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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is herewith submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-16
MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY
REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
Period covered: 1 through 30 April 1967

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PART I
Organizational Data

ENCLOSURE (1)
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1. COMMAND COMPOSITION

Billet	Name	Rank	Period
CO, MAG-16	F. M. HEPLER	Colonel	1-21Apr67
	S. F. MARTIN	Colonel	22-30Apr67
CO, MAG-16 (FWD)	S. F. MARTIN	Colonel	1-21Apr67
	A. L. PHILLIPS	Colonel	22-30Apr67
EXO, MAG-16	O. V. GALLENTINE	LtCol	1-30Apr67
Adjutant	A. L. MADSEN	1stLt	1-30Apr67
S-1 Officer	D. L. TINSLEY	Captain	1-25Apr67
	K. D. VANEK	Major	22-30Apr67
S-2 Officer	Y. JOHNSTONE	Captain	1-30Apr67
S-3 Officer	H. E. MENDENHALL	LtCol	1-30Apr67
S-4 Officer	M. T. JANNELL	LtCol	1-30Apr67
CO, H&MS-16	W. C. KELLY	LtCol	1-21Apr67
	W. E. DEEDS	LtCol	22-30Apr67
OIC, SubUnit #1	R. L. HAWLEY	Major	1-12Apr67
	S. E. FIELDS	Captain	13-30Apr67
OIC, O-1C DET	W. E. DEEDS	LtCol	1-21Apr67
	J. L. THIESSE	Major	22-30Apr67
OIC, HMH-463 DET	W. R. BEELER	LtCol	1-30Apr67
CO, MABS-16	C. E. WYDNER	LtCol	1-30Apr67
OIC, MATCU-62	R. O. MEYER	Captain	1-30Apr67
OIC, MATCU-68	J. C. BEVER	Captain	1-30Apr67
CO, HMM-163	R. B. BIANCHI	LtCol	1-26Apr67
	W. C. KELLY	LtCol	27-30Apr67
CO, HMM-164	R. D. MCKITRICK	LtCol	1-3Apr67
CO, HMM-265	C. D. CORN	LtCol	1-2Apr67
	R. L. COVER Jr.	LtCol	3-30Apr67
CO, HMM-361	W. E. TRAUT	LtCol	1-30Apr67
CO, HMM-363	M. E. DAY	Major	4-30Apr67
CO, VMO-2	W. F. HARRELL	LtCol	1-30Apr67
CO, VMO-3	K. W. TOWNSEND	Major	1-30Apr67

2. TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-30 April 1967
SU #1 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-30 April 1967
O-1C DET- Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-30 April 1967
HMH-463 Det - Marvle Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-30 April 1967
MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-30 April 1967
HMM-163 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN 1-30 April 67
*HMM-164 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-2 April 1967
HMM-265 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-19 April 1967
Hue Phu Bai, RVN 20-30 April 1967
HMM-361 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-30 April 1967
**HMM-363 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 3-14 April 1967
Dong Ha, RVN 15-30 April 1967
VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 1-30 April 1967
VMO-3 - Hue Phu Bai, RVN 1-30 April 1967
MATCU-62- Dong Ha, RVN 1-30 April 1967
MATCU-68- Hue Phu Bai, RVN

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** From SLF 3 April 1967

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3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

Squadron	USMC Off	USMC Enl	USN Off	USN Enl
H&MS-16	59	475	1	1
SU #1	10	55	0	0
O-1C Det	12	34	0	0
HMH-463 Det	11	40	0	0
MABS-16	21	821	6	11
HMM-163	46	193	2	3
HMM-164	51	192	1	0
HMM-265	51	189	1	4
HMM-361	50	181	1	4
HMM-363	50	174	1	3
VMO-2	46	174	0	5
VMO-3	23	105	1	1
MATCU-62	6	54	0	0
MATCU-68	6	84	0	0

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND

a. Major General L. B. ROBERTSHAW visited the command on 3, 5, 19 and 22 April.

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PART II
Narrative Summary

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1. Special Operations

a.	Operation Prairie III	1-19 April
b.	Operation Prairie IV	20-30 April
c.	Operation Big Horn	1-21 April
d.	Operation Chinook II	1-4 April
e.	Operation Dixie	4-10 April
f.	Operation Canyon	6-9 April
g.	Operation Humbolt	13-17 April
h.	Operation Yell	18-20 April
i.	Operation Grand	21-26 April
j.	Operation Union	21-30 April
k.	Operation Shawnee	22-30 April
l.	Operation Beacon Star	22-30 April

2. General Summary

a. No significant changes ocurred in the operational commitments flown by the Group during April. A major shift in the location of some tactical units attached to the Group did take place. HMM-363 operating UH-34D helicopters moved from Marble Mountain Air Facility to Dong Ha. Another move shifted HMM-265, flying CH-46A helicopters, from Marble Mountain to Phu Bai. These moves followed the general northward emphasis of Marine Corps operations in I Corps. HMM-262 was moved from KyHa to Marble Mountain but remains under operational control of MAG-36.

b. The ability of the Group to support simultaneous operations at separate locations was tested during the latter part of the month when Operations Union south of DaNang, Grand southwest of DaNang and Shawnee west of Phu Bai were supported along with the regular support requirements generated by Operation Prairie at Dong Ha and Khe Sanh. A major contribution to the Group's ability to support this amount of activity was performed by the heavy lifting of the CH-53's.

