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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
MARINE AIR GROUP 16
MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY
REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
Period Covered: 1 through 31 January, 1967

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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is herewith submitted.
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PART I
Organizational Data

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1. Command Composition

BILLET	NAME	RANK	DATE
CO MAG-16	Frank M. HEPLER	COL	1-31Jan67
CO MAG-16(FWD)	Samuel F. MARTIN	COL	1-31Jan67
EXO MAG-16	Arnold W. BARDEN	LTCOL	1-31Jan67
Adjutant	Phillip A. OLSON	WO-1	1-31Jan67
S-1 Officer	Oliver G. McDONALD	MAJ	1-31Jan67
S-2 Officer	Yerger JOHNSTONE	CAPT	1-31Jan67
S-3 Officer	Herbert E. MENDENHALL	LTCOL	1-31Jan67
S-4 Officer	Manning T. JANNELL	LTCOL	1-31Jan67
CO H&MS-16	Lucius O. DAVIS	LTCOL	1-31Jan67
OIC O-1C DET	Jack E. EVANS	LTCOL	1-31Jan67
OIC HMM-463 DET	William R. BEELER	LTCOL	1-31Jan67
OIC SUB UNIT #1	Robert L. HAMLEY	MAJ	1-31Jan67
CO MABS-16	Rodney K. MCKITRICK	LTCOL	1-4Jan67
CO MABS-16	Charles E. WYNER Jr.	LTCOL	5-31Jan67
OIC MATCU-62	Robert O. MEYER	CAPT	1-31Jan67
OIC MATCU-68	John G. BEVER	CAPT	1-31Jan67
CO HMM-163	Rocco B. BLANCHI	LTCOL	1-31Jan67
CO HMM-164	Warren C. WATSON	LTCOL	1-31Jan67
CO HMM-263	Leslie L. DARBYSHIRE	LTCOL	1-31Jan67
CO HMM-265	Frank B. ELLIS	MAJ	1-31Jan67
CO VMO-2	William F. HARRELL	LTCOL	1-31Jan67
CO VMO-3	Kyle W. TOWNSEND	MAJ	1-31Jan67

2. Task Organization

H&MS-16	Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Viet Nam
SU #1	Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Viet Nam
MABS-16	Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Viet Nam
HMM-163	Hue Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam
HMM-164	Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Viet Nam
HMM-263	Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Viet Nam
HMM-265	Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Viet Nam
VMO-2	Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Viet Nam
VMO-3	Hue Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam
MATCU-62	Dong Ha, Republic of Viet Nam
MATCU-68	Hue Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam

3. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		USN	
	Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
H&MS-16	86	509	0	0
SU #1	11	63	0	0
MABS-16	22	724	3	11
HMM-163	55	200	1	3

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	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
HMM-164	46	190	1	4
HMM-263	51	193	1	4
HMM-265	46	188	1	3
VMO-2	47	160	1	3
VMO-3	26	101	1	2
MATCU-62	5	54	0	0
MATCU-68	8	66	0	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. Brigadier General OWENS made official visits to the command on 1, 25 and 28 January 1967.

b. Major General ROBERTSHAW made official visits on 5, 15 and 30 January 1967.

c. Lieutenant General KRULAK made an official visit on 2 January 1967.

d. General GREENE, CMC, visited the Command on 9 January 1967.

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PART II
Narrative Summary

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1. Special Operations

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| a. Operation Prairie | 1-31 January |
| b. Operation Chinook | 1-31 January |
| c. Operation Deckhouse V | 3-15 January |
| d. Operation Lincoln | 5-10 January |
| e. Operation Cleveland | 24-26 January |
| f. Operation Tuscaloosa | 24-31 January |
| g. Operation De Soto | 26-31 January |

2. General Summary

During January MAG-16 continued to operate from bases at Marble Mountain, Hue/Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sanh and a two plane C-1C contingent at Chu Lai. Flight operations at all five locations were hampered throughout most of the month by heavy monsoon weather. In addition to reducing the number of sorties flown, the low ceilings prevalent during the period forced the helicopters to lower cargo altitudes and a sharp, 20% rise in the number of fire incidents was recorded.

