

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2
Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, TAF, Pacific
c/o HHC, San Francisco, California 96602

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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

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1. In accordance with reference (a), the subject report is submitted

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PART I: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	Major R. A. PLAMONDON
b. Executive Officer	Major R. M. COOKE
c. Operations Officer	Major V. W. HAZELBAKER
d. Material Officer	Major R. A. GOVONI
e. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Captain R. E. BROWN

2. MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 2
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First Marine Aircraft Wing, III MAF
Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

3. Average monthly Strength: 37 Officers, 121 Enlisted

PART II: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of October, VMO-2 was heavily committed to "Operation Prairie," being conducted in Quang Tri Province, just south of the DMZ by a multi-battalion force of U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese forces. Our operations in the Danang TAOR were limited to providing the armed escort for the MAG-16 med-evac. mission and our daily commitment of two aircraft to the III MAF. Crews averaged three to five days at Dong Ha in support of "Prairie" and found the relief rotation back to Marble Mountain a welcome break. While engaged up north, the Squadron maintained an average of seven aircraft on a 24 hour alert for reconnaissance team insert and extraction missions, our requirement of three planes for command and control liaison for the Commanding Officers of the 3rd and 4th Marine Regiments respectively and the commanding General Task Force Delta, and our normal escort mission for the med-evac aircraft. VMO-2 lost two aircraft in the latter days of October when Major R. M. COOKE crashed into a tree on a night med evac escort in marginal weather. About an hour later, Major V. W. HAZELBAKER flew into the ground trying to locate Major COOKE, fortunately, there were no serious injuries though both helicopters were totally destroyed. Though frequent bad weather hampered flight operations, VMO-2 managed to fly over 1000 hours for MAG-16 and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. We are anticipating being able to provide the same service in the winter months ahead.

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1 OCT 66: WIC-2 flew our normal daily Danang VIP hops in support of the III MAF, our armed med evac escort ship was able to provide suppressive fire at coordinates BT017524 and BT016534, aiding in the successful evacuation of 1 U.S. and 1 ARVN casualty. In the Dong Ha area, one "Huey" with armed escort made an emergency retraction of a reconnaissance team in contact with the enemy. Several newspaper correspondents were carried to ZD985612 in the Operation "Prairie" operating area.

2 OCT 66: The med evac armed gunship provided covering fire on two separate occasions as the evacuation helicopter received four hits on one mission and sniper fire on another. Six hundred rounds of 7.62 mm were expended. Two gunships in the Dong Ha area provided cover for a CH-46A lift of the 2nd Battalion of the 5th Marines to YD081614.

3 OCT 66: The med evac ship flew in support of HMM-263 to 8 different zones. On the last mission, a V.C.S. was spotted swimming down the river. Upon investigation, the gunship received five hits from AT984586 of .30 cal. automatic weapons fire. Two gunships at Dong Ha were launched in support of HMM-265 lifting one ARVN Battalion. Two aircraft were placed at the disposal of the CG Task Force "Delta" for command and control liaison. Finally, in the same area, four "Hueys" were ordered to perform an emergency extraction of a five man reconnaissance team from the 1st Force Reconnaissance Co. The mission was completed without incident.

4 OCT 66: WIC-2 flew several escort missions involving ARVN med evacs. On one of these the enemy fired upon the evac aircraft from across a river. The escort bird immediately placed suppressive fire upon the area indicated by the ground forces. In response, the enemy popped many yellow smoke grenades and firing ceased. Two Thousand rounds of 7.62mm ammunition were expended. Four "Hueys" were involved in an insertion and two retractions of three different five man reconnaissance teams in the Dong Ha area. Around 1200, one slick "Huey" was launched to search for a missing member of one of these teams. He was not found on this trip, so the Sparrow Hawk reaction Force was alerted to find the wayward Marine. The force was not launched as the errant Marine, realizing his predicament, popped a yellow smoke grenade from his position when one of the search aircraft flew over him. He was identified and pick-up. The Commanding Officer 4th Marines was taken to the USS Repose, Dong Ha, Khe Sanh, and the CP's of his various battalions. The CG III MAF was carried to Dong Ha to visit 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines and units of the ARVN in the area. While overflying a recently bombed village, the aircraft received a hit with resultant minor damage and minor injury to our distinguished passenger.

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5 Oct 66: Two "Hueys" escorted by two Army gunships inserted a five man recon team from 3rd Recon. Battalion, with no incident, in the Dong Ha area. The CO 4th Marines was taken to the CP's of the 3rd Battalion 4th Marines, 2nd Battalion 9th Marines, 3rd Battalion 12th Marines and the 2nd Battalion 5th Marines. On a med evac escort mission, 2 gunships saw V.C./NVA troops on a ridgeline and took them under fire. The enemy dispersed.

6 Oct 66: The Med evac helicopter was escorted to AT875470 for the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines; to AT921789 for the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines; to AT946679 for an ARVN unit; and to AT931682 for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines. There was no fire on any of these missions. Our III MAF escort bird took the Chief of Staff III MAF to the U.S.S. REPOSE for change of Command Ceremonies.

7 Oct 66: HMM-263 med evac was escorted on an emergency mission to AT920547, with no incident. An hour later the med evac was sent to BTO25625 for the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines for 1 U.S. casualty. In the evening, the med evac went to ZC144532 to remove on Australian emergency malaria case, without landing. the med evac then removed another emergency U. S. wounded from the position of the 3rd Battalion 1st Marines at Dong Ha. VMO-2 flew one insertion and one extraction plus armed escort for an H-34 on a VIP mission. The Assistant CG of the 1st MAW flew as co-pilot on a reconnaissance hop over the entire Dong Ha operating area. Three "Hueys" were launched on another recon insertion, but the mission was cancelled when the team refused to go in.

8 Oct 66: Several med evac escort missions were flown, all with no fire or incident. Two gunships escorted Ch46As from HMM-265 on a drone recovery mission. No fire was received. Inserts, and med evac missions were flown at Dong Ha, along with our regular Command and Control missions for regimental Commanders

9 Oct 66: The med evac was escorted on two emergency med evacs from BTO30648 where three persons were removed from an auto wreck, and from AT953812 for WIA. Later in the day the med evac was sent to BTO43620 for one civilian for the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines and for three WIA at AT075672 for Echo Co., 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.

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10 Oct 66: On a relatively quiet day, the med evac was escorted to BT025625 and to BT067513.

11 Oct 66: Our commitment at Dong Ha required the med evac mission at Danang to be fulfilled by VM0-6 of MAG-36. Our status improved during the day and we were able to relieve them at 1800. Our daily VIP commitment in the Danang TACZ was kept.

12 Oct 66: The med evac mission was escorted in the Danang TACZ along with the III MAF VII mission. At Dong Ha, VM0-2 flew recon, insertions and extraction missions without incident.

13 Oct 66: In the Danang area, 12 med evac missions were flown without receiving enemy fire. Two gunships escorted CG III MAF in his "Huey" to Dong Ha to join the party of the Secretary of Defense, who was observing that area. The Secretary, with CG MAC-V was escorted from Dong Ha to the DFC, to Khe Sanh and back to Dong Ha, later in the day three recon insertions were made.

14 Oct 66: Five insertion and four extraction were made at Dong Ha of five recon teams. A three man team was launched with escort in two slick "Hueys" to recover an M-79 grenade launcher which had been lost in one of the previous extractions. The weapon was found with no incident. MH-164 was escorted on a troop lift to YN25734. One wounded VC suspect was picked up and taken to Delta med.

15 Oct 66: At Danang six med evac escort missions were flown. One med evac was flown at Thu Bai and one insertion and one extraction were made at Dong Ha to coordinates ZD9253 and XD9351 respectively.

16 Oct 66: The CC of the 3rd Marines was transported to ME9857 as part of our Dong Ha command and control mission requirement. We provided armed escort for an emergency extraction of a recon team by MH-164 from coordinates GC1970. Three med evac missions were flown in the Danang TACZ.

17 Oct 66: At Danang, nine med evac missions were flown without incident. Two recon slicks were provided into coordinates ME541 without observable effect. CG 1st MAFINE Division was carried to several of the landing areas in the Dong Ha area.

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18 Oct 66: On the Danang med evac escort mission, the armed "Huey" was shot down at AT827338 while escorting two CH46A's on a pick up of 30 wounded ARVN. There were no injuries and the plane was left in a secure zone while the crew returned with the CH46A's.

