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 Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 January 1969; submission of
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 Encl: ✓ (1) MAG-16 Command Chronology (S) with Appendices

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. MAG-16 is located at Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

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Marine Aircraft Group 16
Marble Mountain Air Facility
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Period covered: 1 thru 31 January 1969

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PART IOrganizational Data1. Command Composition

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	W. L. MAC GUARRIE	Col	1-31 Jan 69
XO, MAG-16	F. K. FULTON Jr.	Lt Col	1-31 Jan 69
Adjutant	R. G. WORE	CWO-3	1-31 Jan 69
S-1 Officer	R. M. BALCH	Maj	1-31 Jan 69
S-2 Officer	J. R. CIVELLI	Maj	1-31 Jan 69
S-3 Officer	G. C. DOSTER Jr.	Lt Col	1-31 Jan 69
S-4 Officer	J. R. DONALDSON	Lt Col	1-31 Jan 69
CO, HAMS-16	G. W. GORAT	Lt Col	1-31 Jan 69
CO, MABS-16	W. CUNNINGHAM	Lt Col	1-31 Jan 69
CO, VMO-2	T. J. DUMONT	Lt Col	1-31 Jan 69
CO, HML-167	T. F. MILLER	Lt Col	1-31 Jan 69
CO, HHM-163	R. W. PEARO	Lt Col	1-31 Jan 69
CO, HHM-361	M. V. STATZER	Lt Col	1-31 Jan 69
CO, HHM-165	G. L. PATRICK	Lt Col	1-31 Jan 69
CO, HHM-263	R. E. HOPSTETTER	Lt Col	19-31 Jan 69

2. Task Organization

HAMS-16 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 MABS-16 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 VMO-2 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HML-167 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HHM-163 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HHM-361 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HHM-165 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HHM-263 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>
HAMS-16	72	460	0	0
MABS-16	19	618	3	26
VMO-2	48	212	1	0
HML-167	45	144	0	0
HHM-163	42	195	1	0
HHM-361	49	175	1	0
HHM-165	49	160	1	0
HHM-263	19	72	1	0
MAG-16	343	2066	8	26

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4. Important Visitors to the Command

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF VISIT</u>
8 January 1969	Major General C. A. YOUNGDALE (Deputy Commanding General III MAF)	Briefing and flight in OV-10A
29 January 1969	Brigadier General G. E. DOOLEY (Chief of Staff III MAF)	Briefing and flight in OV-10A

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PART II

Narrative Summary for January 1969

During January the majority of MAG-16 aircraft continued to fly in support of Task Force Yankee on Operation TAYLOR COMMON (see December 1968 Command Chronology). Statistically 20,884 passengers and 3,373.2 tons of cargo were transported by helicopters, requiring 10,163 sorties and 3,044 flight hours. Due to the nature of the terrain, rugged mountains and thick jungle growth, all resupply efforts, artillery battery displacements, and major infantry movements depended on helicopters in the leap frog assaults from ridge to ridge. Nine new firebases or company size combat patrol bases were established, extending 20 miles to the southwest of An Hoa along the Song Cai River.

Operation LINN RIVER, a modified cordon operation twelve miles southwest of Danang, was launched on 28 January by the 1st Marine Division employing six companies from 2/26 and 1/7. The initial assault was met with heavy enemy ground fire, six aircraft received battle damage and were subsequently replaced by other helicopters during the conduct of the assault (see Part III Special Operations for statistical summary).

Except for the period 4 through 7 January the weather was generally favorable for helicopter operations in the central I Corps area.

MAG-16 aircraft flew in support of ROKMC, Army Special Forces, Navy, ARVN, and 1st MAW units in addition to III MAF and the 1st Marine Division logging 7,380.1 hours and 20,202 sorties while carrying 29,795 passengers/troops, 2,638 medevacs, 3,955 tons of cargo, and made 23 Tactical Aircraft Recoveries. Operations supported were TAYLOR COMMON, VICTORY DRAGON VII, LINN RIVER, and BOLD MARINER.

The following occurrences are listed by date:

2 Jan 69 - Marble Mountain Air Facility received four 122mm rocket rounds which resulted in substantial damage to a new Motor Transport building, one crater in the runway, and severed several electrical and communication lines.

3 Jan 69 - An F4U-165 OH-46 was lost at sea under adverse weather conditions enroute to Chu Lai Air Base, 44 miles southeast of Danang. The crew and passengers are listed as MIA. Extensive search efforts have been unsuccessful.

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18 Jan 69 - HH-263 (21 OH-469's) joined MAC-16 at Marble Mountain Air Facility from MAC-56, HCAF Santa Ana, California.

