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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-28 February 1969; submission of  
Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1C (U)  
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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PART IOrganizational Data1. Command Composition

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	MAC QUARRIE, W. L.	Col	1-28Feb69
XO, MAG-16	FULTON, F. K. Jr.	LtCol	1-28Feb69
Adjutant	WORK, R. G.	CWO-3	1-28Feb69
S-1	BALCH, R. M.	Maj	1-28Feb69
S-2	CIVELLI, J. R.	Maj	1-28Feb69
S-3	DOSTER, G. C. Jr.	LtCol	1-20Feb69
-	MILLER, T. F.	LtCol	21-28Feb69
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-	RAINES, T. E.	LtCol	25-28Feb69
CO, HMM-263	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	1-28Feb69

2. 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

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	72	460	0	0
MABS-16	19	648	3	26
VMO-2	48	212	1	0

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	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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	48	162	1	0
MAG-16	372	2156	8	26

4. Important Visitors to the Command

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF VISIT</u>
15 February 1969	Major General P. J. FONTANA (Deputy Commanding General FMF PAC)	Command Briefing and visit
15 February 1969	Major General C. A. YOUNGDALE (Deputy Commanding General III MAF)	Command Briefing and visit

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1. During the 28 days of February, MAG-16 aircraft and crews established new highs in number of hours flown (8,869.9), sorties flown (24,363), and personnel medevaced (2,922). The First Marine Division received the bulk of the air support provided by MAG-16 with Task Force Yankee (Operation Taylor-Common) utilizing 43 percent of the total hours flown by the aircraft of MAG-16. Other units supported were the Third Marine Division (Operations Dewey Canyon, Marshall Mountain and Scotland II), III MAF, US Army Special Forces, the ROK Marine Corps Brigade (Operation Victory Dragon VIII), ARVN units and the Danang Naval Support Activity.

2. In addition to impressive totals of troops and cargo carried on resupply and troop lift missions, MAG-16 aircraft flew many hours on visual and photo reconnaissance, tactical aircraft control (airborne), artillery spotting, night illumination, airborne personnel detection (APD), command and control, VIP, admin/liaison and suppressive fire missions for ground units in enemy contact.

3. The suppressive fire missions flown by the UH-1E gunships of VMO-2 and HML-167 and the OV-10A's of VMO-2 accounted for 38 KBA (confirmed), 14 KBA (probable), 43 structures destroyed and 21 structures damaged.

4. The weather was generally favorable for flight operations in Quang Nam Province, early morning fogs and low clouds being the main hindrance. The low ceiling and visibility that prevailed in Quang Tri Province hampered flight operations toward the end of the month.

5. The following occurrences are listed by date:

7 Feb 69 - A HMM-364 CH-46D on a medevac mission was shot down at coordinates AT 820561 killing four crewmembers, two passengers, wounding the crew chief and causing strike damage to the aircraft.

23 Feb 69 - At 0130H 23 Feb, Marble Mountain received 18 mortar rounds. There were no casualties, damage to facilities was negligible. Two UH-34D's received light damage and two CH-53A's and two CH-46's received limited damage. At 0140H An Hoa Airfield received an unknown number of mortar rounds causing the loss of 10,000 gallons of aviation gas, 30,000 gallons of JP-4, destruction of the Grade three ammo dump and two TACAN units. The runway was rendered unserviceable and five minor casualties were sustained.

26 Feb 69 - MAG-16 aircraft flew a total of 413.4 hours establishing a one day record high for hours flown.

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PART III

Significant Events

1. Personnel Changes

a. Number Joined	124
b. Number Dropped	184
c. Promotions	
(1) 1stLt to Capt	4
(2) W2 to W3	1
(3) MSgt to MGySgt	1
(4) GySgt to MSgt	2
(5) SSgt to GySgt	6
(6) Sgt to SSgt	9
(7) Cpl to Sgt	1
(8) LCpl to Cpl	16
(9) PFC to LCpl	15
(10) Pvt to PFC	5