19 Oct 66: The med evac was escorted on 16 missions at Danang with no incident. Gunships escorted HMM-164 in retrieving the downed "Huey" from the previous day. A reaction force was inserted to protect the recovery crews, but there was no contact. A fixed wing strike was controlled at coordinates AT848443 on a suspected enemy position.

20 Oct 66: At Phu Bai, our gunship escorted HMM-263 on three routine med evac missions. On two succeeding recon insertions, the troop helos came under heavy enemy fire and 4000 rounds of 7.62mm and 19 2.75 rockets were delivered in suppressive fire. Artillery strikes were called in following the first mission and air strikes following the second. Neither recon team was able to stay in the zone and both were removed. At Danang 8 med evac missions were flown.

21 Oct 66: One slick carried the CO of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines on reconnaissance of the vicinity of AT849369 to look for a helo landing zone. Later one gunship was launched to escort HMM-164 during the troop lift to AT849369. The landing zone was prepared by fixed wing jets prior to the landing, controlled by VMO-2 TAC (A). The zone was marked by the gunship and cover was flown for the entire mission. The med evac was escorted on 11 missions around Danang. Four recon team insertions and two extractions were made at Dong Ha, both of the later were made under enemy small arms fire. There were no hits nor injuries, however.

22 Oct 66: Four med evac missions were escorted by gunships for 1st Battalion, 9th Marines in the Danang TAOR. One med evac escort was flown for the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines in the same area. On this mission both the med evac bird and the gunship received heavy enemy fire, each aircraft sustaining several hits, the H34 was forced to land in a secured zone nearby, while the "Huey" made it back to MMAF. A crew from HMM-263 was later escorted to recover the downed H-34. At Dong Ha two "Hueys", escorted by Army gunships, accomplished an extraction of a five man recon team from XD988634. The mission was made extremely hazardous by marginal weather in the landing zone, forcing the escort gunships to orbit away in a clear area. The "Huey" went in alone and extracted the team, which was surrounded by VC/NVA. The team assisted the VMO-2 slick by accurate rifle fire and grenade throwing.

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23 Oct 66: One gunship was sent as escort for HMM-265 on an emergency resupply mission south of An Hoa. The mission was cancelled twice, due to the weather. The gunship was able to complete one emergency med evac in the interim. When the weather lifted and the supply mission was launched the escort ship provided close suppressive fire into an area from which the supply birds had received fire. During a gun run, the escort received a hit, striking the gunner on his flack vest. He was unhurt, but thrown across the cabin. The mission was completed and the gunship landed at An Hoa for temporary repairs. Med evacs in the Danang complex were limited to emergency only, as the weather was very poor. At Dong Ha, two recon teams were extracted without incident in marginal weather.

24 Oct 66: On a night med evac escort mission in poor weather, the VMO-2 Executive Officer crashed into a tree and then into the ground. Due to a problem in communications, his accident was not immediately known and it wasn't until an hour later that our Operations Officer launched to look for him, unfortunately, due partly to weather and anxiety, this pilot also flew into the ground. Communications were quickly established by emergency radio and a swift pick up was affected. The first crew was located and all were evacuated without further delay. Injuries were minor, though both aircraft were totally destroyed. As the day progressed, four insertion and retractions of recon teams were made and the various Regimental CO's were taken to their Battalion CP's. The CG III MAF was flown to Dong Ha to visit 2nd Battalion 5th Marines and the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Three Med evacs were escorted in the Danang area with no fire incidents reported.

25 Oct 66: Three Med evacs were escorted for HMM-263 at Danang, there was no fire received.

26 Oct 66: All our available aircraft being at Dong Ha, Our commitments in the Danang TAOR were assumed by VMO-6 from MAC-36. At Dong Ha we flew two recon insert/retractions and three command and control hops with the Regimental CO's and the CG Task Force "Delta"

27 Oct 66: At Dong Ha, VMO-2 escorted 6 med evacs for HMM-161, managed to pick up 7 emergency med evac by one slick from YD935475 for the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, and flew 29 sorties in accomplishing five different command and control/VIP missions. Two routine recon team extractions were made, one recon team was inserted. This team ran into enemy in close proximity and was extracted under fire. That same team attempted another insertion approximately 2500 meters to the east of the first zone later that day. Again the enemy was contacted 75 meters from the landing zone. Under a protective screen of fire from Army escort gunships they were again extracted. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

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28 Oct 66: Again at Dong Ha, our Danang operations assumed by VMO-6, we attempted another recon team insertion in the vicinity of the previous attempts. This time the mission was incomplete due to weather. Our main effort was extended in carrying the CO, 4th Marines on a reconnaissance of YD520545, XD975566, and the vicinity of YD182732 to search for three lost Marines. They were not found at this time.

29 Oct 66: On the 29th, 6 of our "Hueys" at Dong Ha flew escort and carried members of the CNO's party. There were no incidents. Three recon team extractions were made later in the day during a break in the weather. In view of this consideration, two recon insertions were attempted but the weather had closed in again forcing cancellation of these missions. The CO of the 4th Marines was taken to the vicinity of YD5055 to view a grounded junk, to YD148682 and to YD177687 to make a reconnaissance. The CO 3rd Marines was taken to YD972435 and back to his CP. Two Hops were flown for CG Task Force "Delta" in the area.

30 Oct 66: Two "Huey" slicks with Army gunships escort, retracted five separate five man recon teams from 1st Force recon Battalion and evacuated 5 U.S. WIA from XD974536 for the 2nd Battalion 9th Marines. The CO 4th Marines was carried on two command and control hops as was the CG Task Force Delta. The CO 3rd Marines was carried on one such hop also.

31 Oct 66: Normal III MAF VIP hops, in addition to recon insertions and extractions in the Dong Ha area.

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PART III, SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel:
 - a. 33 Personnel were promoted
 - b. 33 Personnel were joined; 5 transferred
2. Administration:
 - a. No change of command within the Squadron
 - b. No outstanding administrative problems.
3. Awards:
 - a. 259 Air Medals, 4 Distinguished Flying crosses, and one Navy Commendation Medal were received by our personnel.
4. Casualties: The unit had 3 WIA's during this period.
9. Air Operations:

a. Total hours flown:	1067.4
b. Number of Sorties:	3002
c. Amount of Cargo:	1290 Lbs
d. Number of medical evacuations:	100
e. Number of passengers carried:	2039
11. Special Operations: "Prairie" and "Teton"

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17. Ordnance expended:

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| a. 7.62mm | 133,900 rounds |
| b. 2.75 rockets | 762 |
| c. 40mm CTG (M-79) | 72 rounds |

18. Motor Transport:

a. Motor Transport has two M-35 trucks, two jeeps, and three small trucks.

b. Total mileage for October was 4507 miles

Part IV Supporting Documents:

1. Enclosure (1), daily Sitreps for the period.

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WELL 2 SUPPORTED THE III MAP BY FLYING NORMAL LEASON, TRUCK, BOMB
 AND ADMINISTERED MISSION IN BOTH THE DA HANG AND DONG HA AREA.
 NO SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CONTACT WAS ENCOUNTERED, HOWEVER THE SUCCESS OF THE
 EVAC AIRCRAFT DELIVERED 29 2.75" BOMBS AND 4000 POUNDS OF
 STRAFF. THE STRAFFING TACKLES SOUTH OF HUNG SA. THE SUCCESSIVE
 AT CORPS (HQ 017024) and (HQ 016534) ATTERED IN THE SUCCESSFUL EVACUATION OF
 US AND ARVN WOUNDED.

AT HUNG HA 7 ONE LITTLE UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED ON THE SLICK
 FACED BY TWO GUARDS PERFORMED THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF A BROWN TEAM,
 BUT NO HOSTILE FIRE WAS RECEIVED.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 1966

LATE EVENING; 1800-2400 MED EVAC ESCORT ESCORTED HMM-263 ON 2 NORMAL MED EVACS.
 MEN BELIEVED FROM DONG HA ARRIVED NMAF.

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2400-0000 ESCORTED HMM-263 ON 9 MED EVACS. ALL WERE WITHOUT INCIDENT
 EXCEPT 0000-0200. ON 0200-0215 THE MED EVAC BIRD RECEIVED 4 ROUNDS. THE
 ESCORT EXPENDED 600 ROUNDS OF 7.62mm COVERING THE UH-34. UH-34 LANDED AT B
 RAILBIRD AND ESCORT FOLLOWING. ON 0200-0215, MED EVAC RECEIVED LIGHT SWEEP
 FIRE. ESCORT SUPPRESSED THE FIRE. GUNSHIP AT PHU BAI ESCORTED HMM-161
 ON 4 MED EVACS, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED. ALSO ESCORTED HMM-161 & 263 ON
 4 RECON INSERTS. GUNSHIP PROVIDED COVER FOR 4TH MARDON VILLAGE
 SWEEP AND ALSO COVER FOR RECON TEAM.

