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Encl: (1) MAG-16 Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
Marble Mountain Air Facility  
Republic of Vietnam  
Period covered: 1 through 31 January 1968

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PART I  
Organizational Data

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1. Command Composition

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	E. O. REED	Colonel	1-31 January 1968
XO, MAG-16	S. G. BEAL	LtCol	1-31 January 1968
Adjutant	A. L. MADSEN	1stLt	1-31 January 1968
S-1 Officer	T. A. GOLDSBOROUGH	Major	1-31 January 1968
S-2 Officer	D. V. HOLLES	Major	1-31 January 1968
S-3 Officer	F. M. KLEPPSATTTEL, Jr.	LtCol	1-31 January 1968
S-4 Officer	R. LEWIS	LtCol	1-31 January 1968
CO, H&MS-16	L. J. FLANAGAN	LtCol	1-6 January 1968
CO, H&MS-16	H. A. BRUCE	LtCol	7-31 January 1968
CO, MABS-16	S. J. FULTON	LtCol	1-31 January 1968
CO, HMM-265	W. R. BEELEH	LtCol	1-12 January 1968
CO, HMM-265	W. L. WHELAN	Major	13-31 January 1968
CO, HMM-363	F. E. ALLGOOD	LtCol	1-31 January 1968
CO, VMO-2	M. G. ROBBINS	LtCol	1-31 January 1968
CO, HHM-463	J. L. SADOWSKI	LtCol	1-31 January 1968
CO, 245th SAC	L. W. CARTEN	Major, AUS	1-31 January 1968

2. Task Organization

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-265 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-363 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HHM-463 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-16	67	484	0	0
MABS-16	22	594	3	28
HMM-265	37	169	1	3
HMM-363	48	181	1	0
VMO-2	38	150	1	0
HHM-463	50	244	1	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. Brigadier General R. P. KELLER, Assistant Wing Commander First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited the Command on 6 January 1968.

b. General L. F. CHAPMAN, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lieutenant General R. E. CUSHMAN, Commanding General III MAF, Major General K. B. McCUTCHEON, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Major General N. J. ANDERSON, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited the Command on 8 January 1968.

c. Major General N. J. ANDERSON, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited the command on 28 January 1968.

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PART II  
Narrative Summary

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1. Special Operations

a. Operation Badger Tooth	1-2 January
b. Operation Auburn	1-4 January
c. Operation Lancaster/Lancaster II	1-31 January
d. Operation Osceola/Osceola II	1-31 January
e. Operation Neosho/Neosho II	1-31 January
f. Operation Scotland	1-31 January
g. Operation Kentucky	1-31 January
h. Operation Napoleon	1-31 January
i. Operation Wheeler/Wallowa	1-31 January
j. Operation Muscatine	1-31 January
k. Operation Flying Dragon	1-31 January
l. Operation Lam Son 179	17-31 January
m. Operation Badger Catch	25-28 January
n. Operation Fortress Sentry	28-29 January
o. Operation Fortress Attack	29-31 January
p. Operation Jeb Stuart	29-31 January

2. General Summary

a. The main enemy effort against MAG-16 came on 30 January when MMAF received incoming enemy mortar rounds and on 31 January when MMAF received incoming enemy rockets. The main enemy effort against An Hoa Airfield came on 3 January when 11 satchel charges were catapulted inside the perimeter towards the northeast side end of the runway. A more detailed break down of these attacks is contained in the Chronological Summary.

b. MAG-16 supported operations in all TAOR's. The Group also supported U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, ROK Marine Corps and ARVN units throughout I Corps.

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### 3. Chronological Summary

1 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal.

2 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR two aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one VMO-2 UH-1E, coord ZC 208591, no injuries; one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord AT 979601, one minor injury. In the Phu Bai TAOR two HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft were hit by enemy fire; one at coord. YD 650340, no injuries; one at coord. YD 465376, no injuries.

3 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: three HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft, coord. BT 013642 resulting in one fatal injury and one minor injury to passengers; one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord. AT 972528, no injuries. At 0200H An Hoa Airfield received 11 incoming enemy satchel charges which were catapulted inside the perimeter towards the northeast end of the runway. No injuries or damage were incurred.

4 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-265 CH-46A, coord. ZC 179801, no injuries; one H&MS-16 O-1C, coord. AT 873512, no injuries.

5 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: three HMM-363 UH-34D aircraft; one at coord. AT 904548, no injuries; one at coord. AT 840480, no injuries; one at coord. BT 048605, no injuries.

6 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR two HMM-363 UH-34D aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one at coord. unknown, no injuries; one at coord. BT 036616, no injuries. MAG-16 units conducted an emergency extraction of recon team "War Cloud" at coord. AT 827617.

7 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR two HMM-363 UH-34D aircraft were hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 135593, no injuries.

8 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 120600, one minor injury. At 1915H one HMM-463 CH-53A (YH-37 Bureau Number 153710) was declared overdue and missing after disappearing during an IFR flight. Search and rescue operations commenced.

9 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 987612, one minor injury. The search for the missing CH-53A aircraft continued with negative sightings and search operations hampered by inclement weather.

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10 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal. The search for the missing CH-53A aircraft continued with negative sightings and search operations hampered by inclement weather.

