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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 March 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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
Marble Mountain Air Facility  
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Period covered: 1 through 31 March 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	MAC QUARRIE, W. L.	Col	1-12 March 69
	FULTON, F. K. JR.	LtCol	13-31 March 69
XO, MAG-16	FULTON, F. K. JR.	LtCol	1-12 March 69
	PEARL, R. W.	LtCol	13-31 March 69
Adjutant	WORK, R. G.	CWO-3	1-31 March 69
S-1	BALCH, R. M.	Maj	1-17 March 69
	SWANSON, R. D.	LtCol	18-31 March 69
S-2	CIVELLI, J. R.	Maj	1-31 March 69
S-3	MILLER, T. F.	LtCol	1-31 March 69
S-4	DONALDSON, J. R.	LtCol	1-31 March 69
CO, H&MS-16	GOBAT, C. W.	LtCol	1-31 March 69
CO, MABS-16	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LtCol	1-31 March 69
CO, VMO-2	DUMONT, T. J.	LtCol	1-19 March 69
	MORRIS, C. S.	LtCol	20-31 March 69
CO, HML-167	CONARD, J. W.	LtCol	1-31 March 69
CO, HHM-463	PEARL, R. W.	LtCol	1-6 March 69
	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol	7-31 March 69
CO, HMM-165	RAINES, T. E.	LtCol	1-31 March 69
CO, HMM-263	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	1-31 March 69
CO, HMM-364	BRADY, E. R.	LtCol	1-31 March 69

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  
 HHM-463 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-165 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-263 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-364 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>
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HMH-463	40	179	1	0
HMM-364	46	158	1	0
HMM-165	50	164	1	0
<u>HMM-263</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MAG-16	369	2072	8	26

4. Important Visitors to the Command

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose of Visit</u>
19 Mar 69	Lieutenant Colonel Jack L. REED, USMC (Colonel Selectee)	General orientation tour and briefing

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DECLASSIFIEDNARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of March, MAG-16 aircraft flew 23,268 sorties and 7,602 flight hours in support of the tactical units in ICTZ. The majority of these sorties were flown in support of the First Marine Division with the remainder divided between the Third Marine Division (Operations Scotland II, Maine Craig, Purple Martin, Kentucky Jumper, Kentucky, and Dewey Canyon), III MAF, US Army Special Forces, the ROK Marine Corps 2nd Brigade (Operation Victory Dragon IX), ARVN units, the Danang Naval Support Activity, and SAR at Chu Lai Airfield. The Heavy Haulers of HMH-463 flew 1051 sorties in support of the Third Marine Division and Task Force Hotel lifting 1155.3 tons of cargo and 3352 troops.
2. In addition to the troop transport and logistic support provided during the month, MAG-16 aircraft flew many hours on visual reconnaissance, helicopter escort, tactical air coordination (airborne), artillery spotting, photo reconnaissance, medevac escort, APD (Airborne Personnel Detection), naval gunfire spot, VIP, night illumination, command and control, admin/ liaison, SAR and suppressive fire missions for units in contact.
3. Operation Taylor Common was completed on 8 March after several weeks of successful operations by Task Force Yankee in the area west of An Hoa. MAG-16 aircraft provided the majority of the rotary wing air support during this operation with CH-46's, CH-53's and UH-1E gunships. The OV-10A with pilot and AO was always overhead controlling fixed wing attack aircraft, providing visual reconnaissance for ground troop maneuvers, photographing advanced firebases, adjusting artillery and providing fire suppression for troops or transport helicopters. The retrograde movement from LZ Tomahawk and LZ Maxwell, the only remaining fire bases, commenced on 5 March. The extraction was hampered by marginal weather and heavy enemy fire during most of the lift. The retrograde was completed with all men and equipment deposited safely at An Hoa.
4. 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 41 KBA (Confirmed), 6 KBA (Probable), 18 structures destroyed and 6 structures damaged.
5. The weather in the Da Nang area was generally favorable for flight operations throughout the month of March. Early morning fog and haze delayed operations on several occasions, but the missions were usually completed later in the day. Low ceilings and fog severely hindered operations in Quang Tri Province during the first half of the month, limiting operations during that period.

