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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	1-30 June 1968
XO, MAG-16	R. LEWIS, Jr.	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
Adjutant	G. J. MAREK	1stLt	1-30 June 1968
S-1 Officer	F. W. CRONE	Major	1-30 June 1968
S-2 Officer	R. G. FLYNN	Captain	1-30 June 1968
S-3 Officer	F. M. KLEPPSATTEL, Jr.	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
S-4 Officer	T. F. MILLER	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
CO, H&MS-16	M. G. ROBBINS	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
CO, MABS-16	W. E. SMILANICH, Jr.	LtCol	1-29 June 1968
CO, MABS-16	R. F. RICK	LtCol	30 June 1968
CO, VMO-2	S. J. FULTON	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
CO, HML-167	G. H. DUNN III	Major	1-30 June 1968
CO, HMM-265	W. L. WHELAN	Major	1-4 June 1968
CO, HMM-265	R. J. EDWARDS	LtCol	5-15 June 1968
O in C, HMM-265 Det "A"	R. L. YANKE	Major	16-30 June 1968
CO, HMM-164	R. F. RICK	LtCol	16-29 June 1968
CO, HMM-164	W. E. SMILANICH, Jr.	LtCol	30 June 1968
CO, HMM-163	R. G. COURTNEY	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
CO, HMM-463	J. G. WALKER	LtCol	1-30 June 1968
CO, 245th SAC	J. B. CARLISLE	Major AUS	1-30 June 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
HML-167 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-265 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-15 June 1968
HMM-265 Det. "A" - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 16-30 June 1968
HMM-164 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 16-30 June 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	52	535	Ø	Ø
MABS-16	20	657	3	21
VMO-2	46	166	1	Ø
HMM-163	47	184	1	Ø
HMM-164	41	188	1	Ø
HMM-265	50	195	1	Ø
HML-167	24	100	Ø	Ø
HMM-463	53	276	1	Ø

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1. Special Operations

a. Operation LANCASTER III	1-30 June 1968
b. Operation KENTUCKY	1-30 June 1968
c. Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA	1-30 June 1968
d. Operation SALINE/NAPOLEON	1-30 June 1968
e. Operation MUSCATINE	1-30 June 1968
f. Operation SCOTLAND II	1-30 June 1968
g. Operation ALLEN BROOK	1-30 June 1968
h. Operation BRILLIANT DRAGON V	1 June 1968
i. Operation NEVADA EAGLE	1-30 June 1968
j. Operation MAMELUKE THRUST	1-30 June 1968
k. Operation DRAGON PALACE	2-30 June 1968
l. Operation SWIFT SABER	11-14 June 1968

2. General Summary

a. Marine aircraft supported Army, Navy, ARVN, ROK and Marine units throughout the ICTZ during the month.

b. HMM-265 and HMM-164 were used extensively in reconnaissance inserts and extracts.

c. During the month, HMM-265 and HMM-164 augmented the normal med-evac package and worked supporting Operations ALLEN BROOK and MAMELUKE THRUST.

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a. On 9 June, 1968 Major General Samuel J. ANDERSON, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 for an Awards Ceremony, in which he presented two (2) Bronze Star Medals and five (5) Purple Heart Medals. He also attended a social function at the MAG-16 CO's quarters.

b. On 17 June 1968, Major General ROBERTSON, Commanding General First Marine Division, attended a social function at the MAG-16 CO's quarters.

c. On 19 June 1968, Brigadier General, J. E. WILLIAMS, Assistant Division Commander, First Marine Division, toured and attended a briefing at Marble Mountain Air Facility.

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d. Aircraft from HMH-463 at Marble Mountain and Detachment "ALFA" aircraft at Quang Tri worked continuously resupplying and relocating elements of the 3rdMARDIV located in northern ICTZ.

e. HML-167 provided pilots on a temporary basis to HML-367 and VMO-6 while these squadrons experienced a critical pilot shortage.