11 January - In the Chu Lai area one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at unknown coord., no injuries. In the Danang TAOR two HMM-363 UH-34D aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one at coord. AT 960515, no injuries; one at coord. AT 925515, no injuries. The wreckage of the missing CH-53A aircraft was sighted by search aircraft at coord. YD 234260, no apparent survivors. Adverse weather conditions precluded a search of the crash site until 19 January when a recon team was inserted. The aircraft suffered severe burn damage and there was no possibility of survivors.

12 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 104584, no injuries.

13 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal.

14 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 018567, no injuries.

15 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 911504, no injuries.

16 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 8833, no injuries.

17 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-265 CH-46A was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 082625, no injuries. In the Dong Ha area one H&MS-16 O-1G was hit by enemy fire at coord. YD 168773, no injuries.

18 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal.

19 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-265 CH-46A, coord. BT 075615, no injuries; one HMM-463 CH-53A, coord. unknown, no injuries.

20 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord. AT 911502, no injuries; one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord. AT 9352, no injuries; one HMM-463 CH-53A, coord. BT 091600, no injuries.

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21 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-265 CH-46A was damaged when the aircraft detonated a mine while landing during a recon team insertion at coord. AT 999463 resulting in four minor injuries to passengers.

22 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. ZC 137962, no injuries.

23 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal.

24 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 107572, no injuries. One HMM-265 CH-46A crashed on Ba Na Mountain resulting in strike damage to the aircraft and minor injuries to the crew and passengers.

25 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one H&S-16 O-1C made a forced landing at coord. BT 048803 due to engine failure, no injuries.

26 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-265 CH-46A, coord. BT 1757, no injuries; one HMM-363 UH-34D, coord. unknown, no injuries. In the Khe Sanh area one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. XD 777438, no injuries.

27 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit by enemy fire at coord. AT 860504, one minor injury. At Khe Sanh Airfield one H&S-16 O-1C crashed during take-off while under enemy artillery attack resulting in major injury to the pilot.

28 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal. In the Khe Sanh area one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. XD 863415, no injuries.

29 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang TAOR were normal.

30 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: four HMM-265 CH-46A; one at coord. AT 959659, no injuries; three at coord. BT 032719, no injuries; six HMM-363 UH-34D aircraft; one at coord. BT 045519, no injuries; one at coord. unknown, no injuries; one at coord. BT 030579, no injuries; one at coord. BT 030757, no injuries; one at coord. AT 963674, no injuries; one at coord. BT 045519, no injuries. At 0300H MAF received incoming enemy mortar rounds resulting in no injuries to MAG-16 personnel and no damage to MAG-16 units. Four VMO-2 UH-1E armed helicopters were launched in defense of MAF and engaged enemy units throughout the reporting period.

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31 January - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: two HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft; one at coord. BT 050512, no injuries; one at coord. BT 164588, one minor injury; three VMO-2 UH-1E aircraft; one at coord. BT 056643, no injuries; one at coord. BT 035582, one minor injury; one at coord. unknown, no injuries; six HMM-363 UH-34D aircraft; one at coord. BT 032509, one minor injury; one at MMAF, no injuries; one at coord. BT 161604, no injuries; one at coord. BT 951622, no injuries; one at coord. BT 160585, no injuries; one at coord. BT 075515, no injuries. MAG-16 units conducted an emergency extraction of recon team "Sailfish" at coord. AT 8665. At 0338H MMAF received 29 incoming enemy 122mm rockets resulting in one minor injury to MAG-16 personnel and the following damage: 1 CH-53A, substantial damage; 4 CH-53A, limited damage; 10 CH-46A, limited damage; 8 UH-34D, limited damage. Four VMO-2 UH-1E armed helicopters were launched in defense of MMAF and engaged enemy units throughout the reporting period.

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PART III  
Significant Events

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a. Number Joined	179
b. Number Dropped	310
c. Promotions	
(1) 1stLt to Capt	6
(2) 2ndLt to 1stLt	1
(3) SSgt to GySgt	2
(4) Sgt to SSgt	6
(5) Cpl to Sgt	8
(6) LCpl to Cpl	2
(7) PFC to LCpl	3
(8) Pvt to PFC	2

2. Awards

## a. Bronze Star Medal

Cpl M. REYES	HMM-265
Cpl M. S. RUTHERFORD	HMM-363

## b. Distinguished Flying Cross

Capt H. L. TRIMBLE III	H&MS-16
Capt N. J. CHILEWSKI	HMM-463

## c. Air Medal

H&MS-16	91
MABS-16	98
HMM-265	61
HMM-363	350
VMO-2	243
HMM-463	191

## d. Navy Commendation Medal

HMM-265	1
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## e. Purple Heart Medal

H&MS-16	1
MABS-16	1
HMM-265	7
HMM-363	3
VMO-2	1
HMH-463	3

3. Casualties (Hostile)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Cpl	H. W. HOUSER, Jr.	2Jan68	8 miles SSW Danang, RVN
Capt	J. T. CHAPMAN	8Jan68	18 miles S Dong Ha, RVN
Capt	F. L. SCHRAM	8Jan68	18 miles S Dong Ha, RVN
SSgt	B. W. OLSON	8Jan68	18 miles S Dong Ha, RVN
Cpl	P. S. STRAND, Jr.	8Jan68	18 miles S Dong Ha, RVN
Cpl	V. B. VENEGAS	8Jan68	18 miles S Dong Ha, RVN
Cpl	L. E. SMITH	9Jan68	7½ miles S Danang, RVN
1stLt	F. G. WICKERSHAM III	15Jan68	16 miles SW Danang, RVN
Major	K. R. BUSKE	27Jan68	Quang Tri AF, RVN
Capt	P. F. MEE	27Jan68	Quang Tri AF, RVN
Capt	D. E. LOVE	27Jan68	Quang Tri AF, RVN
Capt	J. A. GUTHRIE	27Jan68	12 miles SW Danang, RVN
1stLt	A. F. PANNELL	27Jan68	Khe Sanh AF, RVN
1stLt	H. H. FLEMING III	30Jan68	2 miles SE Danang, RVN
LCpl	R. C. CREMER	31Jan68	MMAF, Danang, RVN
Major	J. W. SHOAF	31Jan68	9 miles S Danang, RVN
HM3	F. M. NEWCOMB	31Jan68	12½ miles S Danang, RVN
GySgt	J. H. DURAL	31Jan68	2 miles NE Hoi An, RVN