MAG-16's resources were augmented during the month by the arrival in country of a four plane CH-53 detachment of HMM-463 and by the arrival of a 12 plane UH-1E squadron, VMO-3. The heavy lift capability of the H-53's has already been used several times for aircraft recovery. VMO-3's presence released the UH-1E's from VMO-6 which had been providing additional support to the Group.

3. Chronological Summary

1 January 1967 - Because of extremely heavy monsoon rain and low ceilings, no missions were flown at either Dong Ha or Phu Bai and only 2 emergency medevacs were flown in the DaNang area. Total flight time for the day for the Group was 2.9.

2 January 1967 - Inclement weather still hampered flight operations. Most missions in the DaNang area were cancelled.

3 January 1967 - Routine flight operations were conducted. An interesting occurrence was an HMM-263 aircraft hit by one round of small arms while flying "in the soup" 200' above the weather ceiling.

4 January 1967 - On a recon insert, a CH-46 was hit by 8 rounds of automatic small arms while sitting in the LZ. The crew chief and gunner were WIA. On a medevac mission, an H-34 had the throttle cable severed by one round of small arms. The pilot added climb power to prevent an overspeed, climbing in actual IFR conditions until an autorotation could be effected to DaNang at which time he secured the engine and performed an IFR autorotation to the runway.

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5 January 1967 - Two aircraft were hit by ground fire this date without injury to personnel or significant damage to the helicopters. Operation Lincoln kicked off with troop lifts into two landing zones. Otherwise, routine operations were conducted.

6 January 1967 - Operation Lincoln continued with MAG-16 providing logistic support. An H-46 even rescued the pilot of an A-4 who ejected 10 miles SW of DaNang. An H-46 and an H-1 were each hit by one round of small arms. Both were participating in the same mission. Sparrow Hawk was launched once during the day for a troop insert.

7 January 1967 - An H-34 was downed by ground fire while on a logistic resupply mission for Operation Lincoln. The wingman evacuated the crew. A Blue Spring mission was conducted. While controlling fixed wing air strikes, an O-1G was hit by ground fire. A Sparrow Hawk launch by HMM-265 lifted troops into two landing zones. The lift was uneventful.

8 January 1967 - HMM-463 and WMO-3 were off loaded from USNS CROATON. WMO-3's UH-1Es were then flown to Phu Bai. The H-53s of HMM-463 will be based at Marble Mountain. The UH-1E of WMO-2 flying medevac escort was hit by ground fire and forced to land at Dai Nock. The medevac aircraft from HMM-263 was hit on the same mission but returned to Marble Mountain. Weather conditions deteriorated through out the day and eventually forced curtailment of all operations by late afternoon.

9 January 1967 - General Wallace M. GREENE Jr., GMC, visited MAG-16 today. An H-34 from HMM-263 on a medevac mission and an H-46 from HMM-164 on a resupply mission each took one hit by small arms. HMM-164 launched Sparrow Hawk for a troop insert. The mission was uneventful.

10 January 1967 - Sparrow Hawk launched twice on troop inserts. On the first occasion fire was received but no hits taken. The second was uneventful. Otherwise routine operations were conducted with weather still preventing the Group from reaching the limit of its potential.

11 January 1967 - An H-46 was damaged and 3 passengers WIA when a booby trap was triggered as the aircraft landed for a recon insert. Sparrow Hawk launched on a troop insert.

12 January 1967 - Much improved weather permitted execution of most missions. Operations were of a routine nature. The medevac H-34 from HMM-263 was hit by small arms wounding the accompanying corpsman and a civilian photographer.

13 January 1967 - Routine operations were conducted. The HMM-263 medevac helicopter was hit on one mission without injury to personnel. HMM-463 performed their first mission in country lifting 3 tons of cargo.

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14 January 1967 - A company sized raid was conducted 18 miles south of Danang. During the landing, nine H-46's were hit by ground fire resulting in 4 WIA to helicopter crewmembers and 1 passenger KIA. C-10's controlled fixed wing in the vicinity of the target throughout the day.