21 Jan 69 - HH-167 made the first successful combat drop of the new Helicopter Trap Weapon (HTW) to facilitate the insertion of a recon team. The HTW is a parachute retarded, 55 pound explosive device designed to cut tall grass and trees up to six inches in diameter within fifty feet of impact.

25 Jan 69 - An HH-165 OH-469 was shot down and destroyed while supporting operation TAILOR GARDEN, the crewmembers although injured were successfully recovered by helicopter.

26 Jan 69 - A OH-469 from HH-364 crashed on a night medevac mission resulting in the deaths of seven crewmembers.

27 Jan 69 - A OH-10 crashed at An Hoa airfield receiving strike damage and causing minor injuries to the crew.

28 Jan 69 - Aircraft from HH-165, HH-364, HH-263, HH-167 and VHC-2 executed the initial helicopter assault in operation LINH RIVER.

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PART IIISignificant Events1. Personnel Changes

a. Number Joined	185
b. Number Dropped	297
c. Promotions	
(1) Capt to Major	2
(2) 1stLt to Capt	2
(3) SSgt to GySgt	1
(4) Cpl to Sgt	2
(5) LCpl to Cpl	5
(6) PFC to LCpl	14
(7) Pvt to PFC	4

2. Awards

a. Navy Marine Corps Medal

Corporal J. F. ARENS MARS-16

b. Air Medals

MARS-16	26
MARS-16	30
MHI-463	137
MHI-167	131

3. Casualties

a. Hostile

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Cpl	T. D. DODSON	2 Jan 1969	13 1/2 Miles SW of Danang, RVN
Cpl	C. R. STRAUGHN	2 Jan 1969	13 1/2 Miles SW of Danang, RVN
Capt	J. P. MILES Jr.	26 Jan 1969	2 Miles E of An Hoa, RVN
1stLt	W. R. LOGAN	6 Jan 1969	2 Miles E of An Hoa, RVN
Cpl	C. D. CORNETT	6 Jan 1969	2 Miles E of An Hoa, RVN
LCpl	K. R. HEID	6 Jan 1969	2 Miles E of An Hoa, RVN
1stLt	G. A. DUERRE	6 Jan 1969	2 Miles E of An Hoa, RVN
Capt	W. LAWRENCE	6 Jan 1969	2 Miles E of An Hoa, RVN
Cpl	G. W. DABROWSKI	12 Jan 1969	3 Miles NW of An Hoa, RVN
LCpl	R. H. CLAUSSEN Jr.	12 Jan 1969	2 Miles NW of An Hoa, RVN
Cpl	M. H. BASTMAN	12 Jan 1969	2 Miles NW of An Hoa, RVN
LCpl	T. M. TOINE	22 Jan 1969	Quang Nam Province, RVN
Capt	A. J. ZALESKI	25 Jan 1969	7 Miles W of An Hoa, RVN
1stLt	J. J. ROADLAND	25 Jan 1969	7 Miles W of An Hoa, RVN
Cpl	D. H. YOUNG	25 Jan 1969	7 Miles W of An Hoa, RVN
Sgt	R. C. LEMMANS	25 Jan 1969	7 Miles W of An Hoa, RVN
1stLt	J. F. MEYER (KIA)	26 Jan 1969	11 Miles W of Danang, RVN
1stLt	D. W. STELLING (KIA)	26 Jan 1969	11 Miles W of Danang, RVN
PTC	C. L. FERRY (KIA)	26 Jan 1969	11 Miles W of Danang, RVN
LCpl	D. P. DOLAN (KIA)	26 Jan 1969	11 Miles W of Danang, RVN
LCpl	J. E. HANNIBAL (KIA)	26 Jan 1969	11 Miles W of Danang, RVN
LCpl	M. J. SCHICKEN (KIA)	26 Jan 1969	11 Miles W of Danang, RVN
HN2	R. M. LUDIN (KIA)	26 Jan 1969	11 Miles W of Danang, RVN
1stLt	R. D. KASSER	28 Jan 1969	7 1/2 Miles SW of Danang, RVN
1stLt	J. M. KELLY	28 Jan 1969	6 Miles NE of An Hoa, RVN
Cpl	R. M. MCCAULEY	29 Jan 1969	7 Miles W of An Hoa, RVN
Cpl	B. W. SEYMOUR	29 Jan 1969	5 Miles NE of An Hoa, RVN

b. Missing in Action

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1stLt	J. F. FORD III	7 Jan 1969	35 Miles SE of Chu Lai, RVN
1stLt	V. L. JACOB	7 Jan 1969	35 Miles SE of Chu Lai, RVN
Cpl	G. E. ROBERT III	7 Jan 1969	35 Miles SE of Chu Lai, RVN
Cpl	P. D. FLEMING	7 Jan 1969	35 Miles SE of Chu Lai, RVN

h. Morale-Welfare. (Chaplains Command Chronology) During the month of January a total of \$800.00 was donated to several organizations in conjunction with the MAC-16 Civic Action Team. The Chaplains ministry and allied activities are reflected in the following statistics:

