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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 LtCol R. J. BLANC (1-28Feb71)

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1971: Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major S. L. WEINERTH (1-28Feb71)
Operations Officer	Major R. M. ONDRICK (1-28Feb71)
Logistics Officer	Capt O. S. DOUGHERTY (1-28Feb71)
Administrative Officer	Major J. D. MOODY (1-28Feb71)
A/C Maintenance Officer	Major J. E. HAYES (1-28Feb71)
Intelligence Officer	1stLt A. L. RALSTON (1-28Feb71)

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>
50	160	0	0	0	0

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Counting only 28 days, February found the "Comprise Checkmates" putting forth a very respectable 1739.7 hours total flight time. Once again the Maintenance Department was able to supply the aircraft needed to meet all operational commitments, even though plagued by the loss of experienced maintenance personnel and crew chiefs.

The squadron was honored for its work on the night observation/attack mission on 12 February 1971 when the commanding officer of Gulf Cupp 2/5 presented the squadron with an AK-47 mounted on a plaque. The weapon was captured during a "Black Hammer" operation within their area, and was presented for the outstanding work done by squadron personnel flying the "Black Hammer" in support of the Cupp teams.

During the month, "Comprise" birds continued their aggressive actions against the enemy. Squadron S-2 files show a total of 23 fire incidents with five aircraft taking hits. Four of the incidents resulted in only minor damage, with one aircraft sustaining Alpha damage. The Alpha damage occurred on 1 February 1971 when TV-6, bureau number 151881, was shot down and destroyed by fire while on an HCA mission. The pilot, Major H. H. CLARK, suffered only minor injuries with no injuries to the rest of the crew. The squadron compiled a total of 13 KBA's, 9 probables, with 9 hootches, 7 bunkers, and 2 sampans destroyed, and 2 hootches and 7 bunkers damaged. In addition, 8 secondary explosions were observed and 2 WIA's confirmed.

February found a slight drop in total flight time to 1739.7 hours with the "Guns" accounting for 814.5 of the total, a slight increase over January. However, the "Slicks" fell short of last month's total with only 925.2 hours, carrying 41 VIP's and 1,943 passengers. The squadron compiled a total of 4,818 sorties and 654 tasks.

February brought us three new pilots for replacements while the squadron lost five experienced aviators. We are looking forward to the months ahead with great confidence as we now have many "old timers" aboard and foresee losing very few pilots due to rotation in the coming months. The squadron's experience level is rapidly rising, with all personnel eager and ready to take on any and all future tasks to further secure our title of "MAG-16's Finest".

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- 1 February 1971 Aircraft TV-6, BuNo 151881, sustained numerous hits, resulting in Alpha damage.
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|----------------|-------|---------|------------|--------------|
| CLARK, H. H. | Major | 077370 | Pilot | Minor Injury |
| JACOBSON, D.A. | 1stLt | 0107638 | Co-Pilot | No Injury |
| BLAIR, W. A. | Cpl | 2462808 | Crew Chief | No Injury |
| ABBOTT, K. H. | SSgt | 2083092 | Gunner | No Injury |
- 5 February 1971 Aircraft TV-20, BuNo 153752, sustained 2 hits, resulting in Delta damage and no injuries.
- 15 February 1971 Aircraft TV-25, BuNo 151290, sustained 2 hits, resulting in Delta damage and no injuries.
- 17 February 1971 Aircraft TV-37, BuNo 154778, sustained 1 hit, resulting in Delta damage and no injuries.
- 19 February 1971 Aircraft TV-25, BuNo 151290, sustained 3 hits, resulting in Delta damage and no injuries.

Pilots Joining HML-167

1stLt V. E. CARLIN
1stLt E. R. LANGSTON JR.
1stLt J. M. ROAKE

Pilots Leaving HML-167

Capt J. B. BARR
1stLt G. W. DUESING
1stLt R. R. DOUGHERTY
1stLt N. W. JOSTEN
1stLt P. A. LAHLUM

Ordnance Expended (February)

7.62 - 211,500
2.75 FFAR - 2,189

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No supporting documents for February 1971

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