

**HEADQUARTERS**  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
FPO San Francisco 96602

3: DSJ: dbp  
3750  
003A07467  
14 March 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-28 February 1967; submission of  
Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1B  
Encl: (1) MAG-16 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is herewith submitted  
2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure

J. M. Hepler  
F. M. HEPLER

MAG-10

CITY CROWN

LOG # 00371-62  
1974/07/27

**DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;  
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.**

DOD DIR 5200.10

ISMAY CONTROL NO.	COPY NO.
1089-67	1

# ~~SCORE~~

FEB 1967

~~SECRET~~

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
MARINE AIR GROUP 13  
MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY  
REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM  
Period Covered: 1 through 28 February, 1967

ENCLOSURE (1)

~~SECRET~~

GIGANT

PART I  
Organizational Data

George S.

ENCLOSURE (1)

1. Command Composition

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
CO, MAG-16	Frederick W. PARKER	Cpl	1-28Feb67
CO, MAG-16 (FWD)	Samuel F. MAYER	LtCol	1-28Feb67
EXO, MAG-16	Arnold W. BARON	LtCol	1-28Feb67
Adjutant	Philip A. OLSON	WO-1	1-28Feb67
S-1 Officer	John C. KELLY	Major	1-28Feb67
S-2 Officer	George R. STUCK	Captain	1-28Feb67
S-3 Officer	Harold E. VENDITTO	LtCol	1-28Feb67
S-4 Officer	Matthew P. GALLAGHER	LtCol	1-28Feb67
CO, H&MS-16	William A. BURKE	LtCol	1-28Feb67
OIC Sub Unit #1	Robert L. HAWLEY	Major	1-28Feb67
CO, MABS-16	Charles E. WYDNER	LtCol	1-28Feb67
OIC, O-1C Det	Jack E. EVANS	LtCol	1-15Feb67
OIC, O-1C Det	William E. DEEDS	LtCol	16-28Feb67
OIC, HMM-463 Det	William R. BEELER	LtCol	1-28 Feb67
CO, HMM-163	Rocco B. BLINCHI	LtCol	1-28Feb67
CO, HMM-164	Warren C. WATSON	LtCol	1-14Feb67
CO, HMM-164	Rodney D. MCKITTRICK	LtCol	15-28Feb67
CO, HMM-263	Leddie L. DARBYSHIRE	LtCol	1-15Feb67
CO, HMM-265	Clifford D. CORN	LtCol	1-28Feb67
CO, HMM-361	McDonald D. TWEED	LtCol	16-28Feb67
CO, VMO-2	William F. HARRELL	LtCol	1-28Feb67
CO, VMO-3	Kyle W. TOWNSEND	Major	1-28Feb67
OIC, MATCU-62	Robert O. MEYER	Captain	1-28Feb67
OIC, MATCU-68	John C. BEVER	Captain	1-28Feb67

2. Task Organization

H&MS-16	Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Viet Nam
SU#1	Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Viet Nam
O-1C Det	Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Viet Nam
CH-53 Det	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
**HMM-361	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
*	1-15 February 1967
**	16-28 February 1967

3. Average Monthly Strength

Squadron	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
H&MS-16	92	558	1	1

~~SECRET~~Average Monthly Strength (February)

Squadron	USMC		USN	
	2/21	2/28	2/21	2/28
SC-71	15	53	0	0
VM-251-6	25	137	6	11
VM-252	56	221	1	3
VM-254	57	217	1	4
VM-263	47	136	1	4
VM-265	50	181	1	4
VM-361	51	169	1	5
VMO-2	43	158	1	3
VMO-3	22	107	1	1
MATCUL-62	5	41	0	0
MATCUL-63	9	68	0	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. Brigadier General OWENS made an official visit to the command on 3 February.

b. Major General ROBERTSHAW made official visits on 1 and 23 February.

c. U.S. Senator J. G. TOWER visited the command on 10 February.

ENCLOSURE (1)

2 (1)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

PART II  
Narrative Summary

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~  
ENCLOSURE (1)

~~SECRET~~1. Special Operations

a. Operation Prairie II	1-28 February
b. Operation Chinook	1-28 February
c. Operation De Soto	1-28 February
d. Operation Independence	1-10 February
e. Operation Stone	12-28 February
f. Operation Deckhouse VI	16-28 February

2. General Summary

Flight operations conducted by MAG-16 during February were again primarily in support of the First and Third Marine Divisions. The remainder of operations were flown to support ARVN, Army Special Forces and Navy units throughout I Corps. Improved weather in the Da Nang area permitted a marked increase in the tempo of flight operations there, while weather at Dong Ha and Phu Bai continued poor and hampered flight operations at those locations.