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<u>Divine Services</u>	<u>Sunday/Att</u>	<u>Weekday/Att</u>	<u>Total Services/Att</u>
Protestant	7 317	7 24	14 341
Catholic	16 612	33 375	49 987
L. D. S.	4 31	4 27	8 58
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>27 960</u>	<u>44 426</u>	<u>71 1386</u>

<u>Memorial Services</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
	1	166

5. Civic Action. (MAG-16 Civic Action Command Chronology)

a. Medical/Dental. During the month of January 1969 doctors and corpsmen from MAG-16 assisted the Catholic Orphanage and the Hoa Long Dispensary. Medical treatment was rendered to 3,113 persons. Dental treatment was given to 345 villagers and orphans.

b. Education. Funds for "General Walt" scholarships were not available during January. These scholarships will be awarded with the February grants.

c. Projects. With the assistance of the MAG-16 Civic Action Team, the Nui Kim Son CAG was able to establish a trash collection system in the village. An improved barrier is planned for the Hoa Long Dispensary and school. VMO-2 has adopted the China Beach Orphanage as a Civic Action project. During January they completely re-wired the buildings electrical system.

d. Material Assistance. MAG-16 Civic Action furnished supplies required to complete a third home in the New Life Refugee camp. Rather than distribute small amounts of building supplies to many households, enough supplies will be furnished to complete one home at a time. Clothing and school supplies were also distributed in the camp during January.

e. Contributions from MAG-16 Chaplain. Contributions were made to the following organizations by the MAG-16 Chaplain:

- (1) St John Seminary - \$100.00
- (2) Sacred Heart Orphanage - \$100.00
- (3) Sacred Heart Dispensary - \$100.00
- (4) Southern Baptist Mission (Rev Louis MEYERS Pres.) - \$500.00

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6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence. (MAG-16 B-2 Command Chronology)

252 fire incidents were reported by MAG-16 pilots during January, 67 of which resulted in aircraft hits. Enemy ground fire caused 8 crewmembers to be wounded (major), 19 (minor), 2 passengers WIA, and 4 passengers KIA.

Statistical Data:

- a. Flight hours per fire incident: 29.2
- b. Flight hours per aircraft hit: 109.9
- c. Flight hours per aircrew spot reports: 46.9

The number of fire incidents and aircraft hits reported this month shows an increase over December. December's incidents showed a marked increase over November indicating that the VC/NVA have not decreased their activities while awaiting the peace talks.

MAG-16 aircraft accounted for eighteen KBA (confirmed), eight hoehoes destroyed, three damaged, five structures destroyed, six damaged, two boats damaged and one secondary explosion.

7. Air Operations. (MAG-16 Squadrons Command Chronology)

<u>HEM-165</u>	<u>CH-46A/D</u>	<u>HEM-263(19-31)</u>	<u>CH-46D</u>
Hours	1163.4	Hours	405.9
Sorties	4192	Sorties	1231
Pax	6288	Pax	2941
Evacs	1092	Evacs	134
Cargo (tons)	315 T	Cargo (tons)	201 T
<u>HEM-364</u>	<u>CH-46D</u>	<u>HEM-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>
Hours	1005.6	Hours	722.7
Sorties	3510	Sorties	2763
Pax	6265	Pax	9061
Evacs	1093	Evacs	282
Cargo (tons)	329.3 T	Cargo (tons)	3036.7 T

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<u>HML-167</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>WMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>OV-10A</u>
Hours	1551.7	Hours	751.5	1219.9
Sorties	4875	Sorties	1646	515
Pax	3623	Pax	20	-
Evacs	4	Evacs	7	-
Cargo (tons)	-	Cargo (tons)	-	-

<u>HMS-16</u>	<u>C-117</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Hours	104	455.4	Hours	7,380.1
Sorties	53	1417	Sorties	20,802
Pax	314	1283	Pax	29,795
Evacs	-	26	Evacs	2,8383
Cargo (tons)	11.7 T	11.3 T	Cargo (tons)	3,643.5 T

8. Air Control. (HMS-16 Command Chronology)

a. The total monthly operations conducted at Marble Mountain Air Facility during January are as follows:

Fixed Wing Operations	3,902
Helicopter Operations	20,942
Total Operations	26,530
IFR Operations	117
GCA Operations	404
Special VFR Operations	1,165