VMO-2 GUNSHIPS AT NMAF ESCORTED HMM-263 ON RECON EXTRACTION ON 9 MEN.
 NO ENEMY FIRE.

THE REGULAR GEN WALT FRAG WAS FILLED PLUS THE RELIEF FOR DONG HA DEPARTED
 FROM NMAF.

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1600-1800 [REDACTED] CORRESPONDENCE TO (XD 985612) THEN SEND TO
 (X) 975612 TO PICK UP 2 US VIA MED EVAC.
 1825-1850 ARMED ESCORT FOR HM 161 TO AND FROM U. S. S. REPORT.
 1835-1912 ARMED ESCORT FOR MED EVAC AND RESUPPLY AT (YD 9761)
 2218-2250 ARMED ESCORT FOR HL-46 MISSION SCRUBBED DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

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0300-0335 ARMED ESCORT FOR HM 161 TO (YD 983568).
 0415-0445 ARMED ESCORT FOR HM 161 TO (YD 062543)
 0700 2100 [REDACTED] (ALSO) [REDACTED] MISSION
 0737- 0813 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT (XD 985612)
 0940-1017 T-46 [REDACTED] HL-46 WAS ON 2/5 AT (YD 062543)
 [REDACTED]
 1530-1730 COMMAND AND CONTROL [REDACTED] YD 010180
 1748-2005 ARMED ESCORT FOR HM 162 TO [REDACTED] 6-1 [REDACTED] (YD 062543)
 1930-190022 20-2230 [REDACTED] FLIGHT TO [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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0045-1157 MED EVAC TO [REDACTED] FOR HM 253 (A) (XD 983568) (B) (AT 071645)
 (C) AT 015579 (D) AT 09 203 (E) [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED] (G) [REDACTED]
 (H) [REDACTED] (I) [REDACTED] (J) [REDACTED] (K) [REDACTED] (L) [REDACTED]
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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 4 OCTOBER 1966

VMO-2 SUPPORTED THE III MAF BY FLYING NORMAL LIASION, RECON ESCORT, MED EVAC ESCORT AND ADMINSTRATIVE MISSIONS IN THE DA NANG, PHU BAI AND DONG HA AREAS.

THERE WERE ADDITIONALLEY ESCORT MISSIONS FOR ARVIN MED EVACS, ONE OF WHICH WERE THE ENEMY, AS CALLED BY THE SUPPORTED UNIT, ACROSS THE RIVER, SHOT AT THE MED EVAC AIRCRAFT. FOLLOWING SUPPRESIVE FIRE FROM MAJ ROBSONS UH-1E HOWEVER THE ENEMY POPPED MANY YELLOW SMOKE GERNADES AND ALL INCOMING FIRE CEASED. ORD. EXP. 2,000 ROUNDS OF 7.62 MM AMO. AND 3 ROCKETS.

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0652-1037 TWO GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED FOR ESCORT MISSION INVOLVING HMM-265 AND ONE ARVN BATTALION. ENTIRE MISSION ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

0655-0755 INSERTION AND RETRACTION, RESPECTIVELY, OF TWO FIVE MAN TEAMS OF 1st FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY. THREE HUEYS WERE INVOLVED.

0850-1210 TWO AIRCRAFT PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE CG TASK FORCE "DELTA" FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL LAISON WITH HIS VARIOUS SUB UNIT COMMANDERS.

1900-1935 FOUR HUEYS WERE LAUNCHED TO PERFORM AN EMERGENCY EXTRACTION OF A FIVE MAN TEAM BELONGING TO 1st FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY. NO FIRE WAS RECEIVED OR RETURNED.

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0655-0725 FOUR HUEYS LAUNCHED TO INSERT A FIVE TEAM FROM 1st FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY. NO INCIDENTS.

0700-2100 CARRIED CG III MAF TO DONG HA TO VISIT VARIOUS COMPANY CP'S INCLUDING 3/4 AND UNITS OF THE ARVN BATTALION IN THE DONG HA AREA. RECEIVED ONE HIT WITH MINOR INJURY AND DAMAGE.

0750-0850 FOUR HUEYS LAUNCHED FOR EXTRACTION OF TWO FIVE MAN TEAMS FROM 1st FORCES RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY. NO FIRE RECEIVED IN EITHER CASE.

0845-1215 ONE HUEY LAUNCHED AS COMMAND AND CONTROL AIRCRAFT FOR CO 4th MARINES, HE WAS TAKEN TO THE U.S.S. REPOSE, DONG HA, KNE SAHN, THE CP'S OF HIS VARIOUS BATTALIONS.

1155-1210 ONE VMO-2 HUEY PLUS TWO ARMY GUNSHIPS ASSIGNED WERE DISPATCHED TO LOOK FOR ONE MEMBER OF A FIVE MAN RECONNAISSANCE TEAM, WHO WAS LOST. THE SEARCH WAS UNPRODUCTIVE.

1310-1400 ONE HUEY ESCORTED HMM-265 WITH TWO AIRCRAFT ON SPARROW HAWK MISSION TO CONTINUE SEARCH FOR MISSING RECON TEAM MEMBER. SPARROW HAWK NOT DEPLOYED AS THE ERRIONT MARINE WAS FOUND.

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0720-0800 TWO VMO-2 HUEY'S ESCORTED BY TWO ARMY HUEY GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED TO INSERT A FIVE MAN RECONNAISSANCE TEAM FROM 3rd RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION. NO FIRE.

1250-1510 ONE HUEY LAUNCHED WITH CO 4th MARINES ABOARD TO VISIT HIS BATTALION COMMANDERS. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE CP'S OF 3/4, 2/9, 3/12 AND 2/5 OF THE FIRST MARINES. NO FIRE OR INCIDENTS.

1355-1445 ONE VMO-2 HUEY PLUS ON ARMY GUNSHIP ESCORTED HMM-265 ON MED EVAC. GUNSHIPS SAW VC/NUN TROOPS IN RIGLINE AND TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE. EFFECTS OF THE FIRE UNKNOWN.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 6 OCTOBER 1966

MISSION NO. 309 GEN WALT'S ESCORT AIRCRAFT FLEW FRANCHISE FIVE TO REPOSE FOR CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES.

MISSION NO. 376 ROUTINE TRANSFER OF CREWS AT DONG HA INVOLVED IN OPERATION PRARIE.

MISSION NO. 381 MED EVAC MISSIONS WER FLOWN TO FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

AT 875470 IN SUPPORT OF 3/9

AT 921789 IN SUPPORT OF 4/12

AT 946697 TO ARVN HOSPITAL

AT 931682 IN SUPPORT OF 2/26

NO FIRE RECEIVED ON ANY MED EVAC MISSIONS.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 7 OCTOBER 1966

0520-0554 ESCORTED HMM-263 MED EVAC ON EMERGENCY MISSION TO AT 920547.
NO FIRE RECEIVED AT THIS TIME.

0645-0735 ESCORTED HMM-263 MED EVAC TO BT 025625 IN SUPPORT OF 2/1
FOR ONE U.S. MED EVAC.

1838-2015 ESCORTED MED EVAC FROM HMM-263 TO AT 967583 FOR EMERGENCY
MED EVAC. THE H-34 WAS FIRED ON, NO FIRE RETURNED. ESCORTED MED EVAC
TO ZC 144532 TO REMOVE ONE AUSTRALIAN EMERGENCY CASE WITH MALARIA.
NO FIRE. MED EVAC ESCORTED HMM-263 IN SUPPORT OF 3/1 FOR U.S. EMERGENCY
WOUNDED.

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2015-2045 MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO BT 182992, NO FIRE RECEIVED.

2240-2335 MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO BT 182992, NO FIRE RECEIVED.

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0830-0910 MISSION NO. 10-520 B,C MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO BT-967586 AND BT 070710, NO FIRE RECEIVED.

0933-0950 MISSION NO. 10-520 D MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO BT 138577 NO FIRE RECEIVED.

1030-1140 MISSION NO. 10-520 E,F MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO BT-875476 AND BT 053595. NO FIRE RECEIVED.

1145-1215 MISSION NO. 10-520 G MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO BT-187526. NO FIRE RECEIVED.