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Chronological Summary

1 April - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were routine. At DaNang HMM-164 and HMM-361 effected the recovery of two drones to conclude the HAWK FIRE. HMM-265 participated in a Blue Spring drone recovery mission.

2 April - HMM-265 sent its CH-46 slick to Dong Ha and recovered two HMM-363 UH-34's which crashed during Operation Beacon Hill. Operations at Phu Bai were routine. Near DaNang, the Commanding Officer of HMM-265, LtCol. C. D. COHN, was wounded by enemy fire during an ARVN troop movement. Two other aircraft were hit without injury to the crew. HMM-265 participated in a Blue Springs drone recovery.

3 April - Routine operations were conducted at Dong Ha. In the Phu Bai area a VMO-3 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire. No injuries resulted. Near DaNang the HMM-361 medevac UH-34 was hit by ground fire during a medevac pick-up. The aircraft was flown to the 1st MedBn landing pad and shut down there due to aircraft damage. Later in the day this UH-34 was recovered by an HMH-463 CH-53. The major operations effort at Marble Mountain this date was the transfer of HMM-164 aboard USS Princeton to become the helicopter element of the SLF. HMM-363 was off loaded and began operations in support of MAG-16.

4 April - Operations in all three operating areas were routine.

5 April - Weather conditions hampered flight operations in all TAOR's. The HMM-163 medevac helicopter was hit by ground fire without injury to the crew. A CH-37 was hit by one round of fire on GCA to Phu Bai. In the DaNang area an HMM-361 UH-34 and an HMM-363 UH-34 were both hit by ground fire on resupply missions. No injuries resulted. An HMM-265 CH-46 participated in a Blue Springs drone recovery.

6 April - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were again hampered by weather. South of Hoi An, Operation Canyon began with a 24 plane UH-34 lift of 784 troops. HMM-361 and HMM-363 provided the transport helicopters while VMO-2 provided UH-1E gunship support and the O-1C Detachment maintained aircraft on station for VR and TAC(A). The VMO-2 medevac escort helicopter was hit by fire during the day and an HMM-265 CH-46 was hit while on a resupply mission. No injuries resulted from either incident.

7 April - Routine operations were conducted at Dong Ha and Phu Bai. Light contact on Operation Canyon required only light logistic support by the Group. Two HMM-363 UH-34's were hit by ground fire during resupply missions for the operation. No injuries resulted. HMM-265 launched two helicopters to Hue to carry ARVN battle casualties to the ARVN hospital at DaNang.

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8 April - Routine missions were conducted at Dong Ha. Near Phu Bai a VMO-3 UH-34 experienced engine failure and made a forced landing. An HMH-463 CH-53 recovered the UH-34 later in the day. Another HMM-363 UH-34 was hit by ground fire but the aircraft was not downed and no injuries resulted. South of DaNang, Operation Canyon generated heavier support requirements for the day. An HMM-363 helicopter was hit by one round of fire on a resupply mission. HMM-265 and VMO-2 launched on Sparrow Hawk missions three times during the day.

9 April - No significant operations were conducted at Dong Ha. At Quang Tri a VMO-3 UH-1E crashed after experiencing engine failure. The aircraft incurred strike damage. Operations at Phu Bai were routine. South of DaNang Operation Canyon ended with the retraction of all forces. Twenty UH-34's, 16 from HMM-361 and 4 from HMM-363 conducted the retraction of over 600 troops. Two Sparrow Hawk missions were conducted by HMM-265 and VMO-2. HMM-265 participated in a Blue Springs drone recovery.

10 April - Operations in all TAOR's were normal. An HMH-463 CH-53 recovered the VMO-3 UH-1E at Quang Tri. An HMM-265 CH-46 lifted an Army O-1E from Tien Phuoc to DaNang.

11 April - Near Dong Ha a CH-37 was hit by one round of ground fire while on a resupply mission. A VMO-3 UH-1E was hit by fire on a mission near Phu Bai. No injuries resulted from either incident. An HMM-361 helicopter was hit with one crewman WIA from shrapnel. An HMM-363 UH-34 enroute from Chu Lai to Marble Mountain made a precautionary landing near RVN highway No. 1 east of Nui Loc Son. MAG-36 provided the helicopter lift of a security force for the down aircraft. The helo was prepared for external lift and recovered by an HMH-463 CH-53.