4. Civic Action

a. Medical. MAG-16 doctors and corpsmen held 12 sick calls treating a total of 1,000 patients. Classes in first aid and sanitation were held for 9 Vietnamese nationals. MAG-16 dental personnel treated a total of 385 patients.

b. Education. MAG-16 held 1½ hours of English instruction for 294 students.

c. Projects. Under the supervision of MAG-16, a pre-Tet festival was held on 24 January for the village of Hoa-Long. Approximately 3750 presents were distributed on behalf of MAG-16, MCB-128, MCB-53, 3rd. Amtrac Bn. and 5th Comm Bn.

d. Giveaway. MAG-16 donated 3 rolls of barbed wire and 9 cots to the Hoa-Long dispensary. 240 gifts and candy were presented to the workers for their children. 2 cases of C-rations were given to the

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Youth Force in the refugee village of Nui Kim-Son. 1 hand pump was given to 1st Logistic Command for Son-Thuy II.

e. Summary. Due to Tet and the military situation, Civic Action projects have been curtailed during this period. MAG-16 continued as area coordinator for Civic Action programs and projects. Within this area the following units are represented:

MCB-53	3rd Amtrac Bn.
MCB-128	1st Log.
5th Comm Bn.	

## 5. Moral/Welfare

### a. Schedule of Weekly Religious Services

<u>Sunday</u>	Catholic Confession	0730
	Catholic	0800
	Protestant Sunday School	0900
	Protestant Divine Services	1000
	Latter Day Saints Service	1300
	Catholic Confession	1730
	Catholic Mass	1800
	Protestant Evening Services	1900
	Protestant Communion	2000
<u>Monday through Saturday</u>	Catholic Mass	1800
	Protestant Prayer Services	1900
<u>Thursday</u>	World Religious Classes (Interdenominational)	1830
<u>Saturday</u>	Protestant Choir Practice	

## 6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence

a. 121 no-hit fire incidents were reported during the month.

b. 58 hit fire incidents were reported during the month.

c. 111 spot reports of Intelligence value were received from air crews and other sources, evaluated and disseminated to subordinate, higher and adjacent headquarters. This is a decrease of 20 from the previous month, attributable to the displacement of the H&S-16 O-1C/G aircraft north during the latter part of the month.

### d. Statistical Data

Flight hours per fire incident	20.8
Flight hours per aircraft hit	123.9
Flight hours per spot report	64.7

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e. The enemy conducted two attacks by fire against Marble Mountain Air Facility; fifty-one 82mm mortar rounds were received on 30 January and twenty-nine 122mm rockets on 31 January. In both attacks, the majority of rounds impacted in the U.S. Army tenant activity areas.

#### 7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-265</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>		<u>HMM-363</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>		
Hours	1274.5		Hours	1452.8		
Sorties	3867		Sorties	3024		
Pax	8422		Pax	2104		
Evacs	514		Evacs	1133		
Cargo	602.1T		Cargo	31.8T		
<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>		<u>HMM-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>TAR</u>	
	Armed /Slick					
Hours	1688.3/1256.1/432.2		Hours	1179.8	29 H-34	
Sorties	4286		Sorties	3706	14 H-1	
Pax	1576		Pax	11,318	9 H-46	
Evacs	9		Evacs	0	3 A-4	
Cargo	0		Cargo	4,081.2T	1 O-1	
<u>H&amp;MS-16</u>	<u>O-1C/G</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>
Hours	1435.5	127.1	14.4	0	12.3	0
Sorties	753	92	12	0	17	0
Pax	0	1271	0	0	0	0
Evacs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cargo	0	19.0T	0	0	0	0
<u>245th SAC</u>	<u>OV-1B/C</u>		<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>		
Hours	955.0		Hours	8139.7		
Sorties	558		Sorties	16,315		
Pax	0		Pax	24,691		
Evacs	0		Evacs	1656		
Cargo	0		Cargo	4734.1T		

8. Ground Defense. During the month of January at Marble Mountain Air Facility, additional bunkers were built and the installation of perimeter observation towers was completed. Defensive wire is constantly being worked on and improved. MAAF came under enemy mortar attack on 30 January and enemy rocket attack on 31 January.

9. Motor Transport. During the month, the MAG-16 Motor Transport section traveled 63,721 miles, hauled 1,271,000 gallons of water, 32,400 gallons of MOCAS, 35,678 gallons of diesel fuel, 2,170 gallons of A/C oil, 5,973 short tons of cargo and transported 31,781 passengers.

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10. TAFDS. During the month, the TAFDS section issued the following amounts of fuel:

<u>Station</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	137,929 gal.	620,172 gal.
An Hoa	3,417 gal.	35,981 gal.
Total	141,346 gal.	656,153 gal.