1300-1440 MISSION NO. 10-520 H,I,J MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO AT 805555, AT 926526 AND BT 916579. NO FIRE RECEIVED.

1620-1730 MISSION NO. 10-556 GUNSHIP ESCORTED TWO E-46'S FROM HMM-265 ON MISSION "BLUE SPRINGS" - MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

VMO-2 SUPPORTED THE III MAF WITH REGULAR VIP SORTIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 9 OCTOBER 1966

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1600-1700 MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 ON MED EVAC OF ARVN TROOPS. UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE MED EVAC PICKUP DUE TO NEGATIVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE GROUND. NO FIRE RECEIVED.

1800-1823 MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 ON THREE MED EVACS TO THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: (1) AT 955568, (2) BT 012636 AND (3) AT 916578. NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

2115-2150 MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO BT 043620 TO EVACUATE U.S. WIA FROM "A" CO. 2nd BN 1st MAR. NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

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0920-0947 MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO AT 896822 FOR THREE WIA'S. NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1010-1056 MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 ON TWO MED EVACS TO BT 043620 FOR ONE CIVILIAN FOR 2nd BN 1st MAR. AND AT 9862 FOR WIA. AT SECOND ZONE POOR DESCRIPTION OF ENEMY CONDITIONS CAUSED UNNECESSARY DELAY ENROUTE BACK TO BASE, H-34 FROM HMM-263 RECEIVED 30 CAL. SMALL ARMS FIRE AT BT-0263 WHICH WAS RETURNED BY VMO-2.

1153-1232 MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 ON TWO EMERGENCY MED EVACS, AT BT 030648 REMOVED THREE INJURED PERSONS FROM AUTO WRECK. AT AT 953812 REMOVED WIA. NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1557-1730 MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO PICK UP THREE WIA AT AT 075672 FOR 2nd PLATOON, ECHO CO. 2nd BN 1st MAR. VMO-2 SUPPORTED THE III MAF WITH REGULAR VIP SORTIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 10 OCTOBER 1966

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VMO-2 HAD ONE INSERT AND ONE EXTRACTION IN THE MORNING. A GUNSHIP ESCORTED ONE H-34 ON MED EVAC AND THE C&C BIRD TOOK THREE DIFFERENT HOPS EACH TIME WITH A CODE SIX ABOARD.

VMO-2 HAD A RECON HOP OF THE ENTIRE TAOR AT DONG HA. BGEN ELWOOD FLEW AS CO PILOT. THREE AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED ON A RECON INSERT, BUT ABANDONED MISSION WHEN RECON TEAM REFUSED TO GO IN. COMMAND AND CONTROL AIRCRAFT FLEW TWO HOPS WITH SCAT SIX AND THEN TRANSPORTED PIN CHI BITTER SIX TO DANANG AND RETURNED TO DONG HA.

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VMO-2 CONDUCTED ONE RECON INSERT WITH THREE AIRCRAFT. ONE AIRCRAFT TRANSFERRED PINCH HITTER'S SIX LUGGAGE TO DANANG AND RETURNED TO DONG HA. THE C&C AIRCRAFT FLEW ONE HOP TO KHE SAHN AND RETURNED TO DONG HA. TWO AIRCRAFT FLEW ONE RECON OVERFLY, PICKED UP TWO MED EVACS AND ONE ADMIN. PICK UP. THREE AIRCRAFT FLEW TWO MED EVAC ESCORT MISSIONS WITH HMM-161.

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TWO AIRCRAFT FLEW NORMAL VIP HOPS FOR CG III MAF.

ONE GUN ESCORTED THE MED EVAC H-34 TO AT 970620 AND ON TO ARVN HOSPITAL.

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ONE GUN ESCORTED THE MED EVAC TO BT 025625 AND ON TO "C" MED.

ONE GUN ESCORTED THE MED EVAC TO BT 067513 AND RETURNED TO BASE.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 11 OCTOBER 1966

VMO-2 HAD THE NORMAL VIP BIRD HOPS. ONE GUNSHIP CHASED AN H-34 CARRING VIPS ABOUT THE TAOR. THE MED EVAC WAS TAKEN FROM THE VMO-6 CREW AT 1800. THE NIGHT TAOR HOP IS ON STANDBY AND THE REGULAR COMMITMENT AT DONG HA WAS FILLED.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 12 OCTOBER 1966

VMO-2 SUPPORTED III MAF IN THE DA NANG AND DONG HA COMPLEX, FLYING THE NORMAL MED EVAC, RECON, COMMAND AND CONTROL, AND ESCORT MISSIONS. ALL MISSIONS WERE ROUTINE IN NATURE EXCEPT ON TWO OCCASIONS WHEN THE DA NANG MED EVAC ESCORT FIRED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE, WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS, BUT STOPPING THE ENEMY ACTION.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 13 OCTOBER 1966

MED EVACS AS USUAL, TENDING TOWARD INCREASE IN AFTERNOON:

909 (B) MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO AT 945692 FOR ANTENNA WHIP 21 A.

909 (C) MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO ZC 143531 ESCORT PICKED UP TWO
WIA CIVILIANS.

909 (D) MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO AT 972578 NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

909 (E) MED EVAC ESCORT TO BT 033732, NO ENEMY FIRE.

909 (F) MED EVAC ESCORT TO AT 950631, NO ENEMY FIRE.

909 (G) MED EVAC ESCORT TO BT 043347, NO ENEMY FIRE.

909 (I) MED EVAC ESCORT TO BT 042620, NO ENEMY FIRE.

909 (J) MED EVAC ESCORT TO AT 8946, NO ENEMY FIRE.

909 (K) MED EVAC ESCORT TO BT 183586, NO ENEMY FIRE.

909 (L) MED EVAC ESCORT TO AT 996665, NO ENEMY FIRE.

909 (M) MED EVAC ESCORT TO BT 086666, NO ENEMY FIRE.

909 (N) MED EVAC ESCORT TO AT 935689, NO ENEMY FIRE.

900 PROVIDED GUNSHIP ESCORT TO DONG HA AND RETURN FOR VIP AIRCRAFT CAR-
RYING GEN WALT AND PARTY TO LINK UP WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE R. S.
MCNAMARA AT DONG HA.904 ADMINISTRATIVE HOP TO DONG HA FOR REPLACEMENT OF CREW IN DONG HA
DETACHMENT OF VMO-2.

VMO-2 HAS (8) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 14 OCTOBER 1966

VMO-2 SUPPORTED THE III MAF TODAY, 14 OCTOBER 1966 BY FLYING LIASON, ESCORT, COMBAT TROOP LIFT, RECON, ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMAND AND CONTROL MISSIONS IN THE DA NANG AND DONG HA AREAS TODAY. NO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED IN THE DA NANG AREA AND MISSION REPORTS OF MISSIONS FLOWN AT DONG HA WERE UNAVAILABLE AT THE TIME THIS REPORT WAS SUBMITTED AND SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE SITREP DATED 15 OCTOBER 1966.

VMO-2 HAS (4) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 15 OCTOBER 1966

0700-0750 TWO "SLICKS" WITH ARMY GUNSHIP COVER INSERTED TWO FIVE MAN RECON TEAMS OF 3rd RECON BATTALION, THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

0830-1400 ONE SLICK ON COMMAND AND CONTROL MISSION CARRIED THE CG 3rd MARINE DIV. FROM PHU BAI TO DONG HA, FROM DONG HA TO 2/5 COMMAND POST, TO 3/7 COMMAND POST, TO KHE SANH, AND RETURN TO DONG HA.

0845-1202 ONE SLICK CARRIED CO 4th MARINES TO THE COMMAND POSTS OF 1st BN. 4th MARINES, 3rd BN. 12th MARINES, 2nd BN. 9th MARINES, 3rd BN. 7th MARINES AND RETURNED TO DONG HA. A RECONNAISSANCE OVERFLIGHT WAS ACCOMPLISHED ENROUTE.

0857-0932 A FIVE MAN RECON TEAM WAS INSERTED BY TWO SLICKS WITH ARMY GUNSHIPS AS ESCORTS, NO FIRE WAS RECEIVED.

1307-1610 ONE SLICK PERFORMED AN AERIAL RECON OF THE CAM LO AREA AND THE ADJACENT AREAS IN SUPPORT OF 3/4. CO OF 3rd MARINES WAS CARRIED TO KHE SAHN AND ON A RECONNAISSANCE OF THAT AREA.