12 April - Operations in all TAOR's were normal. An HMM-363 UH-34 was hit by fire but no injuries resulted.

13 April - Operations were routine at Dong Ha and Phu Bai. In the DaNang area Operation Humbolt began utilizing six CH-46's from HMM-265, four UH-1E's from VMO-2 and an O-1C as TAO(A). 320 troops were lifted into two LZ's. A Sparrow Hawk mission was conducted by HMM-265 and VMO-2.

14 April - Operations were normal at Dong Ha and Phu Bai. South of DaNang an HMM-363 UH-34 made an autorative landing on the beach when mechanical failure of the tail rotor drive forced the helicopter out of control. The pilot of the second aircraft in the section jettisoned his cargo of ammunition and picked up the crew of the down helicopter. The helicopter was recovered by CH-53. A later attempt to recover the jettisoned ammo was unsuccessful due to inability to locate the ammo. HMM-265 participated in a Blue Springs drone recovery.

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15 April - Operations in all TAOR's were normal. HMM-363 moved from Marble Mountain this date and will be based now at Dong Ha. C-130 aircraft landed at Marble Mountain for the first time and carried the majority of the squadron's gear to Dong Ha. HMM-462's CH-53's as well as HMM-363's own aircraft assisted in the lift. The move by HMM-363 relieved a ten plane HMM-163 commitment at Dong Ha and these aircraft will now operate from their home base of Phu Bai.

16 April - Routine operations were conducted at Dong Ha and Phu Bai. In the DaNang area an HMM-361 UH-34 was hit by ground fire. No injuries resulted. The VMO-2 medevac escort experienced engine failure and crashed S.W. of DaNang. None of the crewwere injured and the helicopter was later recovered by CH-53. Moving into the spaces previously occupied by HMM-363, HMM-262 moved aboard Marble Mountain Air Facility. The squadron remains under operational control of MAG-36 at Ky Ha.

17 April - Operations at Dong Ha were routine. At Phu Bai, the HMM 163 medevac helicopter was hit by fire while sitting in the pick-up zone. None of the crewmembers was injured. Near DaNang, the HMM-361 medevac helicopter made a forced landing five miles S. W. of DaNang after experiencing mechanical difficulties. An HMH-463 CH-53 lifted aircraft back to Marble Mountain. A Sparrow Hawk launch by HMM-265 and VMO-2 resulted in aircraft damage when one of the CH-46's struck a dike on landing and sheared the right main landing gear. The pilot flew the plane back to Marble Mountain without further incident.

18 April - Dong Ha and Phu Bai operations were normal. Near DaNang, an SAR mission consisting of 4 CH-46's from HMM-265, 2 UH-34's from HMM-361 and 4 UH-1E's from VMO-2 conducted a search for the RIO of a VMFA-323 F-4B which crashed at sea. The missing crewman was located 23 miles at sea at approx 2100H by a section of aircraft from HMM-265. A Vietnamese Navy boat made the pick-up and the RIO was later taken off the boat by an HMM-361 UH-34.

19 April - No significant operational commitments were flown at Phu Bai or Dong Ha. Near DaNang an HMM-361 UH-34 was hit by enemy fire with one passenger being WIA. A late afternoon Army Special Forces retraction mission 30 miles S.W. of DaNang utilized aircraft from HMM-262 HMM-265 and VMO-2. The mission successfully lifted 165 U.S. Army and Vietnamese from their besieged position to a secure area. Earlier, HMM-265 and VMO-2 conducted a Sparrow Hawk mission within the local DaNang TAOR.

20 April - Operations in all TAOR's were normal. A VMO-3 UH-1 was hit by ground fire near Phu Bai but no injuries resulted. A Blue Springs drone recovery mission was conducted at DaNang. C-130 aircraft were again utilized for a squadron move, this time lifting HMM-265's gear from Marble Mountain to Phu Bai.

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21 April - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were normal. In the DaNang area, Operation Grand, Phase I, began with an eight plane lift into an LZ 17 miles S.W. of DaNang. 320 troops were carried into the LZ in three waves. The lift was conducted by HMM-262 (YMS-36) using eight CH-46's and escorted by VMO-2 gunships. No [illegible] incidents were recorded. Later in the afternoon the Marine ground forces at Nui Lac Son 24 miles south of DaNang made heavy contact with enemy forces. An eleven plane CH-46 lift by HMM-262 escorted by VMO-2 carried approximately 400 troops into a blocking position 3000 meters east of the scene of conflict. HMH-463 then lifted an artillery unit of 120 troops, 6 105mm guns and 25,000 lb. of ammo into Que Son two miles north of Nui Lac Son. A Command Group of 45 personnel was to be lifted into Nui Lac Son by HMM-262 but the first aircraft to attempt a landing at Nui Lac Son was hit by automatic weapons fire and an air burst weapon which forced that aircraft down at the landing site. The Command Group was lifted instead into Que Son. Following this, emergency ammo and logistics resupply missions were flown into Nui Lac Son and Que Son by HMH-463, HMM-262 and HMM-361. This lift consisted of 65,000 lb. and was conducted after dark. A second major troop movement of over 300 troops was begun just after dark by HMM-265. Weather conditions at the drop zone deteriorated as the lift progressed until the mission was held for two hours. The mission resumed at 0145H 22 April and was completed at 0425H. In the course of these lifts, 14 aircraft sustained battle damage. Injuries to crewmen and passengers included one HMM-262 copilot with serious leg wounds and an HMM-361 medevac helicopter was hit twice during the day with one crewman sustaining minor injuries. One of the medevac helicopters was forced to land at An Hoa due to battle damage.