9. Special Operations

a. Operation VICTORY DRAGON VII being conducted by the ROKMC to the South/Southeast of Danang was supported by MAG-16 aircraft and crews throughout the month. A total of 174.4 tons of cargo and 2,820 passengers/troops were lifted, requiring 369.9 flight hours and 1,618 sorties.

b. Operation BOLD MARINER was supported primarily by aircraft from the Special Landing Forces afloat. MAG-16 helicopters and OV-10A aircraft flew 18.9 hours and 24 sorties while carrying 56 passengers/troops and 1.1 tons of cargo.

c. Operation LINA RIVER which commenced on 28 January 1969 is patterned after operation MADE RIVER on a smaller scale. The establishment of the cordon was facilitated by trafficable roads on the North and West side requiring a helo assault only on the South side of the cordon along the North bank of the Song Thu Ban River. During the last four days of January 732 troops and 26.5 tons of cargo were carried and 104.6 hours and 427 sorties were flown in support of the operation.

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d. Operation TAYLOR CANYON continued through January. By the end of the month Marines from the Third and Fifth Regiments were assaulting the ridges on the East side of the Song Cai River. MAC-16 provided an average of ten OH-46's, six HH-44's, four OH-53's, and two OV-10A's daily for troop lifts, resupply, reconnaissance team insertions and extractions, medical evacuation, command and control, Admin/Intison, tactical air control of close support aircraft, artillery spotting and adjusting, and visual reconnaissance. (See Part II, Narrative Summary for statistics of this operation).

10. Ground Defense. (MAC-16 Command Chronology)

a. Improvements for the far fire range have been completed and the range received extensive use during the month. Along the perimeter now bunkers are being built and defensive positions improved in preparation for expected enemy action during TMT.

b. MACF Complex Ground Defense Plan has been written and is presently being staffed and reviewed. This plan will provide for an integrated defense of U. S. Military and Naval camps adjacent to the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

11. Logistics. (MAC-16 S-4 Command Chronology)

a. On 2 January four incoming 122mm rockets impacted at Marble Mountain Air Facility. One impacted near the new Motor Transport Area causing substantial damage to one building and minor damage to the other. Two rounds impacted West of the runway severing several field phone and electrical power lines. The fourth rocket hit on the runway producing a crater five feet in diameter and two feet deep. The runway was operational at daylight and communications were restored within 24 hours. Both buildings damaged in the attack were repaired by 8 January. No personnel were injured and no aircraft were damaged in the attack.

b. Base improvement/construction: The Motor Transport Complex and asphalt operating area was completed. The Marine Corps Supply warehouse was completed with initial occupancy commencing 25 January. The sewer system was complete but was not in operation due to minor discrepancies to be corrected by the contractor. The HH-463 hanger is now 98% complete and occupancy is expected in early February. Construction of the HH-165 hanger continues to progress but no percentage of completion figures are available at this time. The dispensary building is 80% complete. Progress on the access taxiway to the crosswind taxiway is slow due to higher priority construction projects elsewhere. All MAC-16 minor new construction projects are designed and expected cost estimates are available. Planning and starting dates are being formulated by Public Works Planning based on MACF priorities.

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c. During the month of January the Logistics section was involved with the arrival of HMM-263. The advance party arrived on 6 January and the main body on 18 January.

d. The Air Freight Section of Marble Mountain Air Facility processed 1,742 passengers and 126.8 tons of cargo. MAG-16 TAFDS personnel dispensed 1,307,458 gallons of aviation fuel.

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Part 1 Organization Data

MAG-16, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

Period Covered 1-31 January 1969

TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
MABS-16 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
VMO-2 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HML-167 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMH-463 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-364 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-165 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-263 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

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BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	MAC QUARRIE, W. L.	Col	1-31Jan69
XO, MAG-16	FULTON, F. K. Jr.	LtCol	1-31Jan69
Adjutant	WORK, R. G.	CWO-3	1-31Jan69
S-1	BALCH, R. M.	Maj	1-31Jan69
S-2	CIVELLI, J. R.	Maj	1-31Jan69
S-3	DOSTER, G. C. Jr.	LtCol	1-31Jan69
S-4	DONALDSON, J. R.	LtCol	1-31Jan69
CO, H&MS-16	GOBAT, C. W.	LtCol	1-31Jan69
CO, MABS-16	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LtCol	1-31Jan69
CO, VMO-2	DUMONT, T. J.	LtCol	1-31Jan69
CO, HML-167	MILLER, T. F.	LtCol	1-31Jan69
CO, HMH-463	PEARL, R. W.	LtCol	1-31Jan69
CO, HMM-364	STATZER, M. V.	LtCol	1-31Jan69
CO, HMM-165	PATRICK, G. L.	LtCol	1-31Jan69
CO, HMM-263	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	19-31Jan69