3. Chronological Summary

1 February - Operation Prairie II began signifying the administrative change from Operation Prairie which ended 31 January. No significant operations signalled its commencement. Operations at Phu Bai were routine. In the Da Nang area, Operation Independence began with an 1146 man troop lift into three LZ's simultaneously. Initial contact was light. A VMO-2 U-1 gunship took one hit while flying support for the operation.

2 February - Operations in all areas were routine. Support for Operation Independence consisted of light logistic, admin and medevac support made available on stand by at in Hoa. In the Chu Lai area, HMM-463 inadvertently dropped a road grader, being carried externally, when the holding straps broke. An O-1C landed on RVN highway 1, 2 miles south of Chu Lai after engine trouble developed and the pilot was unable to fly to Chu Lai. A security force was placed around the aircraft.

3 February - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were routine. Twelve miles southwest of Da Nang an HMM-164 H-46 crashed while attempting a recon extract. To provide security to the down H-46, a 48 man reinforcing unit was inserted at the site of the down aircraft. One Sparrow Hawk mission was flown.

4 February - Routine operations were conducted at Dong Ha. At Phu Bai, four HMM-164 H-46's and 6 HMM-163 H-34's plus VMO-3 gunship escorts participated in a strike at coord. YD 774106. A VMO-2 gunship made

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

forced landing after taking four hits on a medevac escort mission. The aircraft was repaired and flown out. The H-46 down west of Da Nang was recovered by an Army H-54 Skycrane. Two HMM-263 H-34's took hits on medevac missions. No injuries resulted.

5 February - Operations were routine in all areas supported. Near Phu Bai, an HMM-163 H-34 and two VMO-3 H-1's made forced landings after experiencing mechanical problems. One of the H-1's was repaired and flown to Phu Bai. The other H-1 and the H-34 were lifted to Phu Bai by H-53. Medevac aircraft in the Da Nang TAOR were fired on, one was hit. No injuries resulted. One Sparrow Hawk mission was flown.

6 February - Routine operations were conducted. An HMM-263 H-34 made a forced landing south of Da Nang due to engine malfunction. The aircraft was recovered later in the day by H-53.

7 February - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were routine. Six separate fire incidents were reported in the Da Nang area. An H-46 from HMH-164 took one round 2 miles south of Da Nang. No personnel injuries resulted. Later, two VMO-2 gunships, attempting to locate the source of the above fire, were themselves fired on. Two H-34's of HMM-263 were hit during support of Operation Independence. In the first incident, the crew chief was wounded. No injuries resulted in the second. An H-53 of HMH-463 successfully lifted four Ontos for Marines in the Chu Lai area. The lift was from Quang Ngai to Nui Dang.

8 February - Routine operations conducted. No significant occurrences reported.

9 February - The TET truce went into effect but four fire incidents were reported in the Operation Independence area, two resulted in aircraft being hit. No injuries resulted. An HMM-163 H-34 made a precautionary landing near Phu Bai. The aircraft was lifted back to Phu Bai by H-53.

10 February - Weather in the Dong Ha area held all but emergency missions. In the Phu Bai and Da Nang areas the TET truce held operations to a small number of routine missions.

11 February - There were no missions flown in the Dong Ha area. Routine missions were flown in the Phu Bai and Da Nang TAOR's.

12 February - Flight operations in all three operating areas were limited due to adverse weather conditions. In spite of the bad weather, Operation Stone kicked off as the TET truce came to an end. A medevac escort aircraft was hit incurring the only fire incident of the day. No injuries resulted.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

13 February - Adverse weather continued to hamper flight operations at Dong Ha. An HMM-163 H-34 made a forced landing 2 miles NW of Phu Bai due to mechanical problems. The aircraft was later lifted to Phu Bai by H-53. The majority of support in the Da Nang area was directed to Operation Stone. HMM-263 aircraft were hit twice during the day. No injuries were incurred in either incident.

14 February - Adverse weather at Dong Ha again hampered flight operations. Operations at Phu Bai were routine. Many missions were flown in support of Operation Stone in the Da Nang area. HMM-463 had two planes at Ky Ha externally lifting "Rologon" fuel bladders from Ky Ha to Duc Pho. Two incidents resulted when one load of 3 Rologons was intentionally dropped when the load began to oscillate. Several carrying straps broke on another load causing skin damage to the H-53 but the load was retained.