22 April - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were routine. Mass casualty evacuation was begun in the morning by 4 H-34's from HMM-361 and an HMM-265 H-46 from the scene of conflict near Nui Lac Son the previous night. Emergency resupply missions and medevacs continued to be the main effort throughout the day. Eight aircraft were hit by enemy fire during the day but without injury to crew members. HMH-463 CH-46's lifted the CH-46 out of Nui Lac Son and the UH-34 from An Hoa. The HMM-361 medevac helicopter, hit by fire, landed at LZ 410 south of DaNang. The aircraft was left in the zone.

23 April - Operations at Dong Ha were normal. Operation Shawnee began near Phu Bai but with only limited operations due to adverse weather. Operations in the DaNang area were still oriented toward support of the ground forces at Nui Lac Son however to a lesser extent than on previous days. Operation Grand generated a requirement for logistic support.

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24 April - Near Dong Ha the HMM-363 medevac helicopter was hit by 12 rounds of ground fire while effecting an emergency medevac. None of the crew was hit and the helicopter was flown to Dong Ha. An HMM-463 CH-53 recovered an HMM-163 UH-34 down 4 miles W.N.W. of Hue. The UH-34 was lifted to Phu Bai. The CH-53 was hit by flak during this mission. In the DaNang area an HMM-361 aircraft experienced loss of tail rotor control on take-off from Nui Lac Son. The aircraft, out of control, crashed but without injury to the crew. Later another HMM-361 aircraft experienced power loss and made a forced landing at Nui Son. Both aircraft were later recovered by CH-53. Yet another H-34 made a precautionary landing at Dai Loc. This aircraft was left in the LZ overnight. Another HMM-361 aircraft and another HMM-463 aircraft were hit by ground fire without injury to any of the crew. Of significance, two CH-53's from HMM-463 lifted 223,600 lb. during this day of operations.

25 April - In the Khe Sanh area two HMM-265 aircraft were hit by enemy fire without injury to the crew. West of Hue an HMM-163 UH-34 was hit by ground fire and forced to land. A Sparrow Hawk reaction force was inserted around the downed helo and the crew retracted. One crew member was injured. A VMO-2 UH-1 escorting the Sparrow Hawk was hit by enemy fire. No injuries resulted. An HMM-463 CH-53 lifted the UH-34 from Dai Loc to Marble Mountain. The majority of helo operations in the DaNang area were in support of Operation Union. One CH-37 was hit on a resupply mission south of DaNang. Another CH-37 made a precautionary landing after experiencing a rough running engine. The "Deuce" landed in a secure LZ and remained overnight.

26 April - Operations were normal in all TAOR's. An HMM-361 UH-34 was hit by fire and the pilot suffered cuts from plexiglass. In the Phu Bai area an HMM-463 CH-53 lifted the UH-34, downed on 25 April, to Phu Bai. The CH-53 was hit by fire during the recovery.

27 April - Northwest of Khe Sanh two HMM-265 CH-46's were hit by ground fire. One aircraft was shot down and burned. All crew members were injured. The second aircraft effected the recovery of the crew of the first aircraft and was itself hit by fire. North of Dong Ha an HMM-363 UH-34 crashed on a night medevac mission. The aircraft was destroyed but the crew suffered only minor injuries. In the Phu Bai area routine missions were conducted in support of Operation Shawnee. Missions in the DaNang area were routine. Support of Operation Union continued but on a reduced scale. A late evening Sparrow Hawk mission flown by HMM-262 (MAG-36) escorted by VMO-2 gunships retracted a recon team under fire. The HMM-361 medevac aircraft experienced engine difficulties and the aircraft was left at the 1st Med Bn landing pad.

28 April - At 0130H Phu Bai airfield came under mortar attack. Operational losses consisted of 20 UH-34 aircraft damaged, MATCU-68 equipment damaged and HMM-163 maintenance facilities damaged. Personnel

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casualties were 14 WIA. Shortly after the Phu Bai attack the air base at Dong Ha was attacked with mortars and rockets. Six HMM-363 UH-34's and 2 VMA-2 UH-1E's were damaged. No facilities or equipment was damaged but one crash crewman was KIA and two WIA. During the day operations in all TAOR's were routine. South of Da Nang a CH-53 was hit by fire during a resupply mission. No injuries resulted.