11. Crash Crew. The Crash Crew responded as follows:

<u>Field</u>	<u>A/C Standbys</u>	<u>A/C Fires</u>	<u>Structural</u>	<u>A/C Crash</u>
MMAF	46	2	2	0
An Hoa	5	1	1	0

12. Base Operations. During the month, the reconstruction of runway shoulders and overrun neared completion. The completion of airfield reconstruction is estimated to be 15 February 1968. The GCA pad was completed and unit installed by MATCU-68 personnel. To complete the installation, a GCA reflector remains to be installed and GCA personnel are required. The GCA flight pattern must be checked and RAPCON landlines installed to Danang Air Base before the unit is operational.

13. Weather Service. The weather section supported all MAG-16 flight operations in the An Hoa and MMAF areas.

14. Food Services. There were approximately 187,000 meals served at the Marble Mountain Air Facility messhall during the month.

15. Base Development/Utilities

a. Water Point. The water point personnel processed 1,562,725 gallons of water during the month, 81,400 gallons of which were non-potable.

b. Paint Shop. The paint shop personnel completed eighteen work orders.

c. Electric Shop. Electric shop personnel completed one hundred seven work orders.

d. Plumbing Shop. Plumbing shop personnel completed nineteen work orders.

e. Refrigeration Shop. Refrigeration shop personnel completed thirteen work orders.

f. Carpenter Shop. Carpenter shop personnel completed sixty-five work orders.

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g. Generator Shop. Generator shop personnel performed all first and second echelon maintenance with a minimum of breakdown.

h. Laundry. The Base Laundry processed 39,899 pounds of clothing and collected organizational gear to turn over to the civilian laundry service. The Base Laundry continued its individual bundle service to all ranks.

16. Exchange. During the month, exchange sales were \$49,124.00. Sales for James S. LEE Tailor were \$2,082.05. Sales for Saehan Photo Service were \$2,884.95. Sales for Huynh Phung Gift Shop were \$6,321.00. Sales for SAI Tailor were \$10,129.50. Sales for LOC SVP LTD Barber Shop were \$1,037.30.

17. Ordinance. During the month, the Ordnance section issued 592,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 6,391 rounds of 2.75 white phosphorus and high explosive rockets, 1 3/4 tons of assorted smoke and chemical agents and 987 rounds of other assorted high explosives.

18. Logistics. Air Freight and Passenger Section processed the following:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Pounds Cargo</u>
MMAF	431	193,829
An Hoa	1,698	1,152,015

19. Communications

a. During the mortar and rocket attacks of 30 and 31 January the following damage was sustained:

(1) One 12 pair cable and TOM-20 cable in the HMM-363 area were damaged and repaired 30 January.

(2) Four 12 pair cables and a TA-125 terminal box in the O-1 Detachment area were damaged on 31 January. The cables were repaired and the terminal box replaced.

b. Message traffic from 1st MAW increased by 1,031. Total volume of messages processed was 8,045. 145 hours of down time was experienced due to faulty equipment.

c. The following transactions were effected by the repair section:

(1) 121 items of equipment processed.

(2) 103 items of equipment returned to users.

(3) 10 items of equipment evacuated to higher echelons of maintenance.

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(4) 7 items of equipment returned from higher echelons of maintenance.

(5) 39 requisitions processed by supply section.

(6) 3 items of test equipment sent to calibration.

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PART IV  
Supporting Documents

Contents

	<u>MAG-16 S&amp;C Log No.</u>
✓ Command Chronology of H&MS-16 - Appendix 1	None
✓ Command Chronology of MABS-16 - Appendix 2	None
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-265 - Appendix 3	None
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-363 - Appendix 4	0104-68
✓ Command Chronology of VMO-2 - Appendix 5	0108-68
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-463 - Appendix 6	None
✓ Command Chronology of 245th SAC-Appendix 7	None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
 245th SURVEILLANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY  
 212th COMBAT SUPPORT AVIATION BATTALION  
 APO 96337

8 February 1968

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TO: Commanding Officer  
 MAG 16  
 ATTN: S-3

FROM: Commanding Officer  
 245th SAC  
 APO 96337

SUBJECT: Command Chronology for period 1-31 January 1968; submission of  
 REF: (a) 1st MAW Order 5750.1B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted.

2. Command Composition

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO	Garten, Lynn W.	MAJ	1-31 Jan 68

3. Task Organization

Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

4. Air Operations - Period 1-31 January 1968

Type Aircraft	OV-1B,C
Hours	955
Sorties	558
Pax	N/A
Evacs	N/A
Cargo (tons)	N/A

  
 LYNN W. GARTEN  
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245th SAC

Jan 1968

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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-29 February 1968, submission of  
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Encl: (1) MAG-16 Command Chronology  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
Marble Mountain Air Facility  
Republic of Vietnam  
Period covered: 1 through 29 February 1968

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PART I  
Organizational Data