2. Awards

a. Distinguished Flying Cross

Major H. T. NANCE Jr.  
Major J. L. STEWART  
Major J. M. DAVIS Jr.  
Captain L. R. ADAMS III  
Captain J. H. KEY  
1st Lieutenant J. R. TURNER Jr.  
1st Lieutenant D. J. COOK

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## b. Bronze Star Medal

Corporal K. A. ALTAZAN (Gold Star in lieu of second award)  
Lance Corporal R. R. ORLANDO  
Lance Corporal H. BOTELLO  
Private First Class M. ESTRADA

## c. Single Mission Air Medal

Lieutenant Colonel C. W. GOBAT  
Captain J. H. KEY (Gold Star in lieu of second award)  
Staff Sergeant P. D. PAGE  
Corporal D. R. FERGUSON  
Corporal J. L. MOYERS  
Lance Corporal L. L. ELLINGTON

## d. Purple Heart Medal

Captain W. S. LAWRENCE  
First Lieutenant G. A. DUERRE  
First Lieutenant W. R. LOGAN  
Sergeant Major H. PHILLIPS  
Corporal T. D. DODSON  
Corporal H. F. HORTON  
Corporal C. R. STRAUGHN  
Lance Corporal K. R. HEID  
Lance Corporal W. G. JABUSCH  
Private First Class C. CORDELL

## e. Navy Commendation Medal

First Lieutenant J. L. LA RUE  
Hospitalman R. L. FRANZ

## f. Navy Achievement Medal

Corporal E. H. LANHAM  
Lance Corporal D. A. ROE

## g. Air Medals

H&MS-16	15
MABS-16	29
HML-167	12
HMH-463	22

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**3. Casualties****a. Hostile (\* indicates KIA)**

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Capt	*BARTOLINA, E.E. Jr.	3 Feb 69	1 Mi from An Hoa
1stLt	*MOKE, R. E.	3 Feb 69	1 Mi from An Hoa
Cpl	*MILLER, E. W. Jr.	3 Feb 69	1 Mi from An Hoa
LCpl	*SHANK, R. G.	3 Feb 69	1 Mi from An Hoa
Cpl	TOMARO, G. J.	3 Feb 69	1 Mi from An Hoa
HN	*YOUNG, G. N.	3 Feb 69	1 Mi from An Hoa
HM2	*TYRELL, W. R.	3 Feb 69	1 Mi from An Hoa
Capt	BARRETT, J. J.	10 Feb 69	5 Mi South MMAF
1stLt	HEACOCK, F. J.	12 Feb 69	4 Mi North An Hoa
LCpl	CHURCH, R. A.	22 Feb 69	2 Mi South Hill 55
LCpl	BOLAN, E. W.	22 Feb 69	2 Mi South Hill 55
1stLt	DONOVAN, J. P.	23 Feb 69	10 Mi NW Danang
LCpl	GIESE, J. T.	23 Feb 69	8 Mi SW Danang
LCpl	COLLINS, R. D.	23 Feb 69	An Hoa
Cpl	SADLER, A. L.	23 Feb 69	2 Mi E Hill 10
LCpl	MUNOZ, A. Jr.	23 Feb 69	2 Mi E Hill 10
LCpl	HANEY, T. L.	23 Feb 69	2 Mi E Hill 10
Cpl	WILLIAMS, I. J.	24 Feb 69	10 Mi SW An Hoa

**4. Morale/Welfare. (Chaplain's Command Chronology)**

a. The arrival of good weather has seen many MAG-16 personnel enjoying their meager leisure time on the beach, swimming, sailing, surfing, or simply sunning. The new tennis and handball courts are now rarely found unoccupied.

b. The chaplain's ministry and allied activities are reflected in the following statistics:

<u>Divine Services</u>	<u>Sunday/Att.</u>	<u>Weekday/Att.</u>	<u>Services/Att.</u>
Protestant	8/284	- -	8/284
Catholic	12/498	24/163	36/661
Latter Day Saints	3/18	2/5	5/23
Bible Study	4/6	8/32	12/38
Memorial Services	- -	2/246	2/246