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

SQUADRON	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&MS-16	72	160	0	0
MABS-16	19	648	3	26
VMO-2	48	212	1	0
HML-167	45	144	0	0
HMH-463	42	195	1	0
HMM-364	49	175	1	0
HMM-165	49	160	1	0
HMM-263	19	72	1	0

Appendix-9

Following Personnel Changes 1-31 January 1969:

- a. Number of Landings: 185
- b. Number of Drops: 192
- c. Promotions:
 - Capt to Maj: 2
 - 1st Lt to Capt: 2
 - SSgt to GySgt: 1
 - Cpl to Sgt: 2
 - LCpl to Cpl: 5
 - PFC to LCpl: 14
 - Pvt to PFC: 4

CASUALTIES

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Cpl	DODSON, T. D.	2271553/3516	HML-167	Gunner
Cpl	STRAUGHN, C. R.	2195805/6320	do	Crew Chief

HOSTILE: 2 January 1969. 13½ miles southwest of Danang, RVN. Flying on UH-1E on medevac escort mission when aircraft took fire while on gun run. Crew Chief received schrapnel wound to both legs and gunner received schrapnel wounds to left side of body.

Capt	MILES, J. P. Jr.	094919/7563	VMO-2	Pilot
1st Lt	LOGAN, W. R.	0100436/7563	do	Co-pilot
Cpl	CORNETT, C. B.	2307003/6319	do	Crew Chief
LCpl	HEID, K. R.	2370225/6351	do	Gunner

HOSTILE: 6 January 1969. 2 miles East of An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on UH-1E on recon mission. While returning to MMAF, aircraft took small arms fire. Pilot received severe compound fracture mid shaft right femur; Co-pilot received missile wound to right upper extremity; Crew Chief received missile wound to right arm; and Gunner received schrapnel wound in back.

1st Lt	DUERRE, G. A.	0100207/7563	VMO-2	Pilot
Capt	LAWRENCE, W.	094854/7564	do	Co-pilot

HOSTILE: 6 January 1969. 2 miles east of An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on UH-1E on recon mission. While returning to MMAF, aircraft took small arms fire. Pilot received superficial schrapnel wound to face and Co-pilot received superficial schrapnel wound on face and right arm.

Cpl	DABROWSKI, G. W.	2294755/6320	HMM-364	Crew Chief
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HOSTILE: 12 January 1969. 3 miles northwest of An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission when aircraft received small arms fire resulting in schrapnel wound to face.

RANK	NAME	SERNO/ID	UNIT	POSITION
LCpl	CLAUSEN, R. M. Jr.	225844/6320	HMM-364	Crew Chief
Cpl	BARTMAN, M. H.	227050/6320	do	Gunner

HOSTILE: 12 January 1969. 2 miles northwest of An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission when aircraft received small arms fire in zone. Crew Chief and Gunner both received shrapnel wounds in left arm.

LCpl	TOINE, T. M.	2169684/6320	HMM-165	Crew Chief
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HOSTILE: 22 January 1969. Northwest of An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 when aircraft was hit by small arms and .50 cal fire on approach to zone. Received missile wounds to upper extremity right side and shrapnel wounds to right cheek.

Capt	ZALESKI, A. J.	095174/7562	HMM-165	Pilot
1stLt	HOAGLAND, J. J.	0104007/7562	do	Co-pilot
Cpl	YOUNG, D. H.	2145314/6332	do	Crew Chief
Sgt	LEHMANN, R. G.	2091752/7041	do	Gunner

HOSTILE: 25 January 1969. 7 miles west of An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on resupply mission when aircraft received intensive small arms fire while coming out of zone. Pilot received multiple contusions to head, face, neck and upper extremity, right side. Co-pilot received head trauma, fracture right tibia, multiple contusions and abrasion. Crew Chief received shrapnel wounds both buttocks. Gunner received compound fracture right tibia and fibula and fracture of left wrist.

1stLt	MEYER, J. F.	095523/7562	HMM-364	Pilot
1stLt	STERLING, D. W.	0100702/7564	do	Co-pilot
PFC	PEDDY, C. L.	2278499/6311	do	Crew Chief
LCpl	DOLAN, D. P.	2410032/6322	do	Gunner
LCpl	HANNIBAL, J. E.	2318498/6242	do	Gunner
LCpl	SCHICKEL, M. J.	2300182/6241	do	Gunner
HN	LUBIN, R. M.	B826864/8408	MABS-16	Corpsman

HOSTILE: 26 January 1969. 11 miles west of Danang, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission (night) when aircraft crashed into side of mountain. All crew members killed.