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1. Command Composition

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	E. O. REED	Colonel	1-29 February
XO, MAG-16	S. G. BEAL	LtCol	1-29 February
Adjutant	A. L. MADSEN	Capt	1-27 February
Adjutant	G. J. MAREK	1stLt	28-29 February
S-1 Officer	T. A. GOLDSBOROUGH	Major	1-29 February
S-2 Officer	D. V. HOLLES	Major	1-29 February
S-3 Officer	F. M. KLEPPSATTEL, Jr.	LtCol	1-29 February
S-4 Officer	R. LEWIS	LtCol	1-29 February
CO, H&MS-16	H. A. BRUCE	LtCol	1-29 February
CO, MABS-16	S. J. FULTON	LtCol	1-29 February
CO, VMO-2	M. G. ROBBINS	LtCol	1-29 February
CO, HMM-265	W. L. WHELAN	Major	1-29 February
CO, HMM-361	D. M. WILSON	LtCol	10-29 February
CO, HMM-363	F. E. ALIGOOD	LtCol	1-10 February
CO, HMM-463	J. L. SADOWSKI	LtCol	1-29 February
CO, 245th SAC	L. W. GARTEN	Major AUS	1-29 February

2. Task Organization

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-265 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 \*HMM-361 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 \*\*HMM-363 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-463 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

\* Arrived Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN 10 February 1968 from SLF

\*\* Deployed on SLF 10 February 1968

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-16	69	483	0	0
MABS-16	21	603	3	28
VMO-2	38	156	1	0
HMM-265	48	187	1	0
HMM-361	55	108	1	0
HMM-363	48	172	1	0
HMM-463	54	253	1	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. Brigadier General H. W. HISE, Assistant Wing Commander, First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited the command on 13 February 1968.

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b. Brigadier General W. W. SPRUANCE, Delaware Air National Guard, visited the command on 15 February 1968.

c. Major General N. J. ANDERSON, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, and Brigadier General H. W. HISE, Assistant Wing Commander, First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited the command on 25 February 1968.

d. Brigadier General R. P. KELLER, Assistant Wing Commander, First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited the command on 27 February 1968.

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PART II  
Narrative Summary

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1. Special Operations

a. Operation Scotland	1-29 February
b. Operation Lancaster II	1-29 February
c. Operation Kentucky	1-29 February
d. Operation Osceola II	1-16 February
e. Operation Napoleon	1-29 February
f. Operation Wheeler/Wallowa	1-29 February
g. Operation Muscatine	1-29 February
h. Operation Lam Son 179	1-3 February
i. Operation Fortress Attack	1-29 February
j. Operation Jeb Stewart	1-29 February
k. Operation Saline	1-29 February
l. Operation Hue City	5-29 February
m. Operation Nut Cracker	1-12 February
n. Operation Dinosaur	6-29 February
o. Operation Tampa	28-29 February
p. Operation Houston	28-29 February
q. Operation Rock	-29 February

2. General Summary

a. MAG-16 supported Marine operations throughout the ICTZ. In addition the Group supported U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, ROK Marines Corps and ARVN units.

b. The main enemy effort against Marble Mountain Air Facility came on 25 February when nine (9) rockets hit the facility at various points. The largest concentration of rockets hit in the area of the Army's 16th Combat Aviation Group. On the 24th of February An Hoa airfield received 7 or 8 rounds of mortar fire causing very little damage. Operations were not impaired.

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### 3. Chronological Summary

1 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: One HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord. AT 045515, no injuries; one HMM-265 CH-46A was shot down by a rocket at coord. AT 854676 resulting in minor injuries to crew, but fatal injury to one passenger and major injuries to two passengers; one VMO-2 aircraft was hit, coord. unknown, no injuries; three HMM-363 aircraft were hit, one at coord. BT 056517 resulting in major injuries to crew chief, one at coord. BT 080510, no injuries, and one at BT 046513, no injuries. MAG-16 units conducted an emergency extraction of recon team "Dublin City" at coord. AT 8576.

2 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord. BT 110550, no injuries, two HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft were hit, one at BT 074515, no injuries, one at YD 923408 resulting in two minor injuries.

3 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord. AT 998463, no injuries; two VMO-2 UH-1E's were hit, one at coord BT. 043621, no injuries, one at coord. BT 0461, no injuries; one HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft was hit at coord. XD 962428, no injuries. Another CH-53A was hit 6 miles NE of Khe Sanh, no injuries and a HMM-363 UH-34D was hit at AT 915550 no injuries. MAG-16 units conducted emergency extraction of recon team "Rummage" at coord. AT 998463 due to medevacs sustained by the team.

4 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit at coord. YD 676254 resulting in one major injury.

5 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit by enemy fire at coord. BT 055659, no injuries.

6 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: two VMO-2 UH-1E's were hit, one at coord. AT 941672, no injuries, one at AT 9666, no injuries; two HMM-363 UH-34D aircraft were hit, one at coord. AT 945667 resulting in minor injury to corpsman, one at coord. BT 027668, no injuries; four HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft were hit, one at coord. AT 954673, no injuries, one at BT 014630, no injuries, one at coord. BT 975582, no injuries and one at coord. BT 1161, no injuries.

7 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit 12 miles NE of Hue resulting in injuries to one crew member; one HMM-265 CH-46A was hit, coord. unknown, no injuries.

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8 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit at coord. BT 022689, no injuries; one HMM-363 UH-34D was hit at coord. BT 023712, no injuries; one HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord. BT 028703, no injuries. In the Phu Bai TAOR one H&MS-16 O-1C was hit at coord. YD 742205 resulting in one minor injury. In the Khe Sanh area one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit at coord XD 979429, no injuries.

9 February - MAG-16 operations in all TAOR's were normal.

10 February - Operations in all TAOR's were normal. HMM-363 chopped to OPCON of CTG 79.4. HMM-361 chopped to OPCON of 1st MAW.