15 January 1967 - A Sparrow Hawk launch resulted in one H-46 and one H-1 each being hit by small arms. No injuries resulted. Weather hampered flight operations throughout the day.

16 January 1967 - Routine flight operations were conducted. No significant occurrences.

17 January 1967 - Two H-53's were hit by ground fire while on logistics mission south of Quang Ngai. Routine flight operations were conducted in all three TAC's, Dong Ha, Phu Bai and Danang.

18 January 1967 - South of Dong Ha, a 3/4 ton truck being externally lifted by an H-53 of HMM-463 was intentionally dropped by the pilot when the load began oscillating. A strike planned for H/2/1 was aborted due to insufficient LZ preparation and deteriorating weather in the vicinity of the LZ. A high percentage of dud ordnance, particularly napalm, was the cause of the unsatisfactory prep. An HMM-164 H-46 slick carried a downed Army H-1 from Phu Bai to Marble Mountain. A Blue Spring mission was conducted.

19 January 1967 - Operations of routine nature were performed. The H-53's of HMM-463 were grounded for an indefinite period for safety of flight.

20 January 1967 - The HMM-263 medevac received fire on two occasions and took one hit on one of these. HMM-164 and WMO-2 conducted night emergency recon extraction. The recon element had sustained 1 WIA and 1 KIA and was under fire during the extraction. The aircraft took no hits.

21 January 1967 - A County Fair was conducted with 120 Marines being inserted into preselected landing zones around Thanh Thit (5) seven miles southeast of Danang. This is the first time MAC-16 had participated in a County Fair operation. The landing was opposed by snipers and was considered a success.

22 January 1967 - HMM-263 aircraft were hit on two occasions, one a medevac, the other an admin. No personnel injuries resulted. An H-46 slick lifted an Air America H-1 from Quang Ngai to Danang. Pilots of the C-10 detachment controlled 12 flights of fixed wing.

23 January 1967 - The medevac helicopter took mortar fire while in the pickup zone on one mission. The aircraft sustained no damage. Sparrow Hawk aircraft (H-46) were used on a medevac mission because of the high altitude of the pickup zone. A Sparrow Hawk launch later in the day retracted a recon element under fire.

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24 January 1967 - Operations Tuscaloosa and Cleveland kicked off in the Danang area. Eight H-46's, 3 H-34's, 4 H-1's and 2 C-1's participated. Otherwise, routine flight operations were conducted.

25 January 1967 - Routine operations were conducted with logistic and admin support of Operations Tuscaloosa and Cleveland. A medevac helicopter in the Tuscaloosa area was hit by fire. On approach to the USS REPOSE in a shuttle from the Naval Hospital, an H-34 experienced engine failure making a successful landing on the ship. With special permission of the CG, 1stMAW, an H-53 lifted the H-34 from the deck of the REPOSE to Marble Mountain. The H-53's were still grounded for safety of flight.

26 January 1967 - In the Danang area, Sparrow Hawk launched twice to support heavy contact in the Tuscaloosa area. An H-34 in support of Tuscaloosa was hit by fire, four others were fired on but not hit. Near Khe Sanh an H-34 was hit by approximately 20 rounds of 12.7mm automatic fire while attempting an emergency recon retraction. Later, in the same area, three H-46's were downed by enemy action, also attempting an emergency retraction. All three received strike damage. A fourth H-46 returning to Khe Sanh from the scene of the other aborted retraction, crashed on GCA final. This aircraft burned. An H-1 parked nearby suffered overhaul damage. In all, 9 personnel were injured.

27 January 1967 - At Quang Tai, an H-1 from WMO-2 crashed in the early morning fatally injuring the co-pilot. Weather was the primary factor. The other three crewmembers were injured. An H-34 received blade damage after striking foliage lifting from a zone with an emergency medevac. South of Danang, an H-34 from HMM-263 suffered engine failure and the pilot effected a safe emergency landing. The helicopter was later destroyed by fixed wing when VC began unloading its cargo of mortar ammo. In support of Operation Tuscaloosa an H-34 took two hits. No personnel injuries resulted.