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5. Civic Action. (Civic Action and Chaplain's Command Chronologies)

a. Medical/Dental. The doctors and corpsmen of MAG-16 treated 755 persons during February and 55 villagers and orphans received dental treatment. The MedCap Patrol to Nui Kim Son village (BT 076707) was discontinued after 15 February. The lack of attendance by the villagers is attributed to the recent increase in VC activity.

b. Education. Eighteen students were presented with \$500.00VN each through the General Walt Scholarship Fund.

c. Projects

(1) Rebuilding homes in the New Life Refugee Hamlet that were destroyed by VC/NVA activity continues to have priority over the other projects.

(2) VMO-2 personnel rewired all buildings at China Beach Orphanage.

(3) A blind orphan, Nguyen thi Cong was examined by various opthamalogists prior to being taken to the United States for cornea transplants. Funds are being collected for this purpose.

d. Material Assistance. Miscellaneous medicines, 200 pounds of clothing and 1000 pounds of food has been distributed to the China Beach and Sacred Heart Orphanages. A large portion of the food was prepared for hospitalized villagers injured during the Tet Offensive. Also building supplies have been contributed for the rebuilding efforts in the New Life Refugee Hamlet.

6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence. (S-2 Command Chronology) 382 fire incidents were reported by MAG-16 pilots this month, an increase of 130 from January. Ninety-seven fire incidents resulted in aircraft hits. Enemy ground fire caused 4 USMC and 2 USN KIA, 4 USMC WIA (major), 6 USMC and 1 USN (minor) and 9 passengers/troops WIA.

## Statistical Data:

a. Flight hours per fire incident:	23.0
b. Flight hours per aircraft hit:	90.7
c. Flight hours per aircrew spot report:	41.3

Fire incidents and aircraft hits increased approximately 33 percent from the previous month. MAG-16 aircraft accounted for 38 KBMA (con), 1 WBMA.

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(PW), 43 structures destroyed, 21 structures damaged, 3 boats destroyed and 8 boats damaged.

7. Air Operations. (MAG-16 Squadrons' Command Chronologies)

<u>HMM-165</u>	<u>CH-46 A/D</u>	<u>HMM-263</u>	<u>CH-46 D</u>
Hours	1434.2	Hours	1411.6
Sorties	5301	Sorties	4746
Pax	9350	Pax	7492
Evacs	940	Evacs	887
Cargo (Tons)	750.6	Cargo (Tons)	720.7
<u>HMM-364</u>	<u>CH-46 D</u>	<u>HMM-463</u>	<u>CH-53 A</u>
Hours	1083.4	Hours	784.7
Sorties	3456	Sorties	2505
Pax	4407	Pax	6827
Evacs	1059	TAR	12
Cargo (Tons)	431.8	Cargo (Tons)	2675.4
<u>HML-167</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u> <u>OV-10A</u>
Hours	1430.3	Hours	836 1327.8
Sorties	4402	Sorties	1760 573
Pax	3063	Pax	30
Evacs	34	Evacs	2
KBA(C)	2	KBA(C)	2 27
<u>H&amp;MS-16</u>	<u>C-117</u> <u>UH-34</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Hours	128.5 433.4	Hours	8,869.9
Sorties	113 1507	Sorties	24,363
Pax	586 1350	Pax	33,105
Evacs		Evacs	2,922
Cargo (Tons)	15.2 11.1	Cargo (Tons)	4,604.8
		KBA(C)	38
		TAR	12

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

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

Fixed Wing Operations:	3,729
Helicopter Operations:	21,286
Total Operations:	25,015
IFR Departures:	69
GCA Operations:	371
SVFR Operations:	116

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b. The total monthly operations conducted at An Hoa Airfield during the month of February are as follows:

Fixed Wing Operations:	830
Helicopter Operations:	10,940
Total Operations:	11,770
Radar Approaches:	8
Instrument Operations:	9