11 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one VMO-2 UH-1E aircraft was hit at unknown coord., no injuries; one HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord. AT 797528, no injuries; one HMM-361 aircraft was hit at coord. AT 972593 resulting in minor injuries to one pilot.

12 February - MAG-16 operations in all TAOR's were normal.

13 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang TAOR the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord. BT 031615, no injuries; one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit at coord. YD 795215, no injuries; one HMM-361 UH-34D was hit at coord. AT 983563 resulting in major injuries to pilot and minor injuries to co-pilot; a second UH-34D was hit at coord. AT 985561, no injuries; one VMO-2 UH-1E aircraft was hit at coord. ZC 193477, no injuries. MAG-16 units performed one emergency extraction of a recon team "Barkeep" at 2100H.

14 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: two HMM-265 CH-46A's were hit, one at BT 031605 and one at BT 074515, neither hit resulting in any injuries. In the Khe Sanh area one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by one round of 12.7mm fire causing one major injury and three minor injuries to passengers; a second CH-53A was hit at unknown coord in the Quang Tri area.

15 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area the following aircraft received hits by enemy fire: seven HMM-265 CH-46A's were hit, one at AT 862874, no injuries, two at AT 989603, no injuries, and four at coord. AT 988606, resulting in one minor injury, one HMM-361 UH-34D was hit at coord. AT 911856, no injuries. HMM-265 left one CH-46A at coord. AT 988606 after it had experienced a power failure.

16 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord. AT 990600. Attempts were made to recover the

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CH-46A left in the field overnight but due to heavy enemy fire in the area of the downed aircraft and engine failure of a recovery aircraft the attempts were unsuccessful.

17 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord. BT 073515, no injuries; one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit at coord. AT 989597, no injuries. Attempts were made again to recover the downed CH-46A but the first attempt was unsuccessful when one of the recovery aircraft took intensive fire in the zone and lost one engine. The pilot tried to fly the aircraft back to Marble Mountain Air Facility but lost the other engine on the way and made a successful autorotative landing. This aircraft was recovered by an Army CH-54. Later in the day a recovery team was inserted at the sight of the first downed aircraft and it was stripped down.

18 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one HMM-265 CH-46A was hit at coord. AT 942661, no injuries; one HMM-361 UH-34D was hit at coord. AT 980570, no injuries; one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit at coord. AT 990601 no injuries. The downed CH-46A was externalized out of the field to MMAF by CH-53A.

19 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: one VMO-2 UH-1E was hit at coord. BT 05586, no injuries; two HMM-265 CH-46A's were hit, one at coord AT 8274, no injuries, and one at coord. AT 910910 resulting in minor injuries to one crew member. In the Dong Ha area one H&S-16 O-1G was hit at coord YD 248826 no injuries. At 1915H one CH-53A, call sign DIMMER 3-2 (YH-17 BuNo 153278) was declared overdue and missing after being last reported at 092 degrees/20 NM from Channel #69 enroute to MMAF on an IFR clearance. Search and rescue operations were instigated.

20 February - MAG-16 operations in all TACR's were normal. Search and rescue attempts continued for missing CH-53A.

21 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area and Danang area were normal. In the Hue area one HMM-463 CH-53A was hit by enemy fire at coord. YD 756236, no injuries. Search and rescue operations continued for the missing CH-53A.

22 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area two HMM-265 CH-46A's were hit, one at coord. BT 078517, no injuries, one at coord. ZC 1966, no injuries. In the Khe Sanh area two HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft were hit at the Khe Sanh airfield. There were no injuries on the first aircraft. The second aircraft received major damage resulting in two fatalities, one major injury and two minor injuries to the crew. One H&S-16 O-1G received artillery fragments at Khe Sanh airfield. Search and rescue operations continued for the missing CH-53A.

23 February - MAG-16 operations were normal in all TACR's. Search and rescue operations continued for the missing CH-53A.

24 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. At 0145H the An Hoa airfield received 7 or 8 rounds of mortar fire. One round struck the end of the runway. Damage was limited and did not affect operations. Search and rescue operations continued for the missing CH-53A.

25 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: three HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft were hit, one at coord. BT 105623, no injuries, one at coord. BT 048584, no injuries and one at coord. BT 078517 no injuries; two HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft were hit, one at coord. AT 120570, no injuries one at coord. YD 898228, no injuries to U.S. personnel but one ARVN received minor wounds. At 250425H Marble Mountain Airfield came under enemy rocket attack. Approximately nine rockets hit various points on the airfield, mainly in the area of the Army's 16th Combat Aviation Group. One rocket hit in the VMO-2 area slightly damaging six UH-1E aircraft. MAG-16 units conducted one emergency extraction of recon team "Dublin City" from coord. AT 853701. Search and rescue operations continued for the missing CH-53A.

26 February - MAG-16 operations were normal in all TACR's. Search and rescue operations continued for the missing CH-53A.

27 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area the following aircraft were hit by enemy fire: two VMO-2 UH-1E aircraft were hit, one at coord. AT 987575, no injuries; one HMM-463 CH-53A aircraft was hit at coord. AT 788533, no injuries; one HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft was hit at coord. BT 005576, no injuries. Search and rescue operations continued for the missing CH-53A.

28 February - MAG-16 operations in all TACR's were normal. Search and rescue operations continued for the missing CH-53A.

29 February - Operations in the Chu Lai area were normal. In the Danang area two HMM-265 CH-46A aircraft were hit at coord. AT 992578, no injuries. Search and rescue operations continued for the missing CH-53A.