22 April - Operations in all TAOR's were routine. An HMH-463 CH-53 recovered the UH-34 down north of Dong Ha since 27 April.

30 April - At Dong Ha an HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by ground fire during an admin mission resulting in injury to two crewmembers and two passengers. The HMM-361 medevac helicopter was hit by fire on two occassions during the day. In neither incident were injuries incurred. Operations in all TAOR's were normal.

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PART III
Significant Events

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1. PERSONNEL

a. Number of joinings: 197

b. Number of drops: 125

c. Promotions:

(1) Captain to Major: 1
(2) 1stLt to Captain: 11
(3) 2ndLt to 1stLt: 18
(4) SSgt to GySgt: 2
(5) Cpl to Sgt: 18
(6) Pvt to PFC: 7

2. AWARDS

a. Distinguished Flying Cross
Captain Francis J. WELDON Jr. H&MS-16
Captain John G. ZOLLER HMM-163
Captain D. P. CONNOLLY HMM-164
Captain Stephen E. FIELD HMM-361
Captain Robert D. McGINN HMM-361
1stLt. Marshall M. CALEF II HMM-361

b. Air Medal

HMM-265	128
HMM-164	82
HMM-163	142
VMO-3	37
HMM-361	276
H&MS-16	60
SU#1	40
VMO-2	161
HMM-263	25

c. Navy Commendation Medal

HMM-164	1
HMM-163	2
HMM-263	2

d. Purple Heart Medal

HMM-265	2
HMM-163	1
H&MS-16	1
MABS-16	2

3. CASUALTIES (HOSTILE)

Rank	Name	Date	Place
Maj	Eugene W. GILBERT	2 April 67	5 miles SW of Danang
Ltcol	Cliffork D. CORN	2 April 67	5 miles SW of Danang
HM3	Lewis G. BECK	11 April 67	East of Vien Dong

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RANK	NAME	DATE	PLACE
Cpl	Grayson S. UYEDA	12 April 67	4½ miles NW of Phu Bai
LCpl	Tommy O. THOMPSON	21 April 67	½ mile east of Huong Pho 2
Cpl	Jack B. TAYLOR	23 April 67	Nui Lac Son
Captain	Joseph A. FERNANDEZ	24 April 67	19 miles south of Danan
LCpl	Micheal L. STONE	25 April 67	25 miles south of Phu Ba
Captain	Robert D. MCGINN	26 April 67	7 miles south of Danang
Captain	Joseph E. UNDERWOOD III	26 April 67	7 miles south of Danang
Captain	Donald A. MCPHERSON	27 April 67	7 miles west of Khe San
1stLt	Thomas R. LLEWELLYN	27 April 67	7 miles west of Khe San
Lcpl	Dan E. ORCUTT	27 April 67	7 miles west of Khe San
LCpl	Charles L. SMITH Jr.	27 April 67	7 miles west of Khe San

At approximately 0200, 28 April 1967, MAG-16 units located at Dong Ha and Phu Bai received a heavy mortar and rocket attack inflicting numerous casualties while evading fire:

MABS-16 personnel stationed at Dong Ha

Cpl	Albert J. ROSE
PFC	Mike W. AMIOTTE
PFC	Robert I. DUFFETT

HMM-163 personnel stationed at Phu Bai

SSgt	Walter D. SEDLIK
Sgt	David B. BERIDGE
Sgt	William W. HALVORSON
Cpl	Jerry L. BROWN
Cpl	Rupertt D. CASHON
Cpl	Robert MALCOLM
Cpl	Albert DILELLO
LCpl	James E. RIVERS
Lcpl	Paul H. STREHAN
Pvt	Charles E. OLIVER

HMM-265 personnel stationed at Phu Bai

SSgt	Andries DEHAAN
SSgt	John A. LIPSCOMB
Sgt	Charles FLANARY
Sgt	George H. PRIBANIC
Sgt	Dean A. ROGERS
Cpl	Howard I. BOYER
Cpl	James E. DAVIS
LCpl	Daniel J. HARRIGAN
LCpl	Bernard M. O'DONNEL
LCpl	John R. HACKER

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HML-363 personnel stationed at Dong Ha

2ndLt	Richard J. KERCH
Cpl	Eugene GEIGER
GySgt	Roy J. WHITE

VMO-2 member TAD at Dong Ha

Captain	Charles T. ALLEN III

VMO-3 personnel stationed at Phu Bai

MSgt	Eugene F. MCELHANEY
Cpl	Richard C. MARCH III

MATCU-62 personnel stationed at Dong Ha

GySgt	George E. PAYNE

H&MS-16 member TAD to Phu Bai MAG-16 Fwd

LCpl	William PAWLUK

LCpl	Buford H. JONES Jr.	28 April 67	6 miles south of Hue
Cpl	Samuel J. SHEPPARD	30 April 67	Quang Tri Province
2ndLt	James E. STROUPE	30 April 67	Quang Tri Province
PFC	Ronald G. NEMETZ	30 April 67	Quang Tri Province

4. CIVIC ACTION

a. Medical. A total of 10 scheduled sick calls were held at the Catholic dispensary and the Son Thuy-2 dispensary in Hoa Long village. There were 2321 medical patients treated and 165 dental patients treated. One Vietnamese baby was taken to MAG-16 Sick Bay for treatment. MCB-133 has treated 1973 medical patients and 68 dental patients. Five wounded persons were treated and transfered from Son Thuy II and Camp Faulkner to USAID hospital, Danang.