15 February - Adverse weather still held most missions at Dong Ha and Phu Bai. While flying a logistic support mission for Operation Stone, an HMM-263 aircraft took one hit fatally wounding the gunner.

16 February - Routine operations were conducted at Dong Ha. An HMM-163 H-34 made precautionary landing at Quang Tri when its engine chip detector light illuminated. At Marble Mountain, HMM-361 joined MAG-16, HMM-263's flag shifting to Okinawa. Near Chu Lai, an O-1C took a hit in the left wing shackle causing one FFM (White Phosphorous) to burn. The shackle was jettisoned. At Ky Ha, an H-53 intermeshed rotor blades with a static H-46. No injuries resulted but both aircraft require blade change.

17 February - Dong Ha and Phu Bai operations were routine. HMM-361's medevac helos received fire on four occasions and took hits on two of these. No injuries resulted. HMM-463 lifted 107,000 pounds of external cargo (AvGas in Rologons) from Ky Ha to Duc Pho.

18 February - Dong Ha operations were again hampered by inclement weather. A VMO-3 gunship and the HMM-163 medevac aircraft were hit by several rounds of small arms while on a medevac mission near Phu Bai. In the Da Nang area, Operation Stone came to a close and the troops were airlifted to their respective CP's. Numerous fire incidents were recorded during the retraction.

19 February - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were routine. HMM-361 flew a two plane emergency resupply mission 10 miles south of Da Nang. HMM-361 also had two aircraft hit in separate fire incidents in the Da Nang area.

20 February - Routine operations were conducted at Dong Ha and Phu Bai. Two Bald Eagle launches in the Da Nang area inserted and later retracted troops of 2/5. Both missions were uneventful.

21 February - Routine operations were conducted at Dong Ha and Phu Bai. An HMM-163 H-34 was hit by one round of small arms during an emergency medevac near Phu Bai. In the Da Nang area, an H-46 from HMM-164 received

ENCLOSURE (1)

3 (J1)

[REDACTED]

strike damage when it crashed during a recon insert mission. Two H-34's from HMM-361 made precautionary landings in the same area, 8 miles south of Da Nang when their engine chip detector lights illuminated. One aircraft was flown out, the second remained in the LZ over-night with a security force. No injuries resulted in any of the three incidents. Sparrow Hawk launched once during the day.

22 February - Routine operations were conducted in all three operating areas. HMH-463's H-53's retrieved 3 H-34's and one H-46 during the day.

23 February - Dong Ha Operations were routine. West of Phu Bai, 4 HMM-265 H-46's retracted 37 Army Special Forces personnel at 2200H. Four VMO-3 H-1 gunships provided cover while an additional flight of 6 H-46's from HMM-265 and HMM-164 were airborne in the area of the retraction ready to insert additional troops if the retraction was unsuccessful. All four H-46's which conducted the retraction incurred rotor blade damage landing in the pick-up zone. In the Da Nang area, two HMM-361 H-34's and one HMM-265 H-46 took hits in separate fire incidents. No personnel injuries resulted.

24 February - Dong Ha operations were routine. In the Phu Bai area the medevac H-34 from HMM-163 crashed and burned while on an emergency medevac mission. All five crew members were killed in the crash. A 60 man reaction force was inserted at the crash site by the Phu Bai Bald Eagle. It is not known if the H-34 was downed by enemy ground fire or crashed after flying into inadvertent IFR. The weather at the time of the accident was very marginal with 200' ceilings and poor visibility. Another HMM-163 H-34 made a forced landing while on a recon retraction when a partial power loss developed followed by illumination of the engine chip detector light. The Phu Bai Sparrow Hawk inserted a reaction force around the aircraft to secure it over-night. In the Da Nang area, an HMM-164 H-46 received overhail damage when the rear rotor system struck a tree during a recon retraction. An additional force was inserted by the Sparrow Hawk to provide security until the aircraft can be recovered.

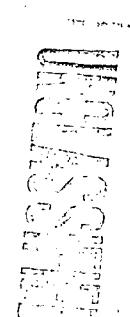
25 February - Operations at all three MAG-16 operating areas were routine. An H-53 recovered the H-34 down near Phu Bai since the day before.

