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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 LtCol R. J. BLANC (1-14Apr71)

2. LOCATION

1-14 April 1971: Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major S. L. WEINERTH (1-14Apr71)
Operations Officer	Major R. M. ONDRICK (1-14Apr71)
Logistics Officer	Major O. E. JAMES (1-14Apr71)
Administrative Officer	Major J. D. MOODY (1-14Apr71)
A/C Maintenance Officer	Major J. E. HAYES (1-14Apr71)
Intelligence Officer	1stLt A. L. RALSTON (1-14Apr71)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHS

<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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The first half of April saw the Marine Corps involvement in Vietnam continue to phase down as the III Marine Amphibious Force departed from country, on the 14th, leaving the III Marine Amphibious Brigade as the senior Marine command. As almost all of the Marine ground units moved in from the field, the nature of Squadron missions changed, however, the commitments remained high. "Comprise" continued to operate at a high pace with 685.2 hours being flown during the first 14 days. The emphasis was placed on reconnaissance, with both the rocket belt VR and the night "Black Hammer" mission accounting for a large percentage of the flight time. Two of the major VIP missions long flown by "Comprise" were ended, as Mission 1, for Lieutenant General ROBERTSON, CG, III MAF, and Mission 2, for Major General WIDDECKE, were discontinued with the stand down of III MAF, the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and the 1st Marine Division.

The breakdown of flight hours reflects the change in commitments. Of the 685 total flight hours, the "guns" accounted for 271.5 hours, while the "slicks" flew 413.7 hours. A total of 871 passengers were carried, 288 tasks were flown, and 1847 sorties were completed.

Enemy contacts dropped off considerably after the first of the month, with an attendant drop in statistics reported from the S-2 Department. BDA's for the first 14 days of April included 8 hootches damaged and 8 unknown BDA's. The Squadron continued with its training program for the new pilots with primary attention being given to ordnance training. 50,700 rounds of 7.62 and 551 2.75 FFAR rockets were expended. Squadron aircraft were involved in 11 enemy fire incidents without any aircraft taking hits.

The constant rotation of squadron pilots, which has been prevalent during the past few months has ceased. The squadron has reached a period of stabilization which has given it an experience level higher than it has been at any time for the past 6 months. The men of "Comprise Country" face the last few months of combat with confidence that HM/L-167 will continue to capably accomplish its mission.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. No significant events for the period 1-14 April 1971.

Ordnance Expended (1-14 April)

7.62 - 50,700
2.75 FFAR - 551

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No supporting documents for the period 1-14 April 1971.

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