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6. The following occurrences are listed by date:

8 March 69 One 122 MM rocket impacted on the parking apron between the H&MS-16 and HMM-263 flight lines damaging three aircraft. One CH-46 received substantial damage and one CH-46 and one UH-34D sustained limited damage. Four rockets impacted 20 to 100 yards from the shore line in the South China Sea.

19 March 69 Two HMM-263 CH-46's were shot down while on medevac missions at coordinates AT 895702. Five crew members received minor wounds and the two aircraft received minor damage. The second aircraft was attempting to pick up the crew and medevacs of the first aircraft when it was shot down.

An Hoa Airfield had one 122 MM rocket impact on the southwest corner of the parking apron substantially damaging two CH-46's. One Marine pilot received minor injuries.

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Significant Events

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1. Personnel Changes

- a. Number Joined 207
- b. Number Dropped 170
- c. Promotions
  - (1) 1stLt to Capt: 2
  - (2) SSgt to 2ndLt: 1
  - (3) GySgt to MSgt: 2
  - (4) SSgt to GySgt: 1
  - (5) Sgt to SSgt: 5
  - (6) Cpl to Sgt: 85
  - (7) LCpl to Cpl: 17
  - (8) PFC to LCpl: 20
  - (9) Pvt to PFC: 2

2. Awards

a. Distinguished Flying Cross

Captain J. M. JEFFRIES HML-167

b. Bronze Star Medal

Sergeant K. L. HOWARD HML-167  
Lance Corporal W. S. WHITE HML-167

c. Single Mission Air Medal

Major E. W. SPIARS VMO-2  
Major R. D. MYERS H&MS-16  
Major L. O. WAYMIRE H&MS-16  
First Lieutenant G. R. KELLER HML-167

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## d. Navy Achievement Medal

Corporal J. M. SHORT

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## e. Purple Heart Medal

Captain J. J. BARRETT

HMM-263

First Lieutenant T. M. CURTIS

HMM-165

First Lieutenant F. J. HEACOCK

HMM-263

Hospitalman Second Class T. H. FLECKNER

MABS-16

Lance Corporal A. MUNOS Jr.

HMM-263

## f. Air Medals

H&amp;MS-16 8

MABS-16 30

HML-167 10

HMH-163 9

3. Casualties

## a. Hostile

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1stLt	CURTIS, T. M.	4 Mar 69	3 Mi North An Hoa
Cpl	FROST, C. L.	8 Mar 69	An Hoa
PFC	MORGAN, R. J.	18 Mar 69	An Hoa
Cpl	HAWNER, R. D.	19 Mar 69	Dong Don, Quang Nam Pr.
Sgt	HAUPT, R. W.	19 Mar 69	3½ Mi NW Hill 10
1stLt	CRAWFORD, R. C.	19 Mar 69	3½ Mi NW Hill 10
LCpl	LAMBERTSEN, B. A.	19 Mar 69	3½ Mi NW Hill 10
LCpl	WILCOX, J. T.	19 Mar 69	3½ Mi NW Hill 10
Cpl	LOBDELL, G. W.	19 Mar 69	3½ Mi NW Hill 10
1stLt	STORY, C. L.	19 Mar 69	An Hoa
LCpl	MELLENDEZ, C.	20 Mar 69	MMAF
SSgt	THOMAS, R.	27 Mar 69	2 Mi West An Hoa

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

a. The personnel of MAG-16 continue to enjoy the various beach activities available at MMAF. Volleyball courts are used frequently by units having beach parties in addition to sunning, surfing, etcetera. The interest in "jogging" appears to be increasing as the summer approaches.

b. The chaplain's 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>Services/Att.</u>
Protestant	7/317	7/24	14/341
Catholic	16/612	33/375	49/987
Latter Day Saints	4/31	4/27	8/58
Memorial Services	- -	- -	1/166

5. Civic Action. (MAG-16 Civic Action & Chaplain's Command Chronologies)

a. Medical/Dental. MAG-16 Corpsmen and doctors assisted the Hoa Long Dispensary and Catholic Orphanage. Medical treatment was rendered to 2,126 persons and dental treatment was given to 83 villagers and orphans during March.

b. Education. 8,000\$VN was distributed through the General Walt Scholarship Program during March.

c. Projects

(1) MAG-16 CA Personnel constructed a barbed wire barricade around the Hoa Long Dispensary for MEDCAP protection.