28 January 1967 - Routine operations were conducted this date. Sparrow Hawk launched once.

29 January 1967 - Heavy contact with VC elements south of Danang produced three separate Sparrow Hawk launches. In each mission intense fire was received and multiple hits received. Medevac and resupply helicopters supporting ground units in the same area as the Sparrow Hawk landings were also hit on several occasions. Two missions into that area had to be aborted due to the intensity of automatic weapons fire. In other areas, routine operations were conducted.

30 January 1967 - An H-53 recovered an H-34 from 20 miles SW of Danang. Another H-53 dropped a 5 ton road grader when the cargo sling severed. Three H-34's from HMM-263 were hit by ground fire while on a resupply mission. Another H-34 was hit by fire on a medevac mission. The pilot was slightly wounded.

31 January 1967 - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were hampered by inclement weather. In the Danang area routine operations were conducted. Sparrow Hawk was launched once on an emergency recon retraction. An H-53 dropped the hulk of an H-34 being lifted from Quang Ngai to Ky Ha.

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Part III
Significant Events

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1. Personnel

a. Number of joinings: 185

b. Number of drops: 149

c. Promotions:

(1) 1stLt to Capt 1

(2) GySgt to 1stSgt 1

(3) SSgt to GySgt 2

(4) Sgt to SSgt 1

(5) Cpl to Sgt 39

(6) LCpl to Cpl 58

(7) Pfc to LCpl 46

(8) Pvt to Pfc 5

2. Awards

a. The following awards were presented during January:

(1) Navy Cross

Maj Vincil W. HAZELBAKER WMO-2

(2) Distinguished Flying Cross:

Capt H. L. KENNEDY HMM-164

Capt L. J. McDONALD HMM-164

(3) Bronze Star Medal:

Cpl M. T. WHITE HMM-263

(4) Navy Commendation Medal:

Cpl J. G. DOUGLAS HMM-265

(5) Army Commendation Medal:

SSgt G. M. DE BARTOLO MAB-16

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(6) Air Medals:

MABS-16	5
H&MS-16	71
SU #1	60
HMM-163	265
HMM-164	148
HMM-263	182
HMM-265	222
WMO-2	99

3. CasualtiesNON-HOSTILE

NONE

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Sgt	Gerald L. CARR	4 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Sgt	Darnell E. GAMBLE	8 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Sgt	Dan M. GENE II	8 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Corr	Robert STONES	10 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
HMC	John E. GOODWIN	13 Jan 67	Danang THOR
Cpl	Sidney T. FISH	14 Jan 67	11 Mi South Danang TACAN
Cpl	Charles M. GOWAN	14 Jan 67	11 Mi South Danang TACAN
Cpl	Stanley M. KRESCH	14 Jan 67	11 Mi South Danang TACAN
SSgt	John F. STEWART	14 Jan 67	11 Mi South Danang TACAN
1stLt	N. A. SNIDER	26 Jan 67	Quang Nam Province
2ndLt	Roger F. ZELIVENTY	26 Jan 67	Quang Nam Province
Cpl	William E. MOYNER	26 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Capt	Joseph G. ROMAN	27 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Cpl	Walfredo REZAN	27 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Sgt	James B. BUNKER	27 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Capt	Harold J. CACCHIA	27 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Cpl	Terry L. BOWMAN	27 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Capt	Christopher M. BRIDGEMAN	27 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Cpl	Frank H. McLAUGHLIN	27 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
2ndLt	Jerome J. RINGENBERG	27 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Sgt	Robert E. BOSSERDET	28 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Capt	David G. MANLIEF	28 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
Major	Jac D. WATSON	28 Jan 67	Quang Tri Province
FM2	Michael L. MITCHELL	29 Jan 67	5 Mi SW Marble Mountain
Major	Bertram W. McCAULEY	30 Jan 67	Quang Nam Province
Capt	Paul M. NICK	31 Jan 67	7 Mi South Danang
Capt	Brian W. B. ROBERT	31 Jan 67	7 Mi South Danang

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4. Civic Action

a. Medical. A total of seventeen sick calls were held at the Son Thuy 2 dispensary, and at the Catholic dispensary in Hoa Long Village. There were three thousand six hundred and sixteen medical patients and one hundred and sixty six dental patients treated. Twelve Vietnamese were referred to the Naval Hospital for treatment from the Son Thuy 2 dispensary. There are presently four Vietnamese being trained as health workers in Hoa Long Village.