26 February - Dong Ha and Phu Bai operations were hampered due to inclement weather. The H-46 down west of Da Nang since 24 February was successfully recovered by an Army H-54 Sky Crane. The lift of the security force from around the helicopter was incomplete due to weather.

27 February - Operations at Dong Ha and Phu Bai were hampered due to weather. In the Da Nang area, VMO-2 kept 2 gunships on station throughout the morning from 0340 - 0700 after Da Nang was hit by rockets. Later in the day, Sparrow Hawk launched to insert troops into a location just two miles SW of Marble Mountain which was suspected as being the launch site of the rocket attack.

ENCLOSURE (2)

~~SECRET~~  
28 February - Heavy contact in the Dong Ha area resulted in greatly increased activity by the helicopters there. There were 222 sorties flown at Dong Ha during the day. Six aircraft were hit by ground fire downing one VMO-2 H-1. No injuries resulted from the downing of the H-1 but 4 crew members of other helicopters were WIA. The H-1 is in a secure area near Cam Lo. Operations at Phu Bai and Da Nang were routine. An O-1C landed, without damage, on the beach near Chu Lai when engine trouble developed.



ENCLOSURE (1)

~~SECRET~~  
5 (II)

~~SECRET~~

PART III  
Significant Events

SECRET  
REF ID: A6571

ENCLOSURE (1)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~  
 CasualtiesNON HOSTILE

NONE

HOSTILE

RANK	NAME	DATE	PLACE
LCpl	Thomas P. MATTOS	7 Feb 67	Quang Nam Province
Sgt	Dale B. LONG	13 Feb 67	Quang Nam Province
LCpl	James S. B. CHILDEERS	15 Feb 67	Quang Nam Province
MSgt	James B. ALFORD	18 Feb 67	5 Mi SE Da Nang
HC	Wayne L. TUCK	18 Feb 67	Thua Thien Province
Major	Albert B. AYRES	24 Feb 67	17½ Mi NW Phu Bai
1stLt	Charles G. MASON	24 Feb 67	17½ Mi NW Phu Bai
SSgt	Paul L. VERNON	24 Feb 67	17½ Mi NW Phu Bai
Cpl	Roger A. CASTLE	24 Feb 67	17½ Mi NW Phu Bai
HN	Edward E. COOPER	24 Feb 67	17½ Mi NW Phu Bai
Cpl	G. L. DEDOMINICIS	25 Feb 67	An Hoa
Cpl	Timothy M. BASTYR	28 Feb 67	8 Mi SW Phu Bai
2ndLt	Robert E. SWETE	28 Feb 67	Can Lo Province
Sgt	William D. DERRICK	28 Feb 67	Can Lo Province
Cpl	E. J. PENDERGRASS, Jr.	28 Feb 67	Quang Tri Province

4. Civic Action

a. Medical. A total of sixteen scheduled sick calls were held at the Catholic Dispensary, and the Son Thuy-2 Dispensary in Hoa Long Village. There were 5,364 medical patients treated and 79 dental patients treated. Two Vietnamese were referred to the Naval Hospital for treatment from the Son Thuy-2 Dispensary. Four Vietnamese are presently being trained as health workers in Hoa Long Village.

MCB-133 has treated 1,846 medical patients at their dispensary in Son Thuy-1.

MCB-5 has treated 2,848 medical and 43 dental patients at their dispensary in My Thi Hamlet.

The Naval Hospital admitted 53 Vietnamese. Of these, 38 were for major surgery. There were 200 Vietnamese treated as hospital outpatients. The hospital neurosurgeon performed five operations and has held eleven consultations at the Da Nang Civilian Hospital. The ENT doctor has treated 40 patients at the Da Nang Hospital. Medevac teams from the Hospital have treated 3,506 patients in Hoa Long Village.

The Preventive Medicine Section has given 8,117 plague shots in the Da Nang area to contain a possible plague outbreak. They have also sprayed and fumigated the Protestant Orphanage four times and the Catholic Orphanage five times for mosquito control.

Presently one doctor and two corpsmen from MCB-133 are participating in the scheduled sick calls at the Son Thuy-2 Dispensary.

There were 11,264 medical and 122 dental patients treated by Medcap programs in Area #2 this month.

b. Education. The Protestant Chaplain from MAG-16 has held 4 one hour English classes with 75 Vietnamese students.

MCB-5 has held sixteen hours of English classes with 1,240 Vietnamese students in My Thi Hamlet.