3. Chronological Summary

1 June - CH-53A aircraft supported Operations MAMELUKE THRUST and SCOTLAND II carrying 119.8 tons of cargo during the day.

2 June - All Squadrons conducted normal operations.

3 June - HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft supporting Operation ALLEN BROOK lifted 46 Marines, 11 tons of cargo, 21 medevacs and 3 NVA prisoners while receiving fire on ten (10) different occasions. HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft supported Operations SCOTLAND II, NAPOLEON/SALINE and KENTUCKY II.

4 June - At 0140H, HMM-265 CH-46A "Bald Eagle" aircraft made an emergency extract of three (3) survivors of a fifteen (15) man reconnaissance team that had been overrun. Other aircraft returned later in the morning and recovered the bodies of the remainder of the team.

5 June - HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft carried the following administrative TARs: three (3) UH-34Ds, one (1) UH-1E and one (1) CH-46A. HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft extracted 67 medevacs during the day under heavy mortar, small arms and 50 caliber fire while supporting Operation ALLEN BROOK.

6 June - One (1) VMO-2 UH-1E gunship received one round through the nose bubble causing serious injury to the pilot and slight damage to the aircraft. HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft carried two (2) UH-34D TARs one (1) of which was a field recovery and the other an administrative move.

7 June - HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft carried two (2) UH-34D TARs, one (1) of which was a field recovery and the other an administrative move.

8 June - HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft supported Operations ALLEN BROOK, MAMELUKE THRUST, SCOTLAND II, NAPOLEON/SALINE and KENTUCKY carrying 119 tons of cargo. HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft on a reconnaissance insert were forced to abort due to heavy enemy fire.

9 June - CH-53A aircraft carried 132 tons of cargo in support of operations throughout the ICTZ.

10 June - HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft flew in support of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST receiving small arms and mortar fire. These aircraft carried 76 troops, 5.5 tons of cargo and 7 medevacs. HMH-463 CH-53A aircraft carried 158.3 tons of cargo in support of Operations MAMELUKE THRUST, ALLEN BROOK, SCOTLAND II and NAPOLEON/SALINE.

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11 June - The aircraft of HMM-463 carried 200 tons of cargo and 654 troops supporting Operations ALLEN BROOK, SCOTLAND II and KENTUCKY. Two (2) UH-34Ds were recovered from the field and one (1) UH-34D was carried administratively.

12 June - While supporting Operation ALLEN BROOK, one (1) HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft was downed after receiving 19 hits in a landing zone while attempting to pickup medevacs; later in the day the crew was returned to MMAF. CH-53A aircraft moved 197 tons of cargo during the day in support of 3rdMARDIV units along the DMZ, in the vicinity of Khe Sanh and the Cua Viet.

13 June - The CH-46A aircraft downed on 12 June was successfully recovered from the field by a CH-53A Sea Stallion. HMM-167 UH-1E gunships received and returned fire on four (4) occasions while escorting CH-46A medevac aircraft.

14 June - Two (2) VMO-2 UH-1E gunships were credited with four (4) KBAs. One (1) HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft made a forced landing in the vicinity of Liberty Bridge due to intense enemy fire. HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft carried 168 tons in support of units in the northern IGTZ.

15 June - The command group of HMM-265 departed MMAF at 1200H for the USS Valley Forge, LPH-3; the remainder of the Squadron (Detachment "A") remained at MMAF under the operational control of MAG-16. HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft recovered one (1) CH-46 from the field and moved another administratively. While supporting the 1stMARDIV, VMO-2 UH-1E gunships were credited with destroying four (4) structures, damaging two (2) more, one (1) KBA confirmed and six (6) KBA possible.

16 June - HMM-164 began operations at MMAF after arriving from SLF "B" aboard the USS Valley Forge. CH-53A aircraft flew three (3) TARs, administratively carrying two (2) A-4Cs and one (1) UH-34D. Detachment "A" of HMM-265 and HMM-163 conducted routine operations.