Station Hospital Sick Call was held on Monday mornings by medical officers and hospital corpsman at the dispensary provided by Stell Maris Convent. 1,030 civilians from an area covering Anh Hi village to Non Nuoc were seen and treated. 49 Vietnamese civilians were admitted to the hospital as beneficaries of the civic action program. Of this number, 39 were major surgical cases. Additionally, 333 were treated as outpatients at the hospital. The hospital neurosurgeon from the station performed six craniotomies, two laminectomies and saw 29 consultations at the Danang civilian hospital.

The opthalmologist treated 20 cases of eye infections at the Danang civilian hospital.

A medical team composed of two volunteer corpsmen treated 4,867 civilians and administered 600 Plague shots in various hemlets south of Danang. The Laboratory Officer and a laboratory Technician assisted in establishing

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a Plague disgnostic laboratory and training of Vietnamese technicians in bacteriological techniques for Pesteunella Pestis indentification at Quang Ngai Province Hospital. Laboratory supplies required to conduct necessary tests were made available to the hospital and arrangements were made for PMU to serve as a referral laboratory.

The laboratory officer and sanitation officer assisted the German medical team (MHD) at Hoi An Province Hospital in proper water treatment and water bacteriological examination procedures.

The Vector Control Officer visited the cities of Quang Ngai and Hue to assist U.S.A.I.D. public health personnel in establishing rodent control programs. MAG-16 dispensary treated 38 Vietnamese medical patients and 35 dental patients. There were 13,476 medical and 602 dental patients treated during the month of April by Area #2 coordination units.

b. Education. The Protestant Chaplain from MAG-16 has held four hours of English classes with 96 Vietnamese students.

Fifth Comm has held one hour of English class with 25 Vietnamese students.

MCB-5 English classes of 2 hours each with 360 attendance have been held 16 times in the month of April.

c. Projects. A Vietnamese-American picnic was held at Marble Mountain Air Facility. There were 159 Vietnamese in attendance. The picnic commenced at 1200 and secured at 1600. Food sodas, and gifts were distributed.

MCB-133 sprayed 42 homes in Son Thuy II. They have commenced a seed project in their hamlet. The civic action officer visited the orphanage and convent of Saint Marie for a survey of their needs. Also a visit was made to Hoa Long to discuss a possible Battalion project in that area.

Fifth Comm. has painted the outside and inside of their school.

d. Gave Away Program. 12 Carpenter kits were left with the CAC Team in Son Thuy by MAG-16 to help the chief set up a carpenter school so that the people could build new houses for the Vietnamese moving into the area. 50 lbs of clothing were issued to the W-C orphanage by the civil affairs officer, XO of MABS-16 and MAG-16 Chaplain. The doctor of MAG-16 issued 10 lbs of seed to the Son Thuy village chief to be passed out to the people of his hamlet.

MCB-133 donated $50 to the orphange and delivered 1 midwife kit to the midwife of Son Thuy.

Fifth Comm. distributed 40 bags of cement in their area to be used in a sick bay station hospital. During the month of April, 4,136 gallons of 6% malatnor was used on spray routes in east and west Danang 650 lbs of 10% DDT dust was applied to street dumps in Danang city. 20 gallons of 25% DDT concentrate was used on the large dump in Danang. For Plague control 425 lbs of 10% DDT dust was applied in the village of Man Quang.

MCB-5 has given away for the month of April: cement-7000 lbs, clothing-300 lbs; food-400 lbs; lumber-350 2x4; and 300 bars of soap. 16,000 piasters were given to the orphanages and 1000 piasters to needy families. MCB-5's program is operating smoothly and the results are excellent.

e. Government. Local elections were held 30 April 1967 and were very well run. The new chief of Huynh Ba Lien was reelected and is doing a fine job.

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f. Schedule of Weekly Religious Services

Sunday:

Catholic Confession	0730
Catholic Mass	0800
Protestant Sunday School	0900
Protestant Divine Services	1000
Latter Day Saint Services	1300
Catholic Confession	1730
Catholic Mass	1800
Protestant Evening Services	1900
Protestant Communion	2000

Monday thru Saturday:

Catholic Mass	1800
Protestant Prayer Services	1900

Thursday:

World Religions Classes (Interdenominational)	1830

Saturday:

Protestant Choir Practice	1830

6. INTELLIGENCE/COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. During the four weeks of April, MAG-16 experienced the usual amount of combat damage to aircraft. The aircraft of the Group flew 7,496 flight hours, experienced 255 fire incidents and had 63 aircraft hits; 28.7% of the fire incidents resulted in hits. On the average MAG-16 flew 30 flight hours per fire incident and 125 flight hours per aircraft hit. The Group submitted 165 spot reports.

b. The S-2 continued to provide intelligence support for squadrons and assisted in the organization of S-2 elements at MAG-16 Alpha and Bravo. Developed intelligence was forwarded to adjacent and higher commands.

c. MAG-16 S-2 is cooperating with the 5th Counterintelligence Team, III MAF, in conducting a security survey on all Vietnamese Nationals employed on Marble Mountain Air Facility.