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PART III  
Significant Events

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a. Number Joined	219
b. Number Dropped	110
c. Promotions	
(1) 1stLt to Capt	3
(2) 2ndLt to 1stLt	6
(3) SSgt to GySgt	1
(4) Sgt to SSgt	2
(5) Cpl to Sgt	2
(6) LCpl to Cpl	3
(7) PFC to LCpl	4
(8) PVT to PFC	2

2. Awards

a. Bronze Star Medal	
Sgt Robert A. YATES	MABS-16
b. Distinguished Flying Cross	
LtCol Wayne C. ANDERSON	H&MS-16
Major Robert C. FINN	VMO-2
Capt Michael R. MILLER	HMM-265
Capt Peter A. KRUGGER	H&MS-16
Capt Robert H. STRAND	H&MS-16
c. Air Medal	
H&MS-16	32
MABS-16	23
HMM-265	92
VMO-2	11
HMM-463	104
d. Navy Commandation Medal	
MABS-16	2
HMM-265	1

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## e. Purple Heart Medal

H&MS-16 4  
 MABS-16 3  
 HMM-265 6  
 VMO-2 2  
 HMM-463 3

## f. Good Conduct Medal

H&MS-16 2

3. Casualties (Hostile)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Major	W. L. WHELAN	1Feb68	9 Miles W Danang, RVN
1stLt	M. E. FLATER.	1Feb68	9 Miles W Danang, RVN
Cpl	C. R. MOORE	1Feb68	9 Miles W Danang, RVN
LCpl	J. H. BROWN	1Feb68	9 Miles W Danang, RVN
LtCol	S. G. BEAL	1Feb68	11 Miles SE Danang, RVN
Cpl	B. J. STANKO	1Feb68	11 Miles SE Danang, RVN
Cpl	P. D. SQUIRE	2Feb68	4 Miles S Khe Sanh, RVN
Cpl	R. G. DOUGHERTY	4Feb68	4 Miles N Hue, RVN
HM3	M. W. CAMBELL	6Feb68	5 Miles S MMAF, RVN
LtCol	W. C. ANDERSON	8Feb68	7 Miles NE Phu Bai, RVN
Major	J. L. HARRISON	8Feb68	2 Miles S Danang, RVN
Capt	T. S. SIGLER	11Feb68	6 Miles S Danang, RVN
Major	J. L. JOHNSON	13Feb68	5 Miles S Hill 55
Major	R. J. RANTA	13Feb68	5 Miles S Hill 55
Cpl	B. A. BLAYLOCK	15Feb68	8 Miles S Danang, RVN
Sgt	M. F. BROWN, Jr.	16Feb68	7 Miles S Danang, RVN
Cpl	E. J. TURNER	16Feb68	7 Miles S Danang, RVN
Cpl	J. P. D'EUFEMLIA	19Feb68	10 1/2 Miles NW Danang, RVN
Cpl	B. A. BLARLOCK	19Feb68	10 1/2 Miles NW Danang, RVN
Capt	B. W. DEETZ	19Feb68	18 Miles E Hue, RVN
Capt	L. C. TESSIER	19Feb68	18 Miles E Hue, RVN
Sgt	K. P. EHNIS	19Feb68	18 Miles E Hue, RVN
Sgt	F. S. TORRE	19Feb68	18 Miles E Hue, RVN
LCpl	B. F. JOHNSON III	19Feb68	18 Miles E Hue, RVN
Capt	J. T. RILEY	22Feb68	Khe Sanh Air Base, RVN
1stLt	C. C. SMITH	22Feb68	Khe Sanh Air Base, RVN
Cpl	P. M. MURGALLIS	22Feb68	Khe Sanh Air Base, RVN
Cpl	P. D. SQUIER	22Feb68	Khe Sanh Air Base, RVN
Sgt	W. M. SULLIVAN	22Feb68	Khe Sanh Air Base, RVN
Sgt	K. R. LEECH	22Feb68	Khe Sanh Air Base, RVN
PFC	J. W. SUMP	29Feb68	10 Miles S Danang, RVN

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#### 4. Civic Action

a. Medical. The MAG-16 Medcap team visited the Stella Maris Dispensary, the Catholic Orphanage, the Protestant Orphanage, and Boys Town Orphanage, treating a total of 602 people.

b. Education. Two English language classes, each 1/2 hour in duration were given to 98 housemaids at MMAF.

c. Projects. The Hoa-Long dispensary was brought nearer to completion. Interior painting was completed and electrical wiring begun.

d. Give-Away. 75 pounds of candy, 20 pounds of food, 15 gallons of paint and items of electrical equipment were donated by MAG-16 to Hoa Long residents.

e. Summary. Due to the TET offensive many Civil Affairs projects were curtailed. Noteworthy, however, is the enthusiasm displayed by the local residents toward these projects after the offensive was over.

#### 5. Moral/Welfare

##### a. Schedule of Weekly Religious Services

<u>Sunday</u>	Catholic Confession	0730
	Catholic Mass	0800
	Protestant Sunday School	0900
	Protestant Divine Services	1000
	Latter Day Saints Services	1300
	Catholic Confession	1730
	Catholic Mass	1800
	Protestant Evening Services	1900
	Protestant Communion	2000
<u>Monday through Saturday</u>	Catholic Mass	1800
	Protestant Prayer Services	1900
<u>Thursday</u>	World Religious Classes (Interdenominational)	1830
<u>Saturday</u>	Protestant Choir Practice	

#### 6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence

a. 292 no-hit fire incidents were reported during the month.

b. 87 hit fire incidents were reported during the month.

c. 50 spot reports of intelligence value were received from air crews and other sources, evaluated and disseminated to subordinate, higher, and adjacent headquarters.

