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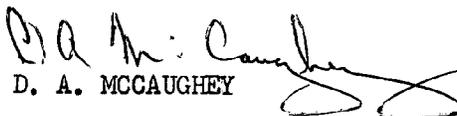
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May - 31 May 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 LtCol D. A. MCCAUGHEY (1-31May70)

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major J. L. THIESSE (1-31May70)
Operations Officer	Major D. A. SHARR (1-31May70)
Logistics Officer	Captain R. T. ADAMS (1-31May70)
Administrative Officer	Captain L. E. BOWYER (1-31May70)
A/C Maintenance Officer	Major J. S. MARTIN (1-31May70)
Intelligence Officer	1/Lt P. W. HOOPER (1-10May70) Captain J. B. BARR (11-31May70)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of May brought a record number of flight hours flown by HML-167. After April's increase of 250 hours over March, the May total of 249.9 hours more than April or 2702.3, is a squadron record. The hard working maintenance department made this possible with an average availability of 25 aircraft per day. The event was celebrated by a 33 plane flyover on the 31st of May. The 34th aircraft was flying a tactical mission at the time.

Both "Gunships" and "Slicks" showed a significant increase in flight time. The armed escort missions once again increased for a total of 1244.5 "Gun" hours. But the "Slicks" could not be outdone with a total of 1457.8 hours, while carrying 3,623 passengers and 190 VIP's. While flying these hours, the squadron accounted for 1,032 tasks and 6,972 sorties.

Engine failures accounted for the loss of two aircraft during May. The first was on a test hop and occurred over the ocean. The pilot brought it down in shallow water with no injuries, but "Alpha" damage to the aircraft. The second was on a VIP hop over the bay and the aircraft sunk in about 35 feet of water. All personnel again escaped injury while the aircraft sustained "Alpha" damage.

Only one department head change was effected during May. Capt BARR replaced Lt HOOPER as the Intelligence Officer.

During May there were 12 promotions to L/Cpl, 20 to Cpl, and 3 to Sgt. 1 Officer rejoined the squadron and 8 enlisted personnel joined during May. 3 officers were transferred along with 6 enlisted men.

Our Intelligence Section confirms 17 KBA's and 2 secondary explosions attributed to the squadron. Squadron aircraft were involved in ten fire incidents for the month for a total of 10 hits but without injuries and only temporary loss of aircraft for repairs.

Prospects for June look good and squadron spirit seems at a justifiable all time high. Availability continues to increase. The "Comprise Checkmates" still feel justified in claiming the title - "MAG-16's Finest".

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

7 May 1970	Loss of aircraft BuNo 154950, no injuries, Alpha damage
10 May 1970	Capt BARR assumed duties as Intelligence Officer
13 May 1970	Loss of aircraft BuNo 151886, no injuries, Alpha damage
31 May 1970	33 plane flyover
	Ordnance expended (May)
	7.62-258,000 rounds
	2.75 Folding Fin Aircraft Rocket - 1,596

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No supporting documents for May 1970

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