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[redacted] AIR OPERATIONS

HMM-163	UH-34D	HMM-265	CH-46A
Hours	1363.9	Hours	1268.6
Sorties	2747	Sorties	3666
Pax	3007	Pax	10975
Evacs	710	Evacs	573
Cargo	57.4 Tons	Cargo	567.6 Tons

HMM-361	UH-34D	HMM-362	UH-34D
Hours	2112.6	Hours	1244.5
Sorties	5862	Sorties	3523
Pax	5209	Pax	4489
Evacs	1286	Evacs	662
Cargo	292.0 Tons	Cargo	194.6 Tons

VMO-2	UH-1E			VMO-3	UH-1E		
		Gun	Slick			Gun	Slick
Hours	1507.8	1258.5	249.3	Hours	615.1	355.3	259.8
Sorties	1370			Sorties	1690		
Pax	1922			Pax	466		
Evacs	22			Evacs	6		
Cargo	0			Cargo	0		

HMH-463	CH-53A	SU #1	CH-37C
Hours	328.6	Hours	384.7
Sorties	863	Sorties	809
Pax	1978	Pax	2349
Evacs	0	Evacs	0
Cargo	1226.6	Cargo	485.5

H&MS-16	O-1C	UH-34D	C-117D	CH-46A	UH-1E	MAG-16	TOTAL
Hours	542.1	118.7	99.9	21.1	12.1	Hours	9,619.7
Sorties	338	86	244	28	25	Sorties	21,251
Pax	0	221	26	0	0	Pax	30,642
Evacs	0	40	0	0	0	Evacs	3,299
Cargo	0	2.9	3.0	0	0	Cargo	2829.6 Tons

8. AIR CONTROL.

a. MATCU-62 Operations

	Dong Ha	Khe Sanh
(1) VFR	11,541	4,604
(2) IFR	404	84
(3) GCA	525	52

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b. MATSI-68 Operations

	MMAF	HUE	An Hoa
(1) VFR	21,144	20,124	2,177
(2) IFR	None	1,952	None
(3) GCA	None	658	None

9. (SECRET) DEFENSE. No enemy contact or incidents occurred during the month. Improvement and relocation of ground defenses were continued. First of four temporary sentry towers was completed.

10. MOTOR TRANSPORT. The section traveled 50,558 miles during the month of April. The section hauled 824,500 gallons of water and 36,000 gallons of fuel, working on an around the clock schedule. There were 21 vehicles deadlined at the completion of this period.

11. TAFDS.

Station	JP-4	115/145
Marble Mountain	463302	284547
Dong Ha	143677	143982
Phu Bai	413610	203320
LSA (Op Shamoo)	42750	5307
Total	1063339	637156

12. CRASH CREW

a. Personnel. A total of 77 personnel were assigned during this reporting period. Of this total, 14 enlisted were assigned to the Phu Bai Airfield, 14 enlisted were assigned to the Dong Ha Airfield and 14 enlisted were assigned to the Khe Sanh Airfield.

b. Equipment. The equipment assigned during the reporting period consisted of 12 MB-5 Crash Fire Fighting Trucks, 6 of which were deadlined for various reasons, 2 530-B Structural Fire Trucks and 1 530-C Structural Fire Truck, giving a total of 16 trucks. 2 Dry Chemical (Ansul) Airlift Units mounted on an M-35A1 truck were also assigned.

c. Emergency Responses.

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility Crash Crew responded to a total of 45 emergencies during the reported period including response to 4 fires on the base.

(2) The Phu Bai Section of the MMAF Crash Crew responded to a total of 115 emergencies and 2 fires.

(3) The Dong Ha Section of the MMAF Crash Crew responded to a total of 20 emergencies including one fire. This section had one man killed in action as a result of rocket attack on 28 April 1967. In addition, two personnel were wounded as a result of the same action.

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(4) The Khe Sanh Section of the MMAF Crash Crew respond to a total of 85 emergencies.

13. AIR OPERATIONS. Air Freight Section was placed under this section's control. Seven Air Freight Personnel were joined from H&MS-16 on 26 April.

14. WEATHER. During the month of April the weather service section supported MAG-16 in all tactical and non-tactical operations. An electronics technician (MOS 5931) was assigned to the weather service to work with the Rawinsonde team at Dong Ha. This team utilizes a radar set to obtain winds aloft information.