17 June - While supporting Operations KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND II and LANCASTER, five (5) CH-53 aircraft carried 217 tons of cargo and 378 combat troops.

18 June - One (1) HMM-265 Detachment "A" CH-46A aircraft made an emergency landing due to engine failure; the aircraft was repaired later by a maintenance recovery team and flown back to MMAF. HMM-463 CH-53A Sea Stallion aircraft carried five (5) TARs recovering two (2) UH-1Es and one (1) UH-34D from the field and moving two (2) other UH-34Ds administratively.

19 June - One (1) HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft (YH-17) missing since 19 February 1968 was found crashed at ZC197247 which is 16.5 NM on the 310° radial of the Danang TACAN. One (1) CH-46A crashed at Khe Sanh

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causing strike damage to the aircraft and minor injury to one crewman. Also, one (1) HMM-265 Detachment "A" CH-46A aircraft made a forced landing at Hill 37 because of transmission trouble.

20 June - HMM-265 Detachment "A" CH-46A aircraft down at Hill 37 was returned to MMAF.

21 June - All squadrons conducted normal operations.

22 June - HMM-164 CH-46A aircraft carried 712 troops and 17 tons of cargo in support of Operations ALLEN BROOK and MAMELUKE THRUST.

23 June - HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft recovered one (1) UH-1E from the field and moved one (1) CH-46A administratively.

24 June - All squadrons conducted normal operations.

25 June - HMM-164 CH-46A aircraft transported 254 troops and 52 medevacs.

26 June - One (1) HMM-463 Detachment "A" CH-53A at Quang Tri was forced to fly single engine from Camp Carroll to Quang Tri due to engine failure; the aircraft was unable to land and remain at Camp Carroll due to incoming mortar fire.

27 June - VMO-2 UH-1E aircraft were credited with ten (10) confirmed KBA. At 0119H, seven (7) 122mm rockets impacted at MMAF causing two (2) WIA, one (1) KIA, minor damage to ten (10) UH-34D and one (1) U.S. Army UH-1D as well as inflicting limited damage on area SEA huts.

28 June - HMM-164 CH-46A aircraft evacuated 93 medevacs from Operations MAMELUKE THRUST and ALLEN BROOK areas. HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft carried 193 tons of cargo in support of Operations SCOTLAND II and NAPOLEON/SALINE.

29 June - At 0145H twenty (20) 82mm mortars impacted at MMAF causing two (2) WIA and minor damage to one (1) bunker. HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft carried 163 tons of cargo while supporting Operations SCOTLAND and KENTUCKY.

30 June - All squadrons conducted routine operations.

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1. Personnel

- a. Number Joined 467
- b. Number Dropped 424
- c. Promotions:
 - (1) GySgt to MSgt 2
 - (2) SSgt to GySgt 3
 - (3) Sgt to SSgt 3
 - (4) Cpl to Sgt 41
 - (5) LCpl to Cpl 17
 - (6) PFC to LCpl 27
 - (7) Pvt to PFC 3

2. Awards:

- a. Bronze Star Medal

Lance Corporal Peter M. McHUGH	HML-167
Lance Corporal Richard L. WADE	VMO-2

3. Casualties

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1stLt	R. W. McILVIAN III	2 June 1968	19 Miles S Danang, RVN
Capt	W. E. DANIEL	4 June 1968	11 Miles S Danang, RVN
Major	T. M. WHEELER	5 June 1968	12 Miles SSW Danang, RVN
1stLt	A. T. RASK, Jr.	5 June 1968	12 Miles SSW Danang, RVN
Cpl	D. G. PADGETT	5 June 1968	12 Miles SSW Danang, RVN
Capt	D. W. KOCH	6 June 1968	46 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Cpl	Z. H. DONALDSON	11 June 1968	9 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	J. P. McMAHON	12 June 1968	10 Miles S Danang, RVN
Sgt	G. S. MARTIN	14 June 1968	11 Miles S Danang, RVN
Cpl	D. M. GILROY	14 June 1968	10 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	S. J. WILLIAMSON	19 June 1968	An Hoa, RVN
LCpl	T. J. HOGAN	19 June 1968	An Hoa, RVN
Cpl	A. J. KENNEDY	19 June 1968	An Hoa, RVN
HM-2	S. G. TOLAN	26 June 1968	An Hoa, RVN
Sgt	J. J. OLIVER	26 June 1968	8 Miles S Danang, RVN
Cpl	R. W. HILBORN	26 June 1968	8 Miles S Danang, RVN