#### 9. Special Operations

a. Operation Victory Dragon VII was supported by First MAF squadrons throughout the month. MAG-16 aircraft and crews flew 478.9 hours and 2,208 sorties, carrying 3,011 troops/passengers and 236.0 tons of cargo. The OV-10A's of VMO-2 provided visual reconnaissance and (airborne) support conducting air strikes in the ROK Marine Corps Brigade TAOR.

b. Operation Taylor Common continued as the principal operation supported by MAG-16 aircraft. The emphasis of the operation shifted from the mountains of base area 112 to the lowlands of the "Arizona Area" with the transfer of the 3rd Marine Regiment back to the 3rd Marine Division. MAG-16 aircraft carried 22,991 troops/passengers and 3,480.7 tons of cargo requiring 3,722.8 flight hours and 12,186 sorties in support of this operation.

c. Operation "Linn River", conducted ten miles south/southwest of Danang, was terminated on 4 February 1969. During this four day period 25.9 hours and 111 sorties were flown transporting 82 passengers/troops and 18.4 tons of cargo.

-d. Operation "Marshall Mountain" was supported by the CH-53A's of HMH-463 on 28 February 1969. Twelve sorties and 4.1 hours were logged while carrying 15 troops and 11.4 tons of cargo from LZ's Sharon and Tombstone to LZ Ann and Vandegrift combat base.

-e. Operation "Scotland II" was supported by the "Heavy Haulers" of HMH-463 on 27 February 1969. Four CH-53A's flew 16 sorties in 7.4 hours carrying 75 troops and 5.8 tons of cargo.

f. Operation "Dewey Canyon", being conducted in the western part of Quang Tri Province, was supported by MAG-16 aircraft carrying 274 troops and 293.8 tons of cargo while flying 88.8 hours and 222 sorties.

g. The OV-10A's of VMO-2 provided river channel guidance and visual reconnaissance while escorting the Swift boats and Junk Landing Force of the Danang Naval Support Activity in the vicinity of Hoi An. These

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aircraft flew 8 sorties in 18.5 hours while also directing air strikes in support of this Riverine operation.

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

a.- "Zulu" Provisional Rifle Company provided a security squad for the MAG-16 MEDCAP during the month. In addition to an intensive training program, the men of Zulu Company dug and revetted 25 new fighting positions and rebuilt and refurbished existing defensive positions. The latter part of the month saw an increase in the alert and readiness posture caused by VC/NVA actions nearby and the mortar attack on Marble Mountain Air Facility on February 23.

11. Logistics. (S-4 Command Chronology)

a. At approximately 0130H on 23 February, 18 mortar rounds impacted at Marble Mountain Air Facility.- Damage to facilities were minor; two UH-34D's, two CH-46's and two CH-53A's sustained minor to limited damage; no casualties were incurred.

b. Battle damage sustained at An Hoa airfield on the same date was substantial. 30,000 gallons of JP-4 and 10,000 gallons of AvGas were lost; two tacan equipments were destroyed and portions of the runway were rendered unserviceable. Casualties were 5 WIA (minor).

c. Construction projects depending on indigenous labor were slowed by the "Tet" holiday season and the many high threat periods. The dispensary building was completed and a 630 cubic foot reefer was installed at the enlisted mess.

d. On 16 February MCB-12 augmented by MAG-16 personnel completed a 7,000 square yard aircraft parking apron and 16 aircraft revetments. Another 25,000 square yards of parking apron, taxiway and 16 revetments are now 45 percent complete. Throughout the month increased emphasis was placed on bunker construction and repair. Over 3,500 board feet of lumber and 300 pieces of MBAL matting were issued to requesting units.

e. The Air Freight Section of Marble Mountain Air Facility processed 1,254 passengers and 139.9 tons of cargo. MAG-16 TAFDS personnel dispensed 855,228 gallons of aviation fuels at Marble Mountain Air Facility and 435,416 gallons of aviation fuels at the An Hoa Airfield.