VMO-2 HAS (8) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 12 OCTOBER 1966

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1132-1518 MISS. NO. 8000, 8001, 3010 THREE SEPARATE MISSION NUMBERS WERE COMPLETED AS ARMED ESCORT FOR H-34'S FROM HMM-161. MISS. NO. 8000 THREE SEPARATE MED EVAC PICKUPS, TWO FROM YD 098688 AND ONE FROM YD 126666. MISS. NO. 8001 PASSENGER DROP AND MED EVAC PICKUP FROM XD 929559 TO DELTA MED. MISS. NO. 3010 ESCORT FOR TWO MED EVAC PICKUPS AT XD 9653 AND XD 9553 WHICH WERE TAKEN TO XD 925565, NO ENEMY FIRE WAS RECEIVED.

1400-1530 MISS. NO. 5007 EXTRACTED A RECON TEAM FROM 3rd RECON BN. FROM XD 902503, DRAWING ENEMY FIRE FROM XD 898502. ACTED AS TACA IN CALLING IN AIR STRIKE ON ENEMY POSITION.

1550-1730 MISS. NO. 2001 CONTROLLED AND ESCORTED TROOP LIFT AT YD 082556 FOR CH-46'S FROM HMM-164. NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1650-1720 MISS. NO. 8006 ESCORT OF RECON TEAM EXTRACTION FROM YD 208465. NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1737-1808 MISS. NO. 5003 ARMED ESCORT FOR RECON OVERFLY BY HMM-161 TO 11570 AND CANCELLED DUE TO ARTILLERY FIRE. PICKED UP MED EVACS FROM LZ FOR RETURN TO DELTA MED, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

2325-0005 MISS. NO. 3014 UH-1E WITH ESCORT PICKED UP ONE US SICK AT YD 065545 FOR 3rd BN 12th MAR. FOR TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL SHIP REPOSE, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

NORMAL VIP HOPS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF WENT AS SCHEDULED.

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0940-1040 MISS. NO 5004 AIRCRAFT FROM VMO-2, HMM-161 AND HMM-164 TOOK PART IN VIP TOUR OF AREA FROM DONG HA AROUND TO DMZ, KHE SANH AND BACK TO DONG HA FOR MR. MCNAMARA, GEN. WESTMORELAND, DIGNITARIES AND NEWS MEN. NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED, AND MR. MCNAMARA FAVORABLY IMPRESSED.

1419-1550 MISS. NO. 5006 AERIAL RECON WITH ESCORT FOR 3rd MAR. REGT. ON ROUTE STARTING WITH XD 842421, XD 979557, YD 0754 TO DONG HA, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1553-1623 MISS. NO. 5000 INSERT OF RECON TEAM INTO YD 036469 UTILIZING ARMY GUNSHIPS FOR ESCORT, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1645-1827 MISS. NO. 5001, 5005 TWO RECON TEAM INSERTIONS UTILIZING ONE ARMY GUNSHIP AND ONE H-34 FROM HMM-161 INTO XD 9557 AND SECOND TEAM TO XD 9253. PASSENGER DROP AND PICKUP AT XD 925565, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

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2125-2330 MISS. NO. 3012, 3011 ESCORT FOR MED EVAC H-34 FROM HMM-161 ON TWO MED EVACS. ONE TO YD 118705 IN SUPPORT OF 2nd BN 5th MAR. TO DELTA MED, SECOND MED EVAC LIFT FROM DONG HA TO HOSPITAL SHIP REPOSE, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

2245-2355 MISS. NO. 8004 AERIAL SEARCH AROUND VISINITY OF DONG HA FOR POSSIBLE MORTAR FIRE AND ENEMY ACTIVITY, NONE SIGHTED.

NORMAL SCHEDULED VIP HOPS WENT DURING THE DAY IN SUPPORT OF III MAF.

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0125-0235 MISS. NO. 8004 AERIAL RECON OF AREA AROUND DONG HA NOT EXCEEDING (8) NAUTICAL MILES FOR POSSIBLE ENEMY ACTIVITY, NONE SIGHTED.

0630-0725 MISS. NO. 2000A RECON OVERFLY OF YD 125734 FOR IMPENDING TROOP LIFT, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

0705-0815 MISS. NO. 5000, 5001, 5002 THREE RECON INSERTIONS FOR 3rd RECON BN INTO THE THREE FOLLOWING AREAS: XD 929522, XD 994518 AND XD - 9244, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

0740-0935 MISS. NO. 2000B ESCORT FOR HMM-164 ON TROOP LIFT TO YD 125734, ADDITIONALLY PICKED UP WOUNDED VC SUSPECT AT YD 118722 FOR RETURN TO "C" MED AND PICK UP CO OF 2nd BN 5th MAR. FOR DROP AT YD 125734, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

0840-0915 MISS. NO. 5003 RECON TEAM INSERTION AT YD 207442, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1005-1034 MISS. NO. 3000 MED EVAC TO YD 123735 FOR TRANSPORT TO DELTA MED, ARMY GUNSHIPS SUPPLIED ESCORT, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1025-1139 MISS. NO. 3002 TRANSFERRED ONE VC SUSPECT FROM DELTA MED TO ALPHA MED, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1100-1145 MISS. NO. 3000B MED EVAC PICK UP AT YD 123735 CARRIED DIRECT TO THE HOSPITAL SHIP REPOSE, ARMY GUNSHIPS ACTED AS ESCORT AND NO ENEMY FIRE WAS RECEIVED.

1157-1219 MISS. NO. 5006 RECON TEAM EXTRACTION FROM XD 960565, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1255-1330 MISS. NO. 3004, 5007 EMERGENCY RECON TEAM EXTRACTION AND MED EVAC OF ONE US SICK AT YD 205950 TO DELTA MED, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1335-1628 MISS. NO. 7002 TRANSPORTED GEN. ENGLISH TO KHE SANH, CON THIEN AND RETURN. PICKED UP ONE MED EVAC AT YD 0766 FOR 3rd BN 7th MAR. TO DELTA MED. TRANSPORTED COL. CERICHINO TO YD 3369 AND DONG HA, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

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1427-1535 MISS. NO. 977A, B, & C RECON INSERTION AT YD 668163. RECON TEAM EXTRACTION AT YD 668163 AND LAST, RECON TEAM EXTRACTION BY HMM-163 AND HMM-161 AT YD 653203, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1540-1600 MISS. NO. 5008 FIVE MAN RECON TEAM TRANSPORT TO LZ AT YD-205450 WITH FULL ESCORT TO RECOVER ONE M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

2345-0136 MISS. NO. 800B AERIAL RECON OF AREA AROUND DONG HA FOR POSSIBLE ENEMY ACTIVITY, NONE OBSERVED.

VIP HOPS FLOWN AS SCHEDULED IN SUPPORT OF III MAF.

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1200-1250 MISS. NO. 5004A, 5004B RECON TEAM EXTRACTION AT XD 9253 AND ONE AT XD 9351, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1617-1716 MISS. NO. 976A MED EVAC ESCORT OF ONE US TO QUANG TRI AND RETURN TO HUE PHU BAI, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1710-1845 MISS. NO. 1028 ESCORT OF HMM-263 ON MED EVAC TO BT 075676 FOR 2nd BN 1st MAR., FIRST H-34 IN ZONE RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND GUNSHIP SUPPLIED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT.

1745-1910 MISS. NO. 1028K MED EVAC ESCORT TO ZC 145534 FOR HMM-161 OF ONE ARVN WIA TAKEN TO ARVN HOSPITAL, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

2010-2040 MISS. NO. 2010M ESCORT OF HMM-263 ON MED EVAC TO AT 9262, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

2045-2325 MISS. NO. 2010 MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO AT 990677 AND BT 141577, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

2055-2215 MISS. NO. 976B MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 TO YD 370616 FOR ONE ARVN WIA TO HUE HOSPITAL AND RETURN TO PHU BAI, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

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0014-0046 MISS. NO. 976C ESCORT FOR HMM-263 ON MED EVAC OF ONE US AT YD 810150 TO PHU BAI "A" MED, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

0845-1145 MISS. NO. 8002 AIR TRANSPORTATION OF CO OF 3rd MAR. REGT TO XD 9857, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

0846-0923 MISS. NO. 977D ESCORT FOR RECON TEAM EXTRACTION AT YD 732123 BY HMM-263, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

0920-1200 MISS. NO. 1139, 1146, A, B, C & D ESCORT OF HMM-164 ON EMERGENCY EXTRACTION OF RECON TEAM FROM ZC 1950. ESCORT ON MED EVAC TO AT 965594, ONE US WIA EMERGENCY. ANOTHER MED EVAC FOR TWO US WIA AT AT 925526 FOR 3rd BN 9th MAR. AND THREE ARVN WIA TO AT 825475 AND ONE US WIA EMERGENCY

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TO AT 969595, AT AT 967595 H-34 RECIEVED ENEMY FIRE FROM UNDETERMINED ORIGIN.