Fifth Comm. has held four hours of English classes at the Catholic Convent.

MCB-5 has initiated a program in My Thi Hamlet where the top sixteen students of the hamlet school are awarded prizes for achievement. Twelve thousand piasters for educational assistance and 50 pounds of school supplies were contributed to the people of My Thi Hamlet by MCB-5.

Sanitation and hygiene posters have been posted in the schools and throughout Hoa Long Village.

c. Projects. On 18 February one new well in Da Man Hamlet was completed by the people of the hamlet and personnel from Fifth Comm.

On 19 February a combined working party of Marines from H&MS-16 and the Vietnamese people from Hoa Long Village repaired the roof, constructed classroom partitions and painted the interior of the Hoa Long Village Public School.

MCB-133 has completed their plans for the construction of a larger dispensary, shower and classroom for the people of Son Thuy-1. This will be a combined project of the hamlet people and men from MCB-133.

The people of Son Thuy-1 are constructing a dike to prevent damage to their crops by river water.

d. Give Away Program. MCB-133 distributed 160 pounds of clothing and fifteen pounds of candy to the people of Son Thuy-1.

MCB-5 distributed twenty pounds of clothing and 500 bars of soap to the people of My Thi Hamlet. They also distributed TET greeting cards and gifts to the hamlet people.

Nineteen thousand five hundred board feet of scrap lumber was given to the people of My Thi Hamlet.

e. Population Control. On 21 February approximately 150 Vietnamese moved from Hoa Phung Village into Hoa Long Village. They were advised that such a move must be approved by the Vietnamese Village Officials. Since then all but nine of the people have returned to Hoa Phung Village. Those who remained in Hoa Long Village have obtained the proper relocation permission.

## 5. Morale/Welfare Programs

a. Catholic and Protestant Sunday services each showed an attendance rise during the month, Catholic services averaging 190 and Protestant services 180. The daily Catholic Masses are attended by 12-15 and 9-12 attend evening protestant services. Protestant choir practice is held twice weekly and the number of singers now is 18.

**SECRET**  
ENCLOSURE

3 (111)

b. Both chaplains are interviewing H&MS and MABS personnel as they check into MAG-16. The interviews will be increased soon to include all personnel checking into the Group. Availability of religious services and Red Cross services are stressed at these interviews. Counseling and religious instruction sessions are held at the request of individual Marines. Hospital calls are made weekly. Moral leadership and World Religions classes are conducted in the chapel each Thursday. Lay services are conducted in the chapel for Latter Day Saint, Orthodox and Christian Scientists.

c. At Phu Bai, Chaplain Bentley is the new chaplain and conducts services for members of MAG-16 at that location. Chaplain Bentley's services are available for units of the 3rd MARDIV adjacent to the MAG-16 compound at Phu Bai while the 4th Marines chaplain at Dong Ha holds services in the MAG-16 compound there.

**5. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence**

a. With the improved weather and because of only limited opposition on heliborne assaults, MAG-16 suffered less combat damage than the previous month. The Group flew 5,259 hours (increase of 14% over January), experienced 241 fire incidents (20% decrease from January) and suffered 72 aircraft hit (decrease of 11%). MAG-16 aircraft, therefore, averaged 22 flight hours per fire incident and 73 flight hours per hit. There were 124 spot reports, or one report per 43 flight hours.

b. Noteworthy intelligence events during the month were:

1 February: The heliborne assault for Operation Independence met moderate opposition from the enemy.

5 February: Briefed HMM-164 and HMM-265 for a company sized heliborne assault in support of Operation Searcy. The villages of Tu Cau (4) and Ngan Trung (1) were cordoned off by 3/1 Marines helilifted into position.

11 February: Intelligence Officer participated in reconnaissance for Operation Stone. HMM-265 and HMM-164 helicopters subsequently participated in a heliborne assault feint south of the real operating area.

12 February: Published a completely re-written Group SOP for intelligence. Group Order P3800.1G is designed to be a practical handbook of the intelligence procedures developed through experience in Vietnam. Many of the techniques of intelligence for helicopters are new. Sufficient guidance is provided in the SOP for untrained officers who are assigned as squadron intelligence officers.

15 February: The S-2 and S-3 officers went to Phu Bai to participate in the initial planning for Operation Chinook II, Phase I, which envisioned a heliborne assault into the "Finger Lakes Street Without Joy" area.