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## GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

## Part 1 Organization Data

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

Period Covered 1-28 February 1969

## TASK ORGANIZATION

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CO, HMM-263	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	1-28Feb69

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Capt	BARRETT, J. J.	080856/7562	HMM-263	Pilot

HOSTILE: 10 February 1969. 5 miles south of MMAF, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying CH-46 on emergency medevac mission when aircraft received intense hostile fire in LZ. Pilot received small scratch on left side of chin.

1stLt	HEACOCK, F. J.	0101972/7562	HMM-263	Co-Pilot
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HOSTILE: 12 February 1969. 4 miles north of An Hoa, RVN. Flying CH-46 on resupply mission when A/C received 30 cal automatic weapons fire striking windshield. Co-Pilot received puncture in upper right arm from glass fragment.

LCpl	CHURCH, R. A.	2321454/6211	HMM-263	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 22 February 1969. 2 miles south of Hill 55, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission when A/C took small arms fire while enroute to LZ. Received shrapnel wound to left forearm.

LCpl	BOLAN, E. W.	2317284/6242	HMM-263	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 22 February 1969. 2 miles south of Hill 55, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission when A/C took small arms fire enroute to LZ. Received missile wound to back of head. Died of wounds.

1stLt	DONAVON, J. P.	0101000/7563	HMM-364	Pilot
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HOSTILE: 23 February 1969. 10 miles northwest of Danang, RVN. Flying CH-46 on emergency medevac mission when A/C received automatic weapons fire upon lifting out of LZ. Received shrapnel wound left side of face and thigh.

LCpl	GIESE, J. T.	2351385/6341	HML-167	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 23 February 1969. 8 miles southwest of Danang, RVN. Flying on UH-1E on emergency medevac mission when A/C took fire while landing and lifting from LZ. Received missile wound penetrating left chest through and through, and contusion of left lung.

LCpl	COLLINS, R. D.	2344802/6323	VMO-2	N/A
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HOSTILE: 23 February 1969. An Hoa Combat Base, RVN. Received shrapnel wound of right forearm while fighting fire at ammo dump while under mortar attack.

Cpl	SADLER, A. L.	2274205/6351/0431	HMM-263	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 23 February 1969. 2 miles south of Hill 10, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission when A/C took small arms fire while in LZ. Received gunshot wound through right wrist.

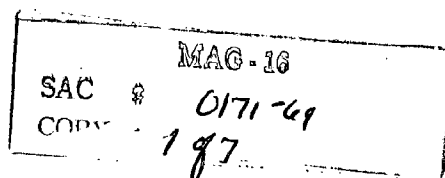
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MEMORANDUM

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



Subj: Intelligence Input for Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1C, paragraph 6c

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

23 February - 17 Rounds of 82mm Mortars, Light Damage

3. Antiaircraft Fire Incidents.

a. 382 fire incidents were reported during the period, up 130 from the previous month; 97 of which resulted in aircraft hits, up 30 from the previous month.

- b. Enemy AA fire caused
- 5 USMC KIA
  - 6 USMC WIA (minor)
  - 4 USMC WIA (major)
  - 2 USN KIA
  - 1 USN WIA (minor)
  - 9 PASSENGERS WIA

4. Intelligence Information.

a. 213 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is an increase of 56 from the previous month.

b. no reports of intelligence value were received from indigenous sources, a decrease of 2 from the previous month.

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5. Statistical Data.

a. Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 23.0; down 6.2 from the previous month.

b. Flight Hours per aircraft hit: 90.7; down 19.2 from the previous month.

c. Flight Hours per aircrew Spot Report: 41.3; down 5.6 from the previous month.

6. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 40 KBMA (conf), 1 WBMA (PW), 11 structures destroyed, 11 structures damaged, 32 hooches destroyed, 10 hooches damaged, 3 boats destroyed, 8 boats damaged, 1 rocket site destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 2 rafts destroyed, 1 raft damaged, 6 bundles destroyed, 1 cave destroyed & 1 secondary fire.

