (Tons)	1888.7 T	2 O-2 (Admin)

<u>HAMS-16</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	50.7	29.0	11.9	91.6	Hours	8493.9
Sorties	24	26	6	56	Sorties	19,991
Pax	570	--	189	759	Pax	28,816
Evacs	--	--	--	--	Evacs	2428
Cargo (Tons)	10.1	--	20.5	30.6	Cargo (Tons)	3197.2 T

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

9. Motor Transport. During the month of September 1968, the Marble Mountain Air Facility Motor Transport Section traveled 63,721 miles, transported 36,481 passengers; hauled 230,800 gallons of water, 25,128 gallons of MOGAS, 119,304 gallons of JP-4 fuel, 19,325 gallons of diesel fuel, 1485 gallons of aircraft oil, and 2,021 short tons of cargo.

10. TAFDS. During the month of September 1968, the Marble Mountain Air Facility TAFDS Section issued the following amounts of fuel to the locations indicated:

<u>STATION</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	142,772	749,715
An Hoa	7,679	187,891
Hill 55	--	19,695
Totals	150,451	957,301

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By direction

NON-HOSTILE. 26 August 1968. Motor Transport Lot, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN. Marine was carrying water jug and fell breaking jug and cutting hand.

RANK	NAME	SENO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
1LT	GOTSHALL, R. E.	2351767/3531	NABS-16	N/A

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.10, paragraph 6c

1. In compliance with reference (a), the intelligence input for the MAG-16 Command Chronology for August 1968 is submitted herein.

2. Ground Activity. During the month of August the enemy conducted the following attacks against Marble Mountain Air Facility.

23 August - 17 Rounds of 82mm Mortars

31 August - 19 Rounds of 82mm Mortars

3. Antiaircraft Fire Incidents.

a. 312 fire incidents were reported during the period, up 58 from the previous month; 48 of which resulted in aircraft hits; down 6 from the previous month.

b. Enemy AA fire caused 6 USMC KIA, crew
8 USMC WIA, crew
3 Passengers WIA

4. Intelligence Information.

a. 27 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is an increase of 2 from the previous month.

b. 2 reports of intelligence were received from indigenous sources; down 8 from the previous month.

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