1stLt	KARSER, R. D.	0100796/7562	HMM-364	Pilot
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HOSTILE: 28 January 1969. 7½ miles southwest of Danang, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on troop lift mission when aircraft received intense small arms fire causing shrapnel in cockpit. Received shrapnel wounds left cheek, right forearm and neck.

1stLt	KELLY, J. M.	092880/7562	HMM-65	Co-pilot
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HOSTILE: 28 January 1969. 6 miles northeast of An Hoa, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission when aircraft received small arms fire while in zone. Received shrapnel wound left hand, and missile wound left heel.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/POS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Cpl	MCCAULEY, R. M.	2213071/6212	HMM-263	Gunner

HOSTILE: 29 January 1969. 7 miles west of An Hoa, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission when aircraft took small arms fire while hovering above zone. Received gunshot wound left forearm.

Cpl	SKWEIES, S. W.	2318296/6320	HMM-165	Crew Chief
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HOSTILE: 29 January 1969. 5 miles northeast of An Hoa, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission when aircraft took small arms fire while in zone. Received missile wound to left calf, through and through.

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1stLt	FORD, J. F. III	0101581/7562	HMM-165	Pilot
1stLt	JACOBS, V. L.	0103489/7562	do	Co-pilot
Cpl	HOBART, G. E. III	2160028/6312	do	Crew Chief
Cpl	FLEMING, P. D.	2137006/6242	do	Gunner

NON-HOSTILE: 7 January 1969. 35 miles southeast of Chu Lai, off Quang Nga Province, RVN. CH-46 on admin mission - radio and radar contact lost. Personnel currently listed as MIA after extensive air/ground search.

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S-1 OFFICER

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CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM

From: S-2 Officer
 To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Intelligence Input for Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.13, paragraph 6c

1. In compliance with reference (a), the intelligence input for the MAG-16 Command Chronology for January 1969 is submitted herein.
2. Ground Activity. During the month of January the enemy conducted the following attacks against Marble Mountain Air Facility.

2 January - 4 Rounds of 122mm Rockets, Light Damage

3. Antiaircraft Fire Incidents.

a. 252 fire incidents were reported during the period, up 26 from the previous month; 67 of which resulted in aircraft hits, up 10 from the previous month.

b. Enemy AA fire caused 8 KIA (major)
 12 KIA (minor)
 4 KIA PASSENGERS
 2 KIA PASSENGERS

4. Intelligence Information.

a. 157 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is an decrease of 12 from the previous month.

b. 2 reports of intelligence value were received from indigenous sources.

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Subj: Intelligence Input for Command Chronology (U)

5. Statistical Data.

a. Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 29.2; down 5.5 from the previous month.

b. Flight Hours per aircraft hit: 109.9; down 27.6 from the previous month.

c. Flight Hours per aircrew Spot Report: 46.9; up .5 from the previous month.

6. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. F4U-16 inflicted 18 ROKA (conf), 8 hootches destroyed, 5 hootches damaged, 5 structures destroyed, 6 structures damaged, 2 boats damaged and 1 secondary explosion.

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From: Group S-4 Officer
 To: Group S-3 Officer

Subj: Command Chronology; submission of

Ref: (a) GraS 5750.1A

1. In accordance with reference (a), significant events within the Logistics field for the period 1 through 31 January 1969 are as follows:

a. At approximately 0130 on 2 January, four (4) incoming 122mm rockets impacted at Marble Mountain Air Facility causing substantial battle damage. One (1) rocket impacted approximately twenty (20) feet south of the new Motor Transport buildings resulting in substantial damage to one and minor damage to the other. An extensive Public Works repair program was initiated immediately and both buildings were fully repaired by 8 January. Two (2) rounds impacted 50 to 100 yards west of the duty runway covering several field phone communications lines and electrical lines. The fourth rocket hit 1000 feet up the runway from the approach end of 17, producing a crater five (5) feet in diameter and two (2) feet deep. The runway was immediately repaired by Public Works emergency crews and was fully operational by daylight. All communication and electrical lines were restored within 24 hours. There were no personnel injured nor aircraft damaged during this attack.

b. On 4 January Marine Aircraft Group 16 was visited by Captain Robert C. EUGRAN, USN, Deputy Director of Construction MACV. A short brief on the Military Construction Projects at Marble Mountain Air Facility was presented and a forty-five minute tour of the base was conducted in order to assist in providing Captain EUGRAN with a feel for the construction projects currently going on in the ICTZ.

c. Military Construction Projects during January moved ahead resulting in the completion of the Motor Transport Complex consisting of two (2) buildings and an asphalt operating area. A combined Seabee and self-help program was initiated to construct a section "M" supply storage area