MCB-6 treated one thousand seven hundred and twenty six medical patients at their dispensary in Son Thuy 1.

MCB-5 treated two thousand eight hundred and sixty six medical patients and eighteen dental patients at their dispensary in My Thi Hamlet. The unit corpsmen are making individual house calls in the hamlet.

The Naval Hospital had thirty one Vietnamese admitted, all of these were major surgery patients. They have three hundred and eighteen Vietnamese outpatients. Medcap teams from the hospital have treated five thousand four hundred and ninety medical patients in Hoa Long Village. The Hospital Neurosurgeon has performed eight major operations and held thirty eight consultations at the civilian hospital in DaNang.

The Preventive Medicine Section has sprayed the Protestant Orphanage four times and the Catholic Orphanage five times for mosquito control.

There were eight thousand five hundred and fifty seven medical patients and one hundred and eighty four dental patients treated in Hoa Long Village this month.

b. Education. The MAG-16 Protestant Chaplain has held four English classes. There were twenty five Vietnamese students.

MCB-6 has held four hours of English classes with six students.

MCB-5 has held forty hours of English classes with five hundred and ten students. Five thousand piasters for educational assistance was contributed to My Thi Hamlet by MCB-5.

Fifth Com has held six English classes at the Catholic Convent and four child care classes for the Vietnamese mothers.

c. Projects. On 9 January two shower units were built adjacent to the dispensary in Son Thuy 2 by the crash crew from MAG-16. MCB-6 fills the tanks twice a week prior to the scheduled sick calls.

On 12 January a combined working party of Marines from MAG-16, the Vietnamese Popular Forces and the Hoa Long Village Officials poured a cement floor in the village public school. At present work is still continuing on this project.

On 23 January the constitution of the Catholic Boys Town project was altered to eliminate any duplication to the Technical School in DaNang.

On 27 January two truck loads of sand were delivered to the site of the Buddhist School project in Son Thuy 2 by MAG-16. There will be no other aid given to this project until the Buddhists resume work on the school.

MCB-6 has constructed an orphanage in Son Thuy 2 for the civic action program of 3/1. This is a 3/1 initiated project. The orphanage is large enough to accommodate twelve children. A merry-go-round was also constructed for the children of Son Thuy 2 by MCB-6.

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MCB-6 has constructed a steel sleeve and winch for a well in Son Thuy 1 to prevent the pollution of the well by river water. They have also built a gate in their perimeter to enable the people of Son Thuy 1 access to the civilian transportation to DaNang.

The people of Da Man Hamlet, with the supervision provided by Fifth Comm, are constructing the cement inserts for their new wells.

MCB-5 has completed the construction of school desks for one hundred and fifty students in My Thi Hamlet.

d. Give Away Program. MAG-16 contributed one hundred and eighty pounds of childrens clothing, and forty pounds of soap to the people of Son Thuy 2.

MCB-6 distributed one hundred and fifty pounds of clothing, fifteen pounds of candy and one hundred and thirty two bars of soap to the people of Son Thuy 1. One hundred school kits were provided for the hamlet school.

MCB-5 distributed twenty pounds of clothing and three hundred and fifty bars of soap to the people of My Thi Hamlet. Seventy pounds of food and three thousand piasters were given to the needy families of the hamlet. Nine thousand board feet of scrap lumber was given to the hamlet for school benches.

e. Psychological Warfare. Three hundred pounds of psychological warfare literature has been distributed to the people of Hoa Long Village.

On 6 January a psychological warfare team held lectures and showed films in Son Thuy Hamlet. There were approximately four hundred and fifty Vietnamese in attendance.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs

a. Attendance at Catholic and Protestant Sunday Services continues high, 170 attending Catholic Mass and 120 at Protestant Divine Services. Daily attendance at Catholic Mass is 16. Protestant Chaplain GRAHAM and Catholic Chaplain WISHARD are providing personal counseling to Marines of the Command.

6. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence

a. The Group Intelligence Section continued to provide a wide range of intelligence and counterintelligence services for the Group Commander and the squadrons. Air-infantry prestrike planning improved markedly during the month. However, because of adverse weather conditions which forced aircraft to fly at more vulnerable altitudes, and because of stiff enemy opposition on some heliborne assaults, the Group suffered its worst exposure to enemy AA fire. The Group flew approximately 4600 hours, experienced 300 AA fire incidents, and had 81 aircraft hit by enemy fire. Fire incidents and aircraft hit were 20% higher than any previous month, setting a new Group record for combat exposure. MAG-16 aircraft averaged about 15 flight hours per fire incident and approximately 56 flight hours per aircraft hit. About 40 flight hours were logged for each spot report, yielding some indication of the Group's aerial observation contribution to the intelligence community.

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b. Noteworthy intelligence events during the month were:

4 January Intelligence Officer briefed the officers of WM-3 on enemy capabilities and the enemy situation in I Corps.

10 January Intelligence Officer conducted an intelligence orientation brief for the officers of Detachment A, HMM-463.

12 January Conducted liaison visit to 3d Bn 1st Marines accompanied by the CO "B" Company, 1st M. P. Bn.

13 January Conducted liaison visit to 1st Marines to assist in planning a heliborne raid on Ban Lanh (2).

14 January Intelligence Officer participated in pre-strike briefing for the C/1/1 raid on Ban Lanh (2).

17 January Intelligence Officer attended a planning conference at 1st Marines to discuss two proposed operations. After aerial reconnaissance and research, participated in briefing a strike for 18 January, which was aborted due to inadequate LZ preparation.

18 January Conducted LHM inspection of HMM-265 intelligence unit, and found it to be satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

22 January Participated in liaison visit to 2d Bn 4th Marines to plan Operation Cleveland.

23 January Briefed aircraft strike crews on heliborne assault phase of Operation Cleveland.

29 January Intelligence Chief conducted intelligence research and planning for Operation Independence.

31 January Intelligence Officer briefed Operation Independence strike crews.

7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-163</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>
Hours	913.6
Sorties	2281
Pax	3033
Evacs	231
Cargo	68.7

<u>HMM-164</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>
Hours	820.2
Sorties	1163
Pax	3487
Evacs	37
Cargo	372.4

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<u>HMM-263</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>
Hours	1624.8
Sorties	5187
Pax	3513
Evacs	1105
Cargo	173.3

<u>WC-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>
Hours	1223.8
Sorties	3439
Pax	2203
Evacs	31
Cargo	---

<u>HMH-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>
Hours	72.1
Sorties	132
Pax	143
Evacs	
Cargo	161.3

<u>HMM-265</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>
Hours	785.4
Sorties	2093
Pax	6392
Evacs	234
Cargo	590.5

<u>WC-3</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>
Hours	499.2
Sorties	1336
Pax	381
Evacs	2
Cargo	2.0

<u>SU #1</u>	<u>CH-37C</u>
Hours	286.3
Sorties	715
Pax	1017
Evacs	4
Cargo	400.9

<u>HMM-16</u>	<u>O-1C</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>CH-37C</u>	<u>HAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	867.5	76.4	11.4	Hours	7185.7
Sorties	587	61	9	Sorties	17003
Pax	---	---	150	Pax	20319
Evacs	---	---	---	Evacs	1650
Cargo	---	---	7.0	Cargo	1776.1

8. Air Control

a. During January Marble Mountain conducted 13,949 VFR and Special VFR operations. Hue/Phi Bai conducted 13,448 operations including a record 1003 GCA's. Khe Sanh conducted 2773 operations including 124 GCA's. Operations at these locations are conducted by MATCU-68. At Dong Ha, MATCU 62 conducted 9726 VFR, 572 IFR and 364 radar controlled operations.

9. Ground Defense. No probes were experienced during the month. The rehabilitation program of the defensive perimeter bunkers is nearing completion. 2d Company and FWD personnel completed their move to the area formerly occupied by Force Recon Company. One Marine was killed on post, through an accidental discharge.