[REDACTED]

19 February: A Group Intelligence Officer conducted intelligence training and a detailed enemy situation briefing for the officers of G-4 Hospital.

20 February: An A&M inspection was conducted on the VMO-2 intelligence section, which was rated satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

21 February: Initiated planning for Operation Gulf in Elephant Valley.

21 February: Conducted liaison visit to 3/1 in order to investigate refugee movement in the NUI KIM SON area. Plans were coordinated with B Co., 1st MP Bn and with 5th CIE to run sweeps and population checks in the area in conjunction with 3/1's efforts.

25 February: S-2 Officer participated in the recon overflight and landing zone selection for Operation Gulf.

27 February: Substantial contact developing in Operation Prairie II. An Intelligence Assistant was directed to Dong Ha to support S-2, MAG-16 (Forward) in the increased tempo of operations.

### 7. Air Operations

#### HMM-163      UH-34D

Hours      893.3  
Sorties    1668  
Pax        2009  
Evacs      205  
Cargo      23.7

#### HMM-364      UH-34D

Hours      887.2  
Sorties    2039  
Pax        1826  
Evacs      631  
Cargo      74

#### W-2      UH-1

Hours      1375.3    1103.7    271.6  
Sorties    3118  
Pax        1659  
Evacs      15  
Cargo      25

#### HMM-164      CH-46

Hours      733.6  
Sorties    1143  
Pax        4345  
Evacs      40  
Cargo      163

#### HMM-265      CH-46A

Hours      871.9  
Sorties    2425  
Pax        8220  
Evacs      203  
Cargo      450

#### VMO-3      UH-1

Hours      491.7    197.1    294.6  
Sorties    1228  
Pax        676  
Evacs      6  
Cargo      ½

ENCLOSURE (1)

5 (III)

~~SECRET~~

<u>HML-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>SU #1</u>	<u>CH-370</u>		
Hours	216.5	Hours	251.6		
Sorties	464	Sorties	560		
Pax	1,031	Pax	1,536		
Evacs		Evacs			
Cargo	650.5	Cargo	375.3		
<u>HMS-16</u>	<u>0-10</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	965.8	74.3	39.6	Hours	6,800.3
Sorties	507	44	15	Sorties	15,283
Pax	20	215		Pax	21,537
Evacs				Evacs	1,100
Cargo			15.7	Cargo	1,750.0

8. Air Control

a. During February one officer and three enlisted personnel were transferred from MATU-62. With the increased personnel, MATU-62 assumed responsibility for operations at Khe Sanh. MATU-68 established control tower facilities at An Hoa and operates An Hoa Tower on 247.0 mc (JHF) and 30.7 mc (RF).

b. MATU-62 Operations

	<u>Dong Ha</u>	<u>Khe Sanh*</u>
(1) VFR	7,854	1,510
(2) IFR	449	47
(3) GCA	457	40

\*15.28 February

c. MATU-68 Operations

	<u>MMF</u>	<u>Hue</u>	<u>Khe Sanh*</u>	<u>An Hoa**</u>
(1) VFR	13,783	13,429	1,160	1,914
(2) IFR	0	2,492	0	0
(3) GCA	0	897	87	0

\*14 February

\*\*16-28 February

9. Ground Defenses. No probes were experienced during the month. The rehabilitation program of the extensive perimeter bunkers was completed. A permanent chain link fence was placed around the Facility perimeter. ZAD Company removed the concertina wire from the beach.

~~SECRET~~

10. Supply/Material. The issue and handling of 782 gear and weapons were transferred to Group Supply.

11. Motor Transport. The Section traveled 50,984 miles during the month of February. The section hauled 770,000 gallons of water working on an around the clock schedule. There were 10 vehicles deadlined at the end of this month.

12. MEDEVAC. The TAFDS Section was supporting operations Prairie II, Stone and Independence. Support of Marble Mountain, Phu Bai, Dong Ha, Khe Sanh and adjacent operations were continued.