15. FOOD SERVICES. The Marble Mountain Mess served approximately 196,166 meals during the month. Bakery products utilized 21,000 pounds of flour. Electric steam tables were installed on all chow lines.

16. BASE DEVELOPMENT/UTILITIES. During the month 11 people were joined. Section currently has 3 officers and 117 enlisted personnel assigned.

a. Water Point. The Water Point processed 1,153,050 gallons of potable water and approximately 47,500 gallons of raw water during the month of April. The Water Point also processed 19,800 gallons of water for various supporting units. The monthly output of water totaled about 400,000 gallons more than usual, enough to complete their mission of supply to all the Group.

b. Paint Shop. During the month of April the Paint Shop completed some 30 projects. Many of these required much time and skill. A total of 95 signs were painted during the month of April.

c. Electric Shop. The Electric Shop Personnel completed 49 projects and trouble calls during the month. Some of these projects were the installing of a grill in the Officer's Mess, an ice machine installed in the spud locker of the messhall, outlets in the Motor Transport Building of VMO-2, 2 mixing machines were installed in the messhall, an ice machine was hooked up at the Staff NCO Club, lights were installed on the outside of the EM Club, lights were installed in the new store rooms at the messhall and an air compressor was hooked up at O-1C Det. Several groups of huts were also rewired.

d. Plumbing Shop. The Plumbing Shop personnel completed 23 trouble calls and projects during the month. They installed a pipe in the enlisted showers, installed plumbing from the water tower to Special Services, installed one sink in the new Barber Shop, installed a new water tank at the enlisted shower, installed water inlets to new washers in new Laundry, installed a new water tank at the SNCO shower and installed a sink in the spud locker at the Messhall.

e. Refrigeration Shop. The Refrigeration Shop answered 7 trouble calls during the month. A close watch was kept on each of the units working in the messhall.

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f. Generator Shop. During the month of April the Generator Shop performed all first and second echelon maintenance with a minimum amount of breakdown. On the first of April the generator section received a 60KW generator from the REHAB Program. This generator was put on line for about a week at the new laundry. It was then taken off line and transferred to Phu Bai. Another 60KW generator was transferred to REHAB for repairs.

g. Carpenter Shop. During the month of April the Carpenter Shop completed some 182 trouble calls and work assignments. Twenty carpenters went to Dong Ha and in nine days built 21 complete living quarters, a 48' X 16' chapel, a 16' X 16' Dispatchers Shed, added a 20' X 30' storeroom onto the messhall and constructed 25 general purpose tents for HMM-363.

h. Laundry. During the month on the second of April, the Base laundry was moved into its new building which is one of the best structures on the base. During this month the laundry processed 16, 828 pounds of clothing and collected organizational gear to turn over to the civilian laundry service. The laundry now provides individual bundle service to all ranks.

17. EXCHANGE. During the month of April the sales amounted to $55,660.00. Compared with the month of March, it shows a decrease of $1,320. Monthly sales for James S. Lee during the month of April were $5,295.95 an increase of $267.30 over the month of March 1967. The exchange now has a photo service, SHANAN PHOTO SERVICE, daily pickup.

18. LOGISTICS.

a. An additional 40,000 gallon fuel capability has been installed at Phu-Bai and a 30,000 gallon temporary farm at LZ for Operation Shawnee.

b. Logistical support was provided for the movement of a CH-46A squadron to Phu-Bai and a UH-34D squadron to Dong Ha.

c. The Base Operations and Tower structures were started on schedule and are approximately 60% complete.

d. The east apron was marked off for taxi and parking.

e. Air Freight processed from MMAF during the period was:

Lbs.	Passengers	Cu.Ft.
381,121	392	17,192

19. COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Personnel gains kept pace with personnel losses. GySgt J. C. STRANGER was joined and, after a period of indoctrination at Marble Mountain, will be sent to Phu Bai as the NCOIC of the communications detachment there. This fills the requirements for Staff NCO's at both Dong Ha and Phu Bai.

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b. Telephone service is still being hampered due to many lines and cables cut by construction crews working throughout the MMAF area. An AN/GTC-1 intercom system was installed for Group Supply. The tower was removed after is was moved to its new location. Many feet of 50, 25, 12, and 5 pair cable were layed to increase the reliability of telephone service.

c. The Air Force started installation of a new 200 line switchboard. MAG-16 will receive 4 trunks and 30 local lines from this board which will ease the load on the MAG-16 switchboard.

d. Message traffic was still at a high level. Total volume: 6962 messages processed with 1670 orginated from MAG-16.

e. The following transactions were effected by the repair section:

(1) 140 pieces of equipment processed by repair section.

(2) 5 pieces of equipment evacuated to higher echelon of maintenance.

(3) 3 pieces of equipment returned from higher echelon of maintenance.

(4) 120 pieces of equipment returned to sections.

(5) 52 requisitions processed by supply section.

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