1045-1145 MISS. NO. 5003 INSERTED RECON TEAM AT XD 942507. MADE RECON TEAM EXTRACTION FOR 1st FORCE RECON AT XD 953499, NO ENEMY FIRE RECIEVED.

1240-1350 MISS. NO. 1158 ESCORT OF HMM-265 ON RECON. TEAM INSERTION AT AT 792593, NO ENEMY FIRE RECIEVED.

1330-1410 MISS. NO. 1146E ESCORT FOR HMM-161 ON MED EVAC OF ONE ARVN CIV. AND ONE US AT AT 970620 TO ARVN HOSPITAL AND "C" MED, NO ENEMY FIRE RECIEVED.

VIP HOPS WERE FLOWN AS SCHEDULED IN SUPPORT OF III MAF.

VMO-2 HAS (7) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME.

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1525-1710 MISS. NO. 1157 ESCORTED HMM-161 ON RECON INSERTION AT YD 567-219, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1615-1715 MISS. NO. 1196 ESCORTED HMM-161 MED EVAC TO ZD 209893, AND PICKED UP TWO CIVILIAN WIA'S FROM AT 970620, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

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0020-0030 MISS. NO. 1146 ESCORTED HMM-161 MED EVAC ON EMERGENCY MISS. "A" DOWNGRADED TO ROUTINE IN ROUTE, RETURNED TO MMAF INCOMPLETE.

0422-0500 MISS. NO. 1205B ESCORTED HMM-161 MED EVAC TO AD 916578, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

0730-0815 MISS. NO. 120C&D ESCORTED HMM-161 MED EVAC TO BT 046560 AND THEN WENT TO AT 970620 FOR PICKUP OF ONE US KIA, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1000-1340 MISS. NO. 1197 FLEW MAJ. GEN. NICKERSON AND PARTY OF FOUR FROM HILLTOP PAD TO LZ LION, FROM LZ LION TO HILLTOP, FROM HILLTOP TO LZ HUMMING BIRD.

1025-1058 MISS. NO. 1205E ESCORTED HMM-263 MED EVAC TO BT 142619, FIRED AT VC IN VICINITY OF BT 136617 AND BT 133616, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1305-1350 MISS. NO. 1205J&K ESCORTED HMM-263 MED EVAC TO BT 164414 AND BT 015565, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1418-1506 MISS. NO. 1205I&H ESCORTED HMM-263 MED EVAC TO BT 875470 AND BT 074686, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1543-1718 MISS. NO. 1205M&N ESCORTED HMM-263 MED EVAC TO AT 856397 AND AT 841686, FIRED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE INTO AT 8541, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1810-1850 MISS. NO. 1205P ESCORTED HMM-263 MED EVAC TO AT 870470, NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

FLEW NORMAL VIP HOPS FROM WING PAD.

VMO-2 HAS (7) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME, AND (1) UH-1E AT PHU BAI.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 18 OCTOBER 1966.
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VMO-2 PERFORMED THE NORMAL MED EVAC ESCORT HOPS, HOWEVER ONE HOP PROVED TO BE A LITTLE MORE THAN NORMAL. THE ESCORT WAS SHOT DOWN AT AT 827388 WHILE ESCORTING TWO CH-46'S TO PICK UP 30 ARVN WOUNDED. THE PLAN WAS LEFT AT THE ZONE AND THE CREW RETURNED SAFELY TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN WITH THE CH-46'S. THE REGULAR COMMITMENT OF PHU BAI AND DONG HA WAS FULLFILED PLUS THE NIGHT TAOR WAS STANDING BY FOR CALL.

VMO-2 HAS (7) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME AND (1) AT PHU BAI.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 19 OCTOBER 1966

0000 TO 2400 MISS. NO. 1322A THRU 1322 P ESCORTED HMM-263 MED EVAC
IN THE DANANG TAOR.

0800 TO 1300 MISS. NO. 1358 ESCORTED HMM-164 IN RETRIEVING A DOWNED
VMO-2 AIRCRAFT AT COORD. AT 8038. ESCORTED HMM-265 TO INSERT REACTION
FORCE IN VICINITY OF AT 875470. FIRED ON SUSPECT VC POSITIONS AND
CONTROLLED MAG-11 FIXED WING AT COORD. AT 848943.

MISS. NO. 1315, 1316 FLEW NORMAL VIP HOPS FROM III MAF PAD.

VMO-2 HAS (7) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AND (2) AT PHU BAI AT THIS TIME.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 20 OCTOBER 1966

0000-2400 MISS. NO. 1372A THRU 1372H ESCORTED HMM-263 MED EVAC AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE DA NANG TAOR.

0700-1700 MISS. NO. 1366 AND 1367 FLEW NORMAL VIP MISSIONS FROM III MAF PAD.

VMO-2 HAS (7) UH-1E'S OPERATING AT DONG HA AND (1) AT PHU BAI AT THIS TIME.

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VMC-2 SITREP FOR 21 OCTOBER 1966

1450A ONE VMC-2 SLICK PICKED UP THE BATTALION COMMANDER OF 2/3 FOR RECON OF VICINITY AT 849369 FOR HELO LANDING ZONES. RECON DELAYED, DUE TO WEATHER. GROUND COMMANDER WAS RETURNED TO HIS BASE.

1450B ONE VMC-2 GUNSHIP LAUNCHED IN SUPPORT OF HMM-164 DURING A TROOP LIFT TO AT 849369. PROVIDED ZONE PREP WITH FIXED WING, MARKED LZ WITH SMOKE AND GAVE GUN AND ROCKET SUPPORT DURING LANDING, OPERATION WAS HALTED WHILE GUNSHIP DEPARTED AREA FOR ASSISTANCE OF TEAM FROM 1st FORCE RECON IN TROUBLE. AFTER CONFLICT SUBSIDED, GUNSHIP RETURNED TO THE PRIMARY MISSION, THE LANDING. DURING SECOND PHASE OF LANDING, GUNSHIP DIVERTED TO PROVIDE COVER FOR SPARROW HAWK INSERTION INTO 849.

1425 LAUNCHED MED EVAC ESCORT ON SPARROW HAWK AT THIS TIME TO RELIEVE TAC(A) AIRCRAFT FOR REASSIGNED DUTIES ON TROOP LIFT, BOTH AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN AFTER COMPLETION OF SPARROW HAWK AND TROOP LIFT FOR 2/3.

1424A-K PROVIDED MED EVAC ESCORT FOR HMM-263 FROM RESPECTIVE COORD. TO G-4 HOSP., "C" MED AND ARVN HOSP. ALL THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

VMC-2 HAS (7) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME AND (1) AT PHU BAI.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 22 OCTOBER 1966

0850-1015 MISS. NO. 1494A-D GUNSHIP ESCORT OF HMM-263 MED EVAC TO AT-825338. PLANES WERE UNABLE TO MAKE PICKUP DUE TO WEATHER. ON SAME LAUNCH MED EVAC WAS ESCORTED TO AT 970620 IN SUPPORT OF 1/9.

1105-1146 MISS. NO. 1494E GUNSHIP ESCORT FOR HMM-263 MED EVAC TO AT-970620 IN SUPPORT OF 1/9.

1400-1445 MISS. NO. 1494F ESCORTED MED EVAC OF HMM-263 TO AT 968593 IN SUPPORT OF 1/9. H-34 RECEIVED FIRE APPROACHING ZONE WHICH WAS RETURNED.

1430-1800 MISS. NO. 1494A-I ESCORTED HMM-263 MED EVAC TO AT 970685 FOR 3/1 TO AT 878401 FOR 1/9 AND TO AT 862387 FOR THE ARVNS, RESPECTIVELY. ON MISSION G, BOTH MED EVAC AND ESCORT RECEIVED FIRE AND HITS. THE H-34 WAS FORCED TO LAND NEARBY IN A SECURED ZONE, WHILE THE GUNSHIP MANAGED TO RETURN TO MMAF.

1750-1845 MISS. NO. 1494J,K ESCORTED HMM-263 MED EVAC TO LZ BLUEBIRD TO TAKE CREW AND PARTS TO DOWNED H-34. MISSION KILO WAS ESCORT TO BT-015628 FOR ONE CIVILIAN WIA.