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increase of 14.7 hours per fire incident from the previous month. In a like manner, flight hours per aircraft hit were 140.4, an increase of 64.7 hours per aircraft hit from the previous month, while hours per air-crew spot report decreased 202.9 from 463.7 the previous month to 260.8 for the month of June.

7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-265 (1-15)</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>Det "A"(16-30)</u>	<u>HMM-164(16-30)</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>
Hours	645.3	270.3	Hours	489.8
Sorties	2283	944	Sorties	1868
Pax	3916	1355	Pax	1738
Evacs	756	145	Evacs	395
Cargo (Tons)	349.7 T	147.4 T	Cargo (Tons)	298.0 T

<u>HMH-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>TAR</u>
Hours	1082.6	UH-34D - 28 (19 Admin; 9 Field)
Sorties	3853	UH-1E - 7 (5 Admin; 2 Field)
Pax	8763	CH-46 - 5 (2 Admin; 3 Field)
Cargo (Tons)	4280.4 T	A-4C - 2 (2 Admin)
		O-1 - 1 (1 Admin)

<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>O-1C/G</u>	<u>HML-167</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>
Hours	1260.6	803.2	Hours	1051.5
Sorties	3231	306	Sorties	3165
Pax	195	- -	Pax	2057
Evacs	293	- -	Evacs	2

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<u>HMM-163</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>245th SAC</u>	<u>OV-1B/C, U-6A</u>
Hours	1661.9	Hours	876
Sorties	5736	Sorties	405
Pax	3168	Pax	- -
Evacs	982	Evacs	- -
Cargo (Tons)	264.4 T	Cargo (Tons)	- -

<u>H&MS-16</u>	<u>C-119D</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Hours	63.8	45.4	2.1	111.3	Hours	8252.5
Sorties	75	30	3	108	Sorties	21,899
Pax	927	- -	- -	927	Pax	22,119
Evacs	- -	- -	- -	- -	Evacs	2573
Cargo (Tons)	16.4	- -	- -	16.4	Cargo (Tons)	5356.3 T

8. Ground Defense. During the month additional bunkers and defensive positions were built and existing bunkers were improved. Concertina wire was layed along the MM4F beachfront.

9. Motor Transport. During the month of June 1968, the Marble Mountain Air Facility Motor Transport Section traveled 61,710 miles, hauled 1,590,900 gallons of water, 20,200 gallons of MOGAS, 15,600 gallons of diesel fuel, 990 gallons of A/C oil, 1864 short tons of cargo and transported 34,333 passengers.

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

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR MONTH OF MAY

1. On 1 May 1968 Major General Norman J. ANDERSON, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 for Marine Observation Squadron 2, Marine Air Base Squadron 16 and Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 16 change of Command ceremonies.
2. On 3 May 1968 Brigadier General GLICK visited and toured Marine Aircraft Group 16.
3. On 15 May 1968 Brigadier General HILL visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 to observe damage from rocket attack of 12 May 1968.
4. On 19 May 1968 Brigadier General HILL had lunch with Staff NCOs and presented awards.
5. On 20 May 1968 Major General ANDERSON visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 to inspect damage of mortar attack from previous evening.
6. On 20 May 1968 Brigadier General HISE visited Marine Aircraft Group 16 to inspect damage of mortar attack from previous night.
7. On 20 May 1968 Major General ANDERSON attended cocktails and dinner at Marine Aircraft Group 16.

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