LOCATION	PERIOD	112/142
MMAF	345,871	176,824
Phu Bai	212,660	95,381
Dong Ha	102,697	24,410
Total gallons	661,228	366,625

13. Crash Crew. A total of 47 personnel (one officer and 46 enlisted) were assigned during this reported period. Of this total, seven enlisted were assigned to the Phu Bai Airfield, six enlisted were assigned to the Dong Ha Airfield and three enlisted were assigned to the Khe Sanh Airfield. The equipment assigned during the reported period consisted of seven MB-5 Crash Fire Fighting Trucks, three of which were down for engine work and one for survey. One M 530-3 Structural Fire Fighting Truck as well as two Dry Chemical Airlift (Ansul) Units mounted on M-35M1 trucks were assigned.

a. Marble Mountain Air Facility Crash Crew responded to a total of 13 emergencies including one crash of an Army Beaver and one structural fire in the Army Flight Line Area.

b. The Phu Bai Section of MMAF Crash Crew responded to a total of 88 emergencies which included a crash of one UH-34.

c. The Dong Ha Section of MMAF Crash Crew responded to a total 34 emergencies, none of which resulted in a crash of any aircraft.

14. Base Operations/Weather. During the month of February, the total strength of the MAF 10 Weather Service was raised to one officer and 21 enlisted. The Rawinsonde Team at Dong Ha commenced four upper air soundings a day to supply high altitude winds for tactical flight operations.

15. Food Services. The Marble Mountain Mess served 21,400 meals, including 12,000 night rations. New milk dispensers were installed in the messhall at MAF.

16. Personnel Development/Training. Six new personnel were joined and one was detached.

~~ENCLOSURE (1)~~~~SECRET~~

a. Water Point. The water point processed 835,325 gallons of potable water and distributed 3,840 gallons to various support units. The Water Point has easily turned out and processed enough water to complete their mission of supply to all of the group.

b. Paint Shop. The Sign Shop painted 63 signs. Thirty-six of these signs were painted for MAG-16 S-4 (FWD). A total of 10 signs have been painted for the beach to aid in the safety of sun-bathers and those who wish to swim.

c. Electric Shop. The Electric Shop personnel answered 57 trouble calls during the month and rewired 11 living quarters. The new MAG-16 library was wired for lights. Lights have been installed on the runway crossing signs for additional warning to persons who must cross the runway.

d. Plumbing Shop. The Plumbing Shop personnel answered eight trouble calls during the month of February. They installed a hot water heater in the messhall and installed six faucets at the Zulu Company Shower. The Plumbing Shop pumped the leach beds behind the messhall and heated the showers daily. Zulu Company now has their showers heated each morning.

e. Refrigeration Shop. The Refrigeration Shop answered five trouble calls during the month. They repaired the reefer in the messhall spud locker, repaired the cooler in the Officer's Mess and hooked up a new ice machine in the messhall.

f. Carpenter Shop. The Carpenter Shop completed 142 work assignments. The following are some of the major jobs performed: Constructed a connecting passageway between the two Disbursing Offices; made storage cabinets for the Messhall; constructed 30 wheel chocks for CH-46A aircraft; constructed six picnic tables for the Enlisted Men's Club; made and hung doors on the SNOO Club; finished construction of the library and built two outstanding tables while adding to the beauty and comfort of the MAG-16 Library; constructed tower at Enlisted Men's shower; remodeled the Group Commander's Office; constructed one four-hole head; installed sign at Main Gate; constructed 14 tables to be shipped to Phu Bai; repaired the deck of four huts; constructed another building to be used as a barber shop; completed various maintenance jobs throughout MMIF.

g. Generator Shop. The Generator Shop performed a total of five third-echelon repair jobs. They performed all first and second-echelon maintenance with a minimum amount of breakdown. A 75KW generator was returned from rehabilitation and was placed at the Officer/Staff Area. A 20KW was also returned from rehabilitation and is now in operation. The Generator Personnel installed a new rotor and stator to the 100KW which was once maintained by H&MS's personnel.

h. Laundry. The laundry processed 18,950 pounds of clothing and collected organizational gear to turn over to the civilian laundry service.

i. Progress Report For Dong Ha, MAG-16 (FWD). (Camp consists of 61 buildings, 5 heads, and 3 tents)

EXPOSURE (4)

~~SECRET~~

(1) Carpenter Shop. The Carpenter Shop constructed water towers for the messhall, enlisted and officer's showers; installed shutters on 15 huts built by MCB-5; installed plastic on showers, messhall and all hut doors (12 doors); installed urinals and constructed curtains on 6 MATCU and H&MS-16 work shop buildings; constructed two huts at Khe Sanh; repaired and replaced 16 doors; constructed one 16' by 32' hut at Dong Ha; constructed 17 tables, 34 benches, two cabinets and two tables for the messhall; constructed a scullery at the officer's mess; replaced the deck in hut #305 and repaired decks in huts #105, 106, 107 and 108; replaced screen in huts #212 and 215; built one work table for MATCU-62; constructed fuel drum racks for motor transport and messhall; repaired S-1 and S-4 offices; constructed and installed blinds for 8 urinals; installed gable on end of shutters for supply building; installed gable on end of hut #303; painted and installed 12 fire barrels.