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between these two (2) buildings, and move the required buildings from the old complex to the new. The Marine Corps Property warehouse was completed and initial occupancy commenced on 25 January. End of the month MILCON status showed the sewer system complete but utilization has not been authorized by Public Works due to minor discrepancies, which the contractor has not corrected. The MM-463 hangar is 90% complete and efforts to gain occupancy on a beneficial basis have been initiated. The MM-165 hangar on the West side of the field continues to progress but percentage of completion figures are available at this time. The dispensary building is now 80% complete. Construction on the access taxiway to the crosswind runway is progressing slowly due to a "start and stop" procedure induced by projects elsewhere having higher priorities. Efforts to expedite construction on this project and further augment it with 2600 additional square yards have been forwarded for approval. A complete MILCON review and project re-justification program, induced by the shortage of FY69 funds, has been directed by COMUS MACV and is currently being conducted. All Marine Aircraft Group 16 minor new construction projects have been estimated, designed and planning for construction date starts are being formulated by Public Works at this time, based on III MAF priorities. At the present time Marine Aircraft Group 16 has several pending minor new construction projects to submit, however approval from higher authority to do so has not been received.

d. During January the MAC-16 self-help personnel were tasked with many assorted projects. Sandbags were utilized to seal the Group Gas Chamber Training tent and to prevent further erosion around the West refueling pits. All concertina wire and other obstacles were removed from the crosswind taxiway site. Seventeen (17) S.E.A. huts were relocated to provide a billeting area for MM-263 and an operating area for the MAC-16 UN-34 detachment. Several ditches were repaired on the West perimeter road and work continued on the Ammo storage dump. Renovation of two (2) Expando trailers commenced along with repair work on the SATS hangar on the West aircraft parking apron. On 21 January movement of the Motor Transport complex was started by self-help and Motor Transport personnel.

e. Throughout January the Logistics section was involved with the arrival of MM-263. The advance echelon arrived on 6 January and coordination and planning was immediately started. Actual debarkation started on 13 January with the arrival of the aircraft aboard the USS Point Cruz and the first element of personnel arriving via air at Danang Air Base. The remaining elements of personnel were debarked on 20 January. A

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coordinated effort between the Group S-1 and S-4 and their counterparts at the Wing produced an efficient mixmaster of MM-263 personnel, via C-130, on 23 January.

f. The Logistics section placed heavy emphasis on bunker inspections, bunker repair and construction of new bunkers throughout the month. Bunker materials were issued to all tactical squadrons in order to prepare for the high threat period anticipated in February. All requests for bunker materials from individuals desiring to improve their own personal shelters were also honored.

g. A continued effort stressing the seriousness of Base loading problems at MAC-16 resulted in III MAF approval for the construction of 56,000 square yards of additional aircraft parking apron and 32 aircraft revetments. Actual construction start dates and expected completion are currently being formulated.

h. During the month of January the Marble Mountain Air Facility Air Freight section processed 1,742 passengers and 11,827 cubic feet of cargo weighing 253,637 pounds. During the same period the Tactical Air Fuel Dispensing System personnel dispensed 56,041 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 1,251,417 gallons of JP-4 fuel. Marble Mountain Air Facility utilized 53,051 gallons of this AVGAS and An Hoa airstrip utilized the remaining 2,990 gallons. The JP-4 utilization was divided between Marble Mountain Air Facility - 806,597 gallons, An Hoa - 410,175 gallons, and Bill 55 - 34,645 gallons.

i. The Motor Transport section traveled 85,060 miles transporting 31,410 passengers, 583 short tons of cargo, 407,560 gallons of water, 26,287 gallons of HOGAS, 20,447 gallons of diesel fuel, 26,287 gallons of AVGAS, 550 gallons of AVOIL, and 111,893 gallons of JP-4 fuel.

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 5 Feb 1969

From: Civic Action Officer
 To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of January, 1969

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.10

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following statistics represent civic action accomplishments by MAG-16 during the period 010001H January to 312400H January 1969.

A. Medical/Dental Treatment

(1) The doctors and corpemen of MAG-16 assisted the following dispensaries and orphanages during this reporting period:

- (a) Catholic Orphanage
- (b) Hoa Long Dispensary

(2) Medical treatment was rendered to 3113 persons during January.

(3) Dental treatment was given to 345 villagers and orphans.

(4) Miss Ly Thi Ngoc Chau, a villager from Nui Kim Son, is doing an excellent job at the bi-weekly MACV held at Hoa Long dispensary. Trained at the MAG-16 dispensary, she acts as an interpreter and a nurse. She also holds a daily sick-call for the villagers and informs visiting doctors of the patients progress.