10. Supply/Material. Continued interest was placed on providing increased numbers of personnel with garrison equipment and weapons. The Marine Corps Property Section received three 3000 gallon water tanks. Navy Property surveyed photo gear and turned in twelve G.P. tents to Shipping and Receiving.

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11. Motor Transport. The section traveled 47,736 miles during the month of January. The section hauled 792,000 gallons of water working on an around the clock schedule. There were twenty-five vehicles deadlined at the completion of this period.

12. TAFDS. The TAFDS section continued to support operations adjacent to Marble Mountain, Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sanh.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>IP-4</u>	<u>AVGAS 115/145</u>
MMAF	331,498	175,552
Phu Bai	203,323	93,721
Dong Ha	157,576	98,707
Total gallons	692,397	368,980

13. Crash Crews. A total of forty-seven personnel (one officer, and forty-six enlisted) were on hand during this reported period. Of this total, three enlisted, TAD to this section from Marine Air Base Squadron 11 for duty at Khe Sanh were terminated on 10 January 1967. Crash Crew personnel from Marine Air Base Squadron 16 assumed this duty at Khe Sanh. Eight enlisted were assigned to Phu Bai Airport and five enlisted were assigned to Dong Ha Airport. Equipment assigned during the reported period consisted of seven MB-5 Crash Fire Trucks, three of which were down for engines and one of which was down for survey. One M-530B Structural Fire Truck, as well as two Dry Chemical Airlift (Ansul) units mounted on M-35A1 trucks. Distribution of these units was as follows:

- a. Marble Mountain Air Facility: Four MB-5, (one operational) and one M-530B Truck.
- b. Phu Bai Airports: Two MB-5 Trucks (one operational).
- c. Dong Ha Airports: One MB-5 Truck and one Dry Chemical (Ansul) M-35A1 mounted.
- d. Khe Sanh Airports: One Dry Chemical Unit (Ansul), M-35A1 mounted.

14. Base Operations/Weather. During the month of January 1967 two new pieces of equipment were installed in the weather office.

a. A new aneroid barometer for more accurate sea level and station pressure readings.

b. A WMO-5 anemometer was installed to provide direct dial readings of wind directions and velocities.

15. Food Services. The Marble Mountain Mess served 213,900 meals. This total included regular meals and night rations. New drink dispensers were installed in the messhall at Marble Mountain Air Facility. Dong Ha received new bakers oven and milk machines. Phu Bai also received milk machines and are scheduled to receive bakers ovens.

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16. Base Development/Utilities. Five new personnel were joined and six were detached.

a. Generator Shop. During the month of January, the generator shop performed a total of five (5) third echelon repair jobs. They performed all first and second echelon maintenance with a minimum amount of breakdown. A 60KW generator was prepared for shipment to Rehab. The new Squadron (463) that came in brought a 30KW which we now maintain and service.

b. Laundry. During the month of January, the laundry processed 16,850 pounds of clothing, and collected organizational gear to turn over to the civilian laundry service.

c. Water Point. The Water Point processed 885,185 gallons of water during the month of January. 15,800 gallons were distributed in support of various units in the area. Although the well motor on #2 well burned up, the water point continued to turn out and process enough water to complete their mission of supply to all of the group.

d. Sign Shop. During the month of January, the sign shop painted 89 signs of which about 28 were signs that required a lot of time and skill. A complete set of traffic signs were painted for the Motor Transport Section to be used throughout the base. The signs are bi-lingual.

e. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of January, the Refrigeration Shop removed an ME-10 and a water cooler that was no longer required in the messhall. A motor on a MQ-51 burned up and was replaced. An air conditioner was checked and parts were put on order for the Communications Section. The ice house produced 2,200 lbs of ice.

f. Electric Shop. The Electric Shop answered 93 trouble calls during the month of January. They wired up 21 new living quarters and a motor transport garage. The recreation room at Zulu Company was rewired. Construction was begun to improve the pole line in the 500 and 600 block. They rewired the new legal office. All three Vietnamese laundries were wired for lights.