VMO-2 FLEW NORMAL VIP HOPS FROM III MAF PAD THREW THE DAY.

VMO-2 HAS (7) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME AND (1) UH-1E AT PHU BAI.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 23 OCTOBER 1966

MISS. NO. 1514 CONSISTED OF SENDING ONE GUN SHIP TO ESCORT HMM-265 ON AN EMERGENCY RESUPPLY AND MED EVAC MISSION SOUTH OF AN HOA, DUE TO THE WEATHER, THE MISS. WAS DELAYED TWICE, HOWEVER THE ESCORT WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE ONE EMERGENCY MED EVAC IN THE ETEWIM. WHEN THE LIFT FINALLY WENT, THE ESCORT TOOK A HIT, WHILE UNDER INTENSE ENEMY GROUND FIRE AND LANDED AT AN HOA AFTER MISS. WAS COMPLETED. TEMPORARY REPAIRS WERE MADE AND THE AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO MMAF.

MISS. 1563 CONSISTED OF ESCORTING HMM-263'S MED EVAC AIRCRAFT. THE WEATHER WAS VERY UNCOPERATABLE AND SEVERAL DELAYS WERE ENCOUNTERED. DUE TO WEATHER AND THE AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT NO MISS. REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE PHU BAI AND DONG HA COMPLEX, WHERE WE HAVE (9) AIRCRAFT OPERATING.

LATE ENTRIES

AT PHU BAI ON 20 AND 21 OCT. THE ONE GUN SHIP ESCORTED HMM-263 ON THREE ROUTINE MED EVAC MISSIONS. ON MISS. NO. 1385A AND 1443A THROUGH F, HOWEVER THERE WERE TWO RECON INSERTS WHICH CAME UNDER ENEMY FIRE AND 4,000 ROUNDS OF 7.62 MM AND (19) 2.75 INCH ROCKETS WERE DELIVERIED IN SUPPRESSIVE FIRE. IN THE TWO CASES OF FIRE, AN ARTILLERY STRIKE FOLLOWED THE FIRST RETRACTION AND AN AIRSTRIKE WAS CALLED IN FOLLOWING THE SECOND RETRACTION. THESE INSERTS AND RETRACTIONS WERE ALSO FLOWN BY HMM-263.

VMO-2 HAS (7) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME AND (2) UH-1E'S AT PHU BAI.

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1500H: ONE OF OUR UH-1E'S WENT ON A MED EVAC ACCOMPANIED BY TWO ARMY UH-1E GUNSHIPS TO EVACUATE ONE US MARINE (ILL) FROM YD 180721, TO BN. AID STATION AT DONG HA. THIS MISS. WAS ACCOMPLISHED DESPITE VERY BAD WEATHER. (MISS. - 3002)

1724H: TWO VMO-2 UH-1E AIRCRAFT ESCORTED BY THREE ARMY UH-1E GUNSHIPS, ACCOMPLISHED THE RECON TEAM EXTRACTION OF "COBRA" AT XD 988634. THE MISS. WAS MADE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS BY IFR WEATHER AT THE LZ FOLLOWING THE ARMY GUNSHIPS TO ORBIT AND WAIT. THE VMO-2 AIRCRAFT WENT IN AND EXTRACTED THE RECON TEAM WHICH WAS SURROUNDED BY V. U. A. THE RECON TEAM ASSISTED THE UNARMED UH-1E'S BY USING GRENADES AND RIFLE FIRE ON THE ENEMY. (MISS. - 5007)

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1005H: FOUR UH-1E'S FROM VMO-2, TWO GUNSHIPS AND TWO SLICKS ACCOMPLISHED EXTRACTION OF RECON TEAM "TORRO" FROM XD 915525. THE ACCOMPANING ESCORT STRAFED CONFIRMED VC POSITION, BUT RECIEVED NO RETURN ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 5000)

1055H: ONE UH-1E FROM VMO-2 TOOK EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF 1st BN. 4th MAR. ON RECON OF ROUTE (9) AND THE NEARBY RIVER. UH-1E ALSO PICKED UP A ROUTINE MED EVAC FROM 1st BN. 4th MAR. AND TOOK HIM TO DELTA MED. UH-1E THEN TOOK X. O. TO CAM LO AND RETURNED TO DONG HA. NO ENEMY FIRE WAS RECIEVED DURING THE MISS. (MISSIONS - 7000 AND 7991)

1445H: FOUR OF OUR UH-1E'S LAUNCHED ON RECON TEAM EXTRACTION COMBINATION MED EVAC OF RECON TEAM "HIGH TIDE". AT YD 145455. THE EXTRACTION WAS MADE WITH TWO GUNSHIPS AND TWO SLICKS IN VERY MARGINAL WEATHER. AND HARD RAIN FALL. THE TWO (ILL) MEMBERS OF THE RECON TEAM WERE TAKEN TO DELTA MED AND NO ENEMY FIRE WAS RECIEVED. (MISS. - 5005)

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0658H: OUR UH-1E GUNSHIP ESCORTED THE MED EVAC UH-34 FROM HMM-263 ON A ROUTINE MED EVAC TO HILL 55 IN THE DA NANG TAOR AND RETURN. NO ENEMY FIRE WAS RECIEVED. (MISS. - 1622A)

1002H: OUR UH-1E MED EVAC GUNSHIP ESCORTED THE MED EVAC UH-34 FROM HMM-263 TO AT 916578 TO PICK UP TWO CIVILIANS, WIA'S FOR TRANSPORT TO THE ARVN HOSPITAL. NO ENEMY FIRE WAS RECIEVED. (MISS. - 1622B)

1220H: OUR UH-1E MED EVAC GUNSHIP ESCORTED THE MED EVAC UH-34 FROM HMM-263 TO BT 043347 TO PICK UP ONE ARVN WIA AND RETURN HIM TO THE ARVN HOSPITAL. NO FIRE WAS RECIEVED. (MISS. - 1622C)

DURING THE DAYS OF 21 - 24 OCTOBER 1966 SCHEDULED VIP HOPS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF III MAF.

VMO-2 HAS (6) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AND (1) AT PHU BAI AT THIS TIME.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 24 OCTOBER 1966

21 OCTOBER 1966

0713H: THREE OF OUR UH-1E'S, TWO GUNSHIPS AND ONE SLICK MADE TWO SEPARATE RECON TEAM INSERTIONS INTO THE AREA AROUND DONG HA. THE FIRST TEAM WAS INSERTED AT XD 935530 AND THE SECOND TEAM, GALLION, WAS INSERTED AT XD 950483. NO ENEMY FIRE WAS RECEIVED AND BOTH INSERTIONS WENT AS PLANNED. (MISSIONS - 5000 AND 5001)

PILOT OMITTED TIME: TWO OF OUR UH-1E'S FLEW A RECON TEAM EXTRACTION TO COORD. XD 925527 TO EXTRACT A RECON TEAM WHOSE POSITION HAD BEEN COMPROMISED. WHILE THE UH-1E SLICK WAS IN THE ZONE, IT CAME UNDER ENEMY SMALL ARMS FIRE. THERE WERE NO HITS OR INJURIES RECORDED. (MISS. - 5006)

1235H: TWO OF OUR UH-1E'S, ONE GUNSHIP AND A SLICK CARRYING COL. MENDENHALL FLEW AN AERIAL RECON MISSION OVER HILL 492 LOCATED AT XD 9249. THE MISSION WAS FLOWN PREPARATORY TO A TROOP LIFT INTO THE AREA AND NO ENEMY FIRE WAS RECEIVED. (MISS. 8002)

PILOT OMITTED TIME: ONE UH-1E FROM VMO-2 FLEW THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF 3/7 AND HIS GROUP OF SUPPORTING OFFICERS ON TWO AERIAL RECONS OF TWO SEPARATE AREAS. THE FIRST WAS OF YD 345695 AND THE BEACH AREA. THE SECOND RECON WAS OF YD 214732 AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. NO ENEMY FIRE WAS RECEIVED. (MISSIONS 5009 AND 7004)

1440H: ONE OF THE UH-1E'S FROM VMO-2 FLEW AN AERIAL RECON OF THE DONG HA AIRFIELD COMPLEX IN SUPPORT OF THE III MAF. NO ENEMY FIRE WAS RECEIVED. (MISS. - 5003)