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~~SECRET~~d. Statistical Data

Flight hours per fire incident	21.3
Flight hours per aircraft hit	71.6
Flight hours per spot report	124.6

7. Air Operations

<u>HMM-265</u>	<u>CH-46A</u>	<u>HMM-363</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	
Hours	1288.8	Hours	460.4	
Sorties	4338	Sorties	984	
Pax	9595	Pax	784	
Evacs	816	Evacs	396	
Cargo	1208.5 Tons	Cargo	9.9 Tons	
<u>HMM-361</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	
Hours	864.2	Hours	1766.7	
Sorties	2340	Sorties	4983	
Pax	1139	Pax	1771	
Evacs	711	Evacs	5	
Cargo	17.2 Tons	Cargo	0	
<u>HMM-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>	<u>TAR</u>		
Hours	1361.9	25 UH-34D		
Sorties	3671	10 UH-1		
Pax	9765	7 CH-46		
Evacs	0	2 A-4		
Cargo	4336.2 Tons	1 O-1		
<u>HMS-16</u>	<u>O-1C/G</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>
Hours	506.0	132.5	25.4	0.3
Sorties	359	45	28	1
Pax	0	285	0	0
Cargo	0	3 Tons	0	0
<u>245th SAC</u>	<u>OV-1B/C</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Hours	1057	Hours	7463.2	
Sorties	566	Sorties	17,315	
Pax	0	Pax	23,303	
Evacs	0	Evacs	1,928	
Cargo	0	Cargo	5,575 Tons	

8. Ground Defense. During the month of February at Marble Mountain Air Facility, additional bunkers were built and defensive wire was constantly worked on and improved.

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9. Motor Transport. During the month the Motor Transport Section traveled 61,342 miles, hauled 1,453,000 gallons of water, 25,200 gallons of MOGAS, 18,150 gallons of diesel fuel, an estimated 1,932 gallons of A/C oil, 2,301 tons of cargo and transported 30,431 passengers.

10. TAFDS. During the month, the TAFDS section issued the following amounts of fuel:

<u>Station</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	122,309 gal.	658,759 gal.
An Hoa	1,910 gal.	24,670 gal.
<u>Total</u>	<u>124,219 gal.</u>	<u>683,429 gal.</u>

11. Crash Crew. The Crash Crew responded as follows:

<u>Field</u>	<u>A/C Standbys</u>	<u>A/C Fires</u>	<u>Structural</u>	<u>A/C Crash</u>
MMAF	13	2	1	0
An Hoa	2	0	0	0

12. Base Operations. During the month the reconstruction of runway, shoulders, and overrun was completed by MCB-128, and the control tower structure was repainted by Public Works.

13. Weather Service. During the month an RO-172/VX facsimile recorder was installed in the office for the purpose of receiving surface and upper air charts from Fleet Weather Centrals.

14. Food Services. There were approximately 191,400 meals served at Marble Mountain during the month.

15. Base Services/Utilities.

a. Water Point. During the month the Water Point personnel processed a total of 1,485,000 gallons of water. Of this total 1,412,000 gallons was potable and 72,000 gallons was non-potable.

b. Paint Shop. The paint shop personnel completed twenty work orders during the month.

c. Electric Shop. Electric shop personnel completed ninety-seven work orders during the month.

d. Plumbing Shop. Plumbing shop personnel completed twenty-nine work orders during the month.

e. Refrigeration Shop. Refrigeration shop personnel completed twelve work orders during the month.

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f. Heavy Equipment. Heavy equipment shop personnel completed four hundred and eighty-three equipment runs throughout the month.

g. Carpenter Shop. Carpenter Shop personnel completed seventy work orders during the month.

h. Base Laundry. Base Laundry personnel processed 47,000 pounds of clothing during the month.

16. Exchange. During the month exchange sales were \$57,581.40. Sales for James S. Lee totaled \$1,586.45; sales for Saehan Photo totaled \$1,476.55; sales for Huynh Phung Gift Shop totaled \$1,032.15 and sales for Sax Tailor totaled \$6,065.00.

17. Ordinance. The Ordinance section issued a total of 7,606 2.71" High Explosive and White Phosphorous rockets, 284,190 rounds of assorted small arms munitions, 360 rounds of assorted other high explosives, and 1 3/4 tons of assorted smoke and chemical agents.

18. Logistics. Air Freight and Passenger Section processed 440,000 pounds of cargo and 833 passengers.

19. Communications

a. Total volume of message traffic handled was 8,130. 110 hours of down time were recorded.

b. 125 items of equipment were processed by the repair section.

c. During the rocket attack on the 25th of the month, the cable between MAG-16 and 1st MAW was damaged. Alternate communications by radio relay were established.

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## PART IV

## Supporting Documents

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✓ Command Chronology of MABS-16 - Appendix 2	0183-68	} <i>Filed</i>
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-265 - Appendix 3	None	
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-361 - Appendix 4	None	
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-363 - Appendix 5	0190-68	
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-363 - Appendix 5	0154-68	
✓ Command Chronology of VMO-2 - Appendix 6	0189-68	} <i>File</i>
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-463 - Appendix 7	0188-68	
✓ Command Chronology of 245th SAC - Appendix 8	None	

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