B. Education

(1) Funds were not available for General Walt Scholarships during January so they will be awarded along with the February grants.

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C. Projects

- (1) With the aid of MAG-16 CA team, Nui Kim Son's CAG unit is giving a more active and meaningful contribution to the village's civic action. Presently, they are setting up trash receptacles provided by MAG-16 CA. The village chief has delegated authority to the CAG unit to direct the collection and disposal of trash by the villagers. MAG-16 CA assisted by arranging for a bulldozer from MCB-12 to hollow out a trash pit. The CAG unit has removed all the unserviceable barbed wire around the Hoa Long village school and dispensary. It plans to erect an improved barrier around the school and dispensary, including a gate with a lock. MAG-16 is supplying the materials. The CAG corpman is training a village nurse in basic medicine and midwifery. He has submitted a request through MAG-16 CAO for various medical supplies.
- (2) MAG-16's MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON-2 has adopted China Beach Orphanage as its civic action project. It's primary assistance will be medical, but also has plans for food and clothing contributions. During the last month they have completely rewired the main buildings electrical systems.
- (3) Using the building materials MAG-16 CA furnished, homeowners of New Life Refugee Camp completed a third house this past week. Civic Action intends to give enough building materials to complete one home at a time, rather than give small, inadequate amounts to many households. Although GVN funded the repair on the New Life Refugee Camp grade school, MAG-16 CA provided nails and plywood needed for completion. MAG-16 CA delivered two "OFF LIMITS" signs to Hoa Long CAG unit for erection in the village.

D. Distribution of Commodities

- (1) Along with the large amounts of building supplies such as wood, paint, nails, cement, and tin, MAG-16 CA distributed clothing and school supplies to the villages.

E. General

Although the enemy did not fire directly upon this command's Civic Action operations, they did terrorize two hamlets in Hoa Long Village. On one occasion, a small band of VC/NVA shattered four homes in the refugee area. The village CAG unit ambushed a group of VC/NVA resulting in one enemy KIA. On another episode, the CAG unit engaged an estimated enemy platoon resulting in four friendly KIA.

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From: Group Chaplain
 To: Commanding Officer (Attn: 3-3)

Subj: Monthly Chronology Report for the month of January 1969, submission of

Ref: (a) Wing Order 5750.16
 (b) Group Order 5750.16

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the following report of the Group Chaplain's activities for the month of January is hereby submitted.

2. Religious Activities

A. Protestant

Sunday services	7
Attendance	317
Offerings	\$311.70
Bible Study	7
Attendance	24
Sunday Bible Study	4
Attendance	13
Choir Practice	4
Attendance	8
Communion service	2
Communicants	77

B. Catholics

Sunday Masses	16
Attendance	612
Offerings	\$222.65
Weekly Masses	33
Attendance	375

C. Latter-Day Saints

Sunday services	4
Attendance	31
Weekly services	4
Attendance	27

Gr. Chaplain, MAG-16

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3. Command Activities

Check in - - - - -	135
Check out - - - - -	100
Counseling cases - - - - -	178
Red Cross Messages - - - - -	76
Memorial services - - - - -	1
Attendance - - - - -	166

4. Civic Action

St. John Seminary \$100.00

Sacred Heart Orphanage \$100.00

Sacred Heart Dispensary \$100.00

Southern Baptist Mission, Rev. Louis Myers, treasurer, \$500.00

5. Chaplain's Activities

Attended Group Human Relations Board meeting on 1 Jan.

Convened the Group Narcotics Board for inventory

Attended The Commanding Officer's briefing on 8 and 22 Jan.

Presented Group Indoctrination lecture on 11 and 21 Jan

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From: Communications Officer
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, January 1969

1. Attached are the comments for Communications for inclusion in the Command Chronology.

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Comm O, MAG-16

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COMMENTS: Personnel gains kept pace with personnel losses during this period but not in respect to MOS specialities. A personnel shortage continues to exist in the Communications Center (MOS 2542), with a new personnel shortage appearing in the Radio Section (MOS 2531/2533); however, by continuing the cross-training previously established and by the assignment of newly joined basic Wiremen (MOS 2511) to the Radio Section, all sections continue to operate efficiently.

A total of 7091 messages were processed by the MAC-16 Communications Center, an increase of 813 from the previous month. 05 hours of circuit outage was experienced during the month due to faulty equipment.

The following transactions were effected by the Repair Section:

1. 155 pieces turned in for repair.
2. 136 pieces repaired and returned to service.
3. 16 pieces evacuated to higher echelon.
4. 15 pieces returned from higher echelon.
5. 22 requisitions processed by supply.

The Wire Section continues to repair, replace and maintain the extensive wire system supporting MAC-16.