1457H: TWO UH-1E'S FROM VMO-2, BOTH GUNSHIPS, FLEW ESCORT ON A TROOP LIFT AND AERIAL RESUPPLY FROM XD 946536 TO XD 924498. CH-45'S FROM HMM-164 AND HMM-265 CARRIED OUT THE TROOP LIFT WITHOUT A HITCH, STOPPING TO REFUEL ONCE. THE AERIAL RESUPPLY OF FOOD, WATER AND AMMUNITION WAS CARRIED OUT BY UH-34'S FROM HMM-263. UH-1E GUNSHIPS LAID DOWN SUPPRESSIVE FIRE ON SUSPECTED VC POSITIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. NO ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAINABLE, AND NO ENEMY RETURN FIRE WAS DETECTED. (MISS. - 2000)

0855H: FOUR OF OUR UH-1E AIRCRAFT, TWO GUNSHIPS AND TWO SLICKS WERE DISPATCHED ON A ROUTINE RECON TEAM TORRO, INSERTION AT COORD. XD 915526. THE MISSION WENT AS PLANNED WITH NO ENEMY FIRE BEING ENCOUNTERED. (MISS. - 5000)

1419H: TWO UH-1E'S FROM VMO-2, ONE SLICK AND A GUNSHIP DEPARTED ON A RECON TEAM INSERTION OF "COBRA" AT XD 992634. THE INSERTION WENT AS PLANNED. A/C THEN DETACHED FOR EXTRACTION OF RECON TEAM "SNAP LINK" AT YD 056654. THE UH-1E SLICK RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VC IN THE AREA, BUT THE UH-1E WAS NOT HIT DUE TO THE SKILL OF ITS PILOT. (MISSIONS - 5002 AND 5006)

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23 OCTOBER 1966

1550H: ONE OF OUR UH-1E SLICKS TRANSPORTED OUR RELIEF CREWS (4 PAX) TO DONG HA. NO ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 1570)

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0400 H: ONE UH-1E SLICK PICKED UP (3) CRASH CASUALTIES FROM YD 198652. NO ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 3000)

0640H: TWO UH-1E SLICKS ESCORTED BY TWO GUNSHIPS PICKED UP CASUALTIES FROM THE OTHER CRASH AT YD 127693. NO ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 3000A)

0640H: ONE UH-1E GUNSHIP TRANSPORTED GEN ENGLISH AND SCAT 3 TO ALL COMPANY AND BATTALION CAMPS IN THE DONG HA AREA. ALSO TRANSPORTED ABOVE VIP'S TO KHE SAHN. NO ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 7000 & 7001)

0640H: TWO UH-1E'S ESCORTED SPARROW HAWK AIRCRAFT TO SITE OF DOWNED UH-1E. NO ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 3000B)

0700H: ONE UH-1E FLEW CG III MAF TO DONG HA AND 2/5, 3/5 CAMPS. NO ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 1617)

1430H: ONE UH-1E SLICK ESCORTED BY ONE GUNSHIP PICKED UP TWO CASUALTIES FROM 2/5. NO ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 3002)

1500H: ONE UH-1E SLICK ESCORTED BY TWO GUNSHIPS CONDUCTED TWO RECON INSERTS AT YD 009525 AND XD 9547. CONDUCTED TWO RETRACTIONS AT YD 0161 AND YD 0265. PICKED UP TWENTY FOUR PAX AND ONE MED EVAC. NO ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 5003, 5005, 5006 & 5007)

0700H: ONE UH-1E GUNSHIP ESCORTED THE MED EVAC AIRCRAFT ON SIX MED EVAC MISS. TO THE FOLLOWING COORD.: (2) AN HOA, ZC 146533, BT 172579, (2) AT 885385. NO ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 1622-A,B,C,E,F&G)

25 OCTOBER 1966

0700H: ONE UH-1E GUNSHIP ESCORTED THE MED EVAC A/C ON MISSIONS TO THE FOLLOWING COORD.: (2) AT 875478 AND BT 042820. NO ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 1625-A,B,&C)

1300H: TWO UH-1E'S TRANSPORTED THE RELIEVED CREWS FROM DONG HA TO MMMAF. NO ENEMY FIRE. (MISS. - 1272)

VMO-2 FLEW NORMAL VIP HOPS THREW THE DAY IN SUPPORT OF III MAF.

VMO-2 HAS (7) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AND (1) AT PHU BAI AT THIS TIME.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 26 OCTOBER 1966

0830H: FOUR OF OUR PILOTS DEPARTED FOR DONG HA, TAKING WITH THEM THE LAST TWO AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT, TO MEET THE NORTHERN COMMITMENT. AIRCRAFT FOR FLYING IN THE DA NANG TAOR WERE SUPPLIED BY VMO-6. ONE WAS PROVIDED FOR MED EVAC ESCORT WHILE FOUR OTHERS REMAINED AT MMAF FOR ANY EVENTUALITIES.

1215H: ONE AIRCRAFT WAS LAUNCHED FOR A SCHEDULED VIP TOUR OF THE DA NANG TAOR.

1330H: TWO AIRCRAFT WERE LAUNCHED FOR A CONVOY ESCORT.

1830H: THE DAY WAS CLOSED OUT WITH NO UNUSUAL EVENTS. NO FIRE INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED BY ANY AIRCRAFT. THE REPORTS FROM DONG HA FOR 24 AND 25 OCT. INDICATE ONLY TWO MISS. FOR RECONNAISANCE INSERTS; ALL OTHER MISS. WERE ROUTINE COMMAND AND CONTROL FLIGHTS. THERE WERE NO ABORTED MISS. ABORTED AND NO MISS. WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS.

VMO-2 HAS (7) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AND (1) AT PHU BAI AT THIS TIME.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 27 OCTOBER 1966

0800-1000 MISS. NO. 1825A RECON OF DA NANG TAOR FOR 3rd BN. 1st MAR.
NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

1255-1640 MISS. NO. 1825B FLEW CORSAIR C TO OBSERVE OPERATION DOVER
AND TO ROK CP. NO ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED.

VMO-2 SUPPORTED THE III MAF WITH NORMAL FLIGHTS AND SORTIES.

HAVE NO INFORMATION ON SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE.

VMO-2 HAS (8) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 28 OCTOBER 1966

0700H: ONE OF OUR UH-1E'S FLEW GEN WALT TO HUE PHU BAI AND RETURNED. THIS WAS THE EXTENT OF VMO-2 OPERATIONS IN THE LOCAL TAOR AROUND DA NANG. DUE TO AIRCRAFT SHORTAGE AND HEAVY COMMITMENT AT DONG HA, VMO-6 HAS TAKEN OVER OPERATIONS IN THE TAOR. DONG HA OPERATIONS ARE COVERED IN ANOTHER SITREP.

VMO-2 HAS (8) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 30 OCTOBER 1966

0640-0730 ONE PRIORITY ARVN MED EVAC WAS TAKEN TO THE USS REPOSE.
A WEATHER CHECK WAS MADE ON THE RETURN LEG.

0700-0815 ONE SLICK CARRIED CO 4th MAR. TO THE BEACH AREA VICINITY
OF YD 5055 TO VIEW BEACHED SHIP.

0740-0810 TWO SLICKS ATTEMPTED TO INSERT TWO FIVE MAN RECON TEAMS.
MISS. WAS SCRUBBED DUE TO WEATHER.

0950-1030 ONE SLICK ON COMMAND AND CONTROL MISS. FOR CG TASK FORCE
DELTA.

1340-1440 ONE SLICK CARRIED CG TASK FORCE DELTA TO YD 4148 AND RETURN-
ED TO DONG HA.

1625-1738 CARRIED CO 4th MAR TO VICINITY YD 148628 AND RETURNED TO
DONG HA.

1630-1800 TOOK CO 3rd MAR. TO YD 972435 AND RETURNED TO DONG HA.

TIME UNKNOWN ON THIS MISS. TWO SLICKS WITH ARMY CUNSHIP ESCORT, RE-
TRACTED FIVE SEPARATE FIVE MAN RECON TEAMS FROM 1st FORCE RECON BN.
FROM XD 888498, YD 018445 AND XD 976435; AND EVACUATED FIVE US WIA
FOR 2nd BN. 9th MAR. FROM XD 974536.

VMO-2 FLEW NORMAL VIP HOPS IN SUPPORT OF THE III MAF.

VMO-2 HAS (7) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME.

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VMO-2 SITREP FOR 31 OCTOBER 1966

0700H: TWO UH-1E SLICKS FLEW NORMAL VIP HOPS FOR CG III MAF. (MISS. NO. 2000)

DONG HA SITREP NOT AVAILABLE FOR TODAY.

VMO-2 HAS (8) UH-1E'S AT DONG HA AT THIS TIME.

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