g. Plumbing Shop. The Plumbing Shop put drainlines in for the new laundry, removed sink from the bakery shop, installed a potato peeler at the messhall, removed two sinks from the gallery and relocated them in the new potato house, installed new pipe line from well #3 to water point, and put in new pipe line at Zulu Company. The plumbing shop also pumped the leach beds daily and heated all the showers including Zulu Company's.

h. Carpenter Shop. During the month of January, the Carpenter Shop accomplished the following: Made approximately 30 picture frames; installed various types of traffic signs throughout MMAF; built a new generator shed at 263 flight line; installed a retaining wall on the road west of the messhall; finished stripping the ceiling in Group supply; installed side walls on the base chapel; made the old chaplains office into the new post office; installed cyclone screening at disbursing; built four new heads; completed a new Motor Transport Building; and completed various maintenance jobs throughout MMAF.

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17. Exchange. Monthly sales for the exchange during the month of January were \$44,777.65. Monthly sales for James S. Lee during the month of January were \$6,729.95. Pham Thi Xinh and Pham Hoang are steadily improving their working capacity in the Marble Mountain Exchange.

18. Logistics

a. The east apron was laid with asphaltic concrete with the exception of a 20 foot strip on the south end.

b. The runway extension and both runway overruns have been soil cemented. Asphaltic concrete should be laid on the extension this month.

c. The 7th Engineers began removing the minefield which is installed across the southern portion of MMAF. Completion of the clearing operation is anticipated within two (2) weeks.

d. A soil cement pad for the avionics complex was installed to the east of the H3MS-16 #1 hangar.

e. Air Freight processed by organic aircraft during the period as follows:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Huei Bai	104	6987	103,659
Dong Ha	95	2758	73,505
Chu Lai	4	299	3,253
Ky-Ha	3	64	1,000
Naval Gp 34	2	100	2,200
Ka Thani	1	557	6,680

f. Aviation Fuels Issued were as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>AVGAS</u>	<u>JP</u>
MMAF	375,552	331,498
Phu Bai	92,721	203,323
Dong Ha	99,707	157,576

19. Communications

a. Personnel strength continued to increase during January to the point where we now have the manpower to effectively perform our mission for the first time since May of 1966. Although a new Communications Chief reported aboard, MGySgt E. D. MATTHEWS, the Staff NCO situation is still short; there is a requirement for one each at Phu Bai and Dong Ha. 2ndLT J. F. RAY was assigned as the MAG-16 Communications Officer for Phu Bai.

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A radio relay circuit was established and successfully operated between Dong Ha and Khe Sanh. Its reliability was outstanding.

b. The telephone/switchboard situation reached an all time low in service during January. Lack of parts and inadequate maintenance due to a 100% commitment (equipment can not be properly serviced as it is in use 24 hours per day) are the prime factors along with environmental conditions and the high volume of calls processed. New equipment has been requested, but is at least 60 days away. A cable request went into III MAF, via wing, on 12 January to recable MMAF utilizing pole line construction. The CH-53 Detachment had four lines laid to them and telephones installed. The 5th Communications Battalion completed the laying of a 25 pair cable from their cantonment to MMAF using telescopic telephone poles. Two more wiremen were assigned to Phu Bai giving them a total of four.

c. Radio reliability remained good during January although there existed a reluctance on the part of subordinate units and staff officers to utilize available circuits. An AN/GRC-125 was installed in the H&MS-16 C-117 in order to coordinate flare drops with ground units.

d. The volume of traffic in the Communications Center jumped up by 26% over December and was a record for the Group. Both incoming and outgoing traffic showed increases, particularly the former. Total volume was over 6700 messages, over 1400 of which were outgoing.

e. The following transactions were effected by the Repair Section:

- (1) 204 pieces of equipment processed by repair section.
- (2) 6 pieces of equipment evacuated to higher echelon of maintenance.
- (3) 11 pieces of equipment returned from higher echelon of Maintenance.
- (4) 210 pieces of equipment returned to sections.
- (5) 70 requisitions processed by supply.

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