(2) Electric Shop. The Electric Shop replaced the voltage regulator and charging generator on a 20KW generator and replaced the cracked fuel filter housing on a 75KW generator; extended camp power lines; (Now equals 4000 feet of #4 and 1000 feet of #2 wire; wired 15 new huts.

(3) Plumbing Shop. The Plumbing Shop installed a grease trap and partial drain pipe for the messhall and filled sand bags and built nine bunkers.

17. Exchange. Monthly sales for the exchange during the month of February were \$50,225.63. Monthly sales for James S. Lee during the month of February were \$6,488.60.

18. Logistics

a. The second maintenance hanger has been accepted and the third is expected to be ready for limited use by 20 March.

b. The asphalt has been completed on the east apron and the 1500' runway extension.

c. A soil cement pad for the Avionics complex has been completed near the new H&MS-16 Hanger.

d. Air Freight processed by organic aircraft during the period:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Cube</u>
Dong Ha	79	37,066	1,587
Phu Bai	98	97,660	6,027
An Hoa	7	22,700	652
Ha Thanh	0	16,880	210

~~SECRET~~

Minh Long	0	23,567	371
Ba To	0	19,200	982
Ky Ha	3	0	0
Khan Dan	0	5,000	100
Qua Lai	0	1,800	71
MMAF	0	27,020	924

e. Aviation fuels dispensed were:

	<u>JP-4</u>	<u>Av/Gas</u>
MMAF	345,871	176,834
Phu Bai	212,660	91,381
Dong Ha	102,697	94,410

19. Communications

a. Personnel gains kept pace with personnel losses. Staff Sergeant D. D. DEMOUX was joined, and after a period of indoctrination at Marble Mountain will be sent to Dong Ha as the NCOIC of the Comm detachment there. Another Staff NCO is required for a similar assignment at Phu Bai.

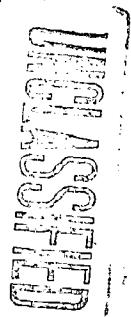
b. Telephone service improved due to the receipt of needed switchboard repair parts. The O-1C Detachment and H&MS-16 Aircraft Maintenance began their moves during the last few days of the month. This required telephone line rerouting and construction. An additional wireman was sent to Dong Ha for a period of 30 days to aid in wire construction there.

c. The radio section installed a covered FM radio circuit in the bunker. This will permit messages up to and including secret to be sent to G-3 or MAG-36. It took about two weeks to work the "bugs" out of the installation, but it is now operating satisfactorily. A new FM and UHF antenna installation was made for the bunker consolidating five antennas which are now mounted on the top of a single telescopic telephone pole.

d. The volume of message traffic continued to increase despite the fact that February has only 28 days and despite the two day minimize (reduction of traffic) imposed by the Wing due to the rocket attack there on the morning of 27 February. Total volume was almost 6900 messages, over 1450 of which were outgoing.

~~S~~ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
e. The following transactions were effected by the Repair Section:

- (1) 113 pieces of equipment processed.
- (2) 8 pieces of equipment evacuated to higher echelon of maintenance.
- (3) 7 pieces of equipment returned from higher echelon of maintenance.
- (4) 102 pieces of equipment returned to sections.
- (5) 11 requisitions processed by supply.



~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~PART IV  
Supporting Documents

## Contents

✓ Command Chronology of HMM-161	Appendix 1
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-162	Appendix 2
✓ Command Chronology of VMG-2	Appendix 3
✓ Command Chronology of VMG-3	Appendix 4
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-163	Appendix 5
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-164	Appendix 6
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-263	Appendix 7
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-265	Appendix 8
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-361	Appendix 9
✓ Command Chronology of H&MS-16 SU#1	Appendix 10
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-463, Det. "A"	Appendix 11

MAG-16 S&C JAC 100  
0228-67

0318-67

0323-67

0346-67

0327-67

0329-67

0315-67

*Filed*  
*Ref*

Command Chronology of HMM-263 for period 1 through 16 February will be forwarded when received via 9th MAB.

~~SECRET~~

1 (IV)

~~SECRET~~