  
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3 March 1969

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

Subj: Command Chronology; submission of

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1A

1. In accordance with reference (a), significant events within the Logistics field for the period 1 through 28 February 1969 are as follows:

a. At approximately 0130 on 23 February, eighteen (18) incoming mortar rounds impacted at Marble Mountain Air Facility causing limited battle damage. Most of these rounds impacted in sandy or clear areas causing no damage. Three rounds impacted on the Aircraft Apron between the Air Freight terminal and the H&MS-16 flight line. Apron damage was slight and repaired easily by Public Works. Two (2) UH-34 aircraft sustained slight shrapnel punctures but were repaired and operational within fifteen (15) hours. Five (5) rounds impacted on the PSP parking apron on the west side of the Air Facility. Two (2) were "DUD's" and were removed by Army EOD personnel. The three (3) remaining rounds resulted in limited damage to two (2) CH-53 aircraft and one (1) CH-46. All aircraft were repaired and operational within sixty-two (62) hours. Damage to the aircraft apron was repaired immediately by Public Works Emergency crews. There were no MAG-16 personnel injured during this attack.

b. In addition to the above, combat damage sustained at An Hoa airfield on 23 February was substantial. The TAFDS was hit and ruptured resulting in the loss of 30,000 gallons of JP-4, 10,000 gallons of AVGAS, four (4) 10,000 gallon fuel cells, one (1) 50 GPM filter separator and 250 feet of discharge hose. Immediate repair and replacement of this equipment was initiated by MABS-16 personnel and the system was operational within twelve (12) hours. There were five (5) minor casualties and two (2) vehicles sustained very minor shrapnel damage. Two (2) Tacans were destroyed and portions of the duty runway were rendered unservicable.

c. During February construction projects at MMAF slowed down in some areas and accelerated in others. Civilian contractors utilizing indigenous labor were encumbered by the "TET" holiday season and the many imminent high threat periods which stopped work entirely. The new Dispensary building was completed however and a 630 cubic foot cold storage reefer was installed at the enlisted mess hall. On 5 February Mobile Construction Battalion Twelve began an around the clock

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construction project consisting of 7000 square yards of new aircraft parking apron and sixteen (16) new aircraft revetments. MAG-16 self-help personnel augmented the Seabees on this project when requested. The entire project was completed on 16 February and the battalion immediately commenced work on an additional 25,000 square yards of apron, taxiway and sixteen (16) revetments on the west side of the Air Facility. This project was not programmed to be an around the clock project however end of the month progress reports indicate it to be 45% complete. On 9 February the permanent sewer system was activated and all head and shower facilities were opened. NSA Public Works is presently connecting the enlisted mess hall to this system.

d. The Logistics Section was directed to submit an updated priority listing of all Minor New Construction Projects and include any new projects required to the First Marine Aircraft Wing Base Development Office on 26 February. Ten (10) new projects were submitted including a new shower facility for Sergeants and below and a new heavy equipment maintenance shed. NSA Public Works personnel began work on two (2) Minor New Construction Projects during February. The communications tower for the control tower was completed and the communications room in Base Operations is currently being modified to accommodate the new communication equipment. This fragile Instrument Equipment was delivered to MAG-16 for storage on 14 February. Construction also started on the chain link security fence for open storage. This project is 30% complete.

e. February found MABS-16 and all self-help personnel involved in many projects. Construction of the new parking apron and revetments on the west side of the field required the relocation of the ROK Marines. Self-help crews along with MABS carpenters and electricians were tasked with this project. All barrel revetments were relocated, two (2) S.E.A. huts were moved and extensive electrical and carpentry work was accomplished in a short period of time. Several scrap boneyards were cleared and Pol/Communication lines were buried, two heads and a large radio antenna ~~was~~ also relocated. In addition to relocating the ROK Marine detachment, the self-help crews relocated several S.E.A. huts from the Zulu Company area to the enlisted billeting area. In many cases the site had to be prepared by heavy equipment prior to building relocation. Upon completion of the new 16 aircraft revetments on the east side of the facility the self-help crew moved over 1,000 barrels from the HMM-463 revetments to the VMO-2 revetments. This was a round the clock project expediting the relocation of the OV-10's and providing additional revetments for the CH-53's.

f. Throughout the month, continued emphasis was placed on bunker construction and repair. The Logistics section issued over 3500 board feet of lumber and over 300 pieces of MSAI matting to requesting units. Sand was furnished to requesting units three times a week vice one in order to insure maximum coverage to all hands.

g. On 28 February the Embarkation section inspected HMM-263 to insure their embarkation posture complied with Group and Wing directives.

h. During the month of February the Marble Mountain Air Facility Air Freight section processed 1254 passengers and 10,271 cubic feet of cargo weighing 279,760 pounds. The Tactical Air Fuel Dispensing system personnel dispensed 44,026 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 1,285,372 gallons of JP-4 fuel. Marble Mountain Air Facility utilized 39,109 gallons of this AVGAS and An Hoa airstrip utilized the remaining 4,917 gallons. The JP-4 utilization was divided between Marble Mountain Air Facility 816,119 gallons, An Hoa 430,499 gallons and Hill 55 38,754 gallons.

i. The Motor Transport section traveled 93,397 miles transporting 35,619 passengers, 699 short tons of cargo, 688,000 gallons of water, 19,599 gallons of MOGAS, 8,940 gallons of diesel fuel, 75 gallons of AVOIL and 118,592 gallons of JP-4 fuel.

  
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 4 March 1969

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) Wing Order 5750.1C  
 (b) Group Order 5750.1C

In compliance with reference (a) and (b), the following is a report of the activities of the Group Chaplains for the month of February.

Part I. Organizational Data:

Group Protestant Chaplain: Lt. G. B. Schumacher, 1-28 February  
 Group Catholic Chaplain: Lt. J. N. Sestito, 1-28 February  
 Chaplain's clerk: Sgt. K. J. Detjen, 1-28 February  
 Chaplain's clerk: LCpl D. A. Vann, 1-28 February

Part II. Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights:

During the month of February, MAG-16 chaplains provided Sunday and weekday religious services, a joint Memorial Service and Requiem Mass. Bible study and discussion classes were held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

A statistical summary is included in PART IV, Supporting Documents.

Part III. Significant Events:

1. Personnel:

Chaplain's clerk, LCpl. I. S. Sims, rotated to CONUS 20 February.

2. Civic Action:

- a. 2 February MAG-16 personnel, through Chaplain's department, held a party for all the children at United World Mission China Beach Orphanage.
- b. VMO-2 personnel rewired all buildings at China Beach Orphanage and ran a power line to their chapel.
- c. Blind orphan, Nguyen-thi-Cong, taken for diagnosis to USS REPOSE, USS SANCTUARY, and NSA Hospital in preparation for transportation to the United States for cornea transplants.

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- d. Participated in Tet program at the leper colony, bringing the good wishes of MAG-16 personnel and preaching at the worship service. Arranged for Dr. Jones, nurse, and corpsman to hold clinic at leper colony at this time.
- e. Delivered 60 lbs. of clothing and 15 jump ropes to China Beach Orphanage. Miscellaneous medicines donated to orphanage. Gamma Globulin shots given to nurses and one child who were exposed to hepatitis at III MAF mess.
- f. The mother of the heart patient we sent to the United States returned at 6 p.m. Sunday 16 February. The open heart surgery on her child was successful. We met the plane, ISO took photos, then returned to her village of Tam Toa, where all the villagers were out along the road to welcome her back. She is quite famous and this bit of civic action has greatly helped Viet-U.S. relationships and improved friendliness in the whole area.
- g. Chaplain Sestito: Contact has been established with an organization in Minneapolis Operation H.O.P.E. (help other people everywhere). This is a group of housewives who are interested in aiding the orphans here in Danang. Through their cooperation this past month we have been able to deliver approximately 400 lbs. of food and clothing to the Sacred Heart Nursesey.
- h. Chaplain Sestito: During the Tet offensive injured villagers from Tam Ky were taken to the Vietnamese Hospital here in Danang. The Sisters of the Sacred Heart Orphanage, who prepare the meals there, appealed, through St. John's Seminary, to us for food for the approximately two hundred patients. Through the assistance of the Mess Sergeant, S/Sgt. Harrison, we were able to make available to them approximately seven hundred pounds of food - bread, meat, orange juice and vegetables.
- i. Chaplain Sestito: In publicizing the work of the Chaplain section with the orphans, we have sent two taped interview of visits of MAG-16 personnel at the orphanage and two dozen 8"x10" glassy photographs to interested groups in the United States.

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Part IV. Supporting Documents:

1. Statistics:

a. Activities	Sunday/Att.	Weekday/Att.	Total
Protestant worship	8/284	- -	8/284
Communion	2/83	- -	2/83
Catholic worship	12/498	24/163	36/661
Memorial services	- -	2/246	2/246
Latter-Day Saints	3/18	2/5	5/23
Bible Study	4/6	8/32	12/38

b. Miscellaneous

Counseling cases - - 161  
Red Cross Messages - - 64

2. Chaplain's Activities:

Presented Group Indoctrination lecture on 3 February, attendance 55.

Attended Army Chief of Chaplain's Dinner at China Beach "O" Club;  
10 February.

Attended Group Human Relations Board meeting 21 February.

  
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2 March 1969

From: Communications Officer  
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, February 1969

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

  
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COMMUNICATIONS: A personnel shortage continues to exist in the Communications Center (MOS 2542). The personnel shortage within the Radio Section (MOS 2531/2533) is, considering projected losses, approaching critical level; however, all sections continue to operate efficiently.

A total of 6015 messages were processed by the MAG-16 Communications Center, a decrease of 1076 from the previous month. 51 hours of circuit outage was experienced during the month due to faulty equipment.

The following transactions were effected by the Repair Section:

1. 133 pieces turned in for repair.
2. 130 pieces repaired and returned to service.
3. 15 pieces evacuated to higher echelon.
4. 12 pieces returned from higher echelon.
5. 17 requisitions processed by supply.

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

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4 March 1969

From: Civic Action Officer  
To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of February, 1969

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1C

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following statistics represent civic action accomplishments by MAG-16 during the period 010001 February to 282400H February 1969.

A. Medical/Dental Treatment

(1) The doctors and corpsmen 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 755 persons during February.

(3) Dental treatment was given to 55 villagers and orphans.

B. Education

(1) Eighteen (18) students were presented with \$500VN each through the General Walt Scholarship Fund for the month of January and February.

C. Projects

(1) Rebuilding of homes in the New Life Refugee Hamlet continues to have priority over other projects. These Homes were destroyed by VC/NVA activity.

D. Distribution of Commodities

(1) Wood and tin for the rebuilding of homes are the main commodities MAG-16 has contributed. Most of these materials are used and are ideal for this purpose. Various other supplies such as soap, medical supplies, and fence posts have also been distributed.

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**E. General**

- (1) On February 6, 1969, the ARVN began a search and clear operation south of Marble Mountain. They massed all the people encompassed by the cordon on the Nui Kim Son school grounds. Along with the ARVN and CORDS, MAG-16 Civic Action provided medical aid, water, blankets, tents, and had makeshift sanitation pits dug out.
- (2) MAG-16 CA personnel and village officials from Hoa Long held a TET party for the children of the Hoa Long Primary School. Candy, popcorn, and drinks were served. This was one of several celebrations attended by Civic Action in conjunction with the TET holiday.
- (3) Transportation problems during the last quarter of the reporting period hampered Civic Action activities. Also, the holiday period and increased enemy activity in the area cancelled 3 MEDCAPs and cut down on attendance at 2 others.
- (4) Captain R. Moss has relieved Captain B. B. Nelson as Civic Action Officer for MAG-16. Also, GySgt. M. R. Espinosa has relieved GySgt. G. E. Raymond as NCOIC of MAG-16 Civic Action.

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