(2) One-hundred pounds of clothing were delivered to the China Beach Orphanage and another 800 pounds of clothing and food were delivered to the Sacred Heart Nursery through the efforts of the MAG-16 Chaplain.

(3) The fund drive to send a blind orphan, Nguyen thi Cong, to the United States for a cornea transplant operation was successful. She will leave with a Missionary Escort early in April.

d. Material Assistance

(1) MAG-16 is prompting village officials to use GVN channels of assistance. MAG-16 CA will supplement GVN aid as needed.

6. Intelligence/Counter-intelligence. (MAG-16 S-2 Command Chronology)

a. A total of 243 Fire Incidents were reported during March, down 139 from February. Fifty-one of these resulted in aircraft hits, a reduction of 45 from February. Enemy ground fire resulted in the following casualties: 9 USMC WIA (minor), 3 USMC WIA (major) and 1 passenger WIA.

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 Statistical Data:

- a. Flight hours per fire incident: 31.2  
 b. Flight hours per aircraft hit: 149.1  
 c. Flight hours per aircrew spot report: 52.8

The number of fire incidents showed a decrease during March as compared to incidents recorded during February. There was a related increase in the amount of flight hours per incident, aircraft hit and aircrew spot report.

b. MAG-16 aircraft accounted for 41 KBA (confirmed), 18 structures destroyed and 6 structures damaged

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

<u>HMM - 165</u>	<u>CH-46A/D</u>	<u>HMM - 263</u>	<u>CH-46D</u>
Hours	1196.1	Hours	1145.6
Sorties	5019	Sorties	4022
Pax	7450	Pax	7895
Evacs	948	Evacs	1028
Cargo (Tons)	777.7	Cargo (Tons)	543.1
<u>HMM - 364</u>	<u>CH-46D</u>	<u>HMM-463</u>	<u>CH-53A</u>
Hours	1118.7	Hours	672.8
Sorties	4769	Sorties	1670
Pax	8871	Pax	5535
Evacs	810	Evacs	35
Cargo (Tons)	721.3	Cargo (Tons)	1563.7
		TAR	15
<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>OV-10A</u>	<u>HML - 167</u>
Hours	765.7	1190.8	<u>UH-1E</u>
Sorties	1635	506	Hours
Pax	55		Sorties
Evacs	8		Pax
KBA(C)	4	37	Evacs

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<u>H&amp;MS-16</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Hours	234.4	152.8	Hours	7,602.5
Sorties	766	168	Sorties	23,268
Pax	911	568	Pax	34,387
Evacs	10		Evacs	2,858
Cargo (Tons)	5.3	15.3	Cargo (Tons)	3,626.4
			KBA(C)	41
			TAR	15

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

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

Fixed Wing Operations:	4,070
Helicopter Operations:	21,841
Total Operations:	25,911
IFR Departures:	62
GCA Operations:	436
SVFR Operations:	619

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

Fixed Wing Operations:	191
Helicopter Operations:	6,282
Total Operations:	6,473
IFR Departures:	11
GCA Operations:	11

9. Special Operations

a. Operation Taylor Common, conducted in the area west of An Hoa was terminated on 8 March 1969. During this eight day period, MAG-16 aircraft flew 2,884 sorties in 922.2 flight hours carrying 4,241 Troops/passengers and 478.8 tons of cargo.

b. The "Heavy Haulers" of HMM-463 supported Operations Kentucky Jumper, Scotland II, Dewey Canyon, Purple Martin and Maine Craig in the Northern I Corps Tactical Zone. The "Heavy Haulers" flew 94 sorties in 34.0 flight hours in support of Kentucky Jumper, 117 sorties in 40.9 hours in support of Scotland II, 477 sorties in 192.5 hours in support of Purple Martin and 257 sorties in 90.3 flight hours in support of Operation Maine Craig.

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c. The combined efforts of the squadrons of MAG-16 resulted in a total of 2,974 sorties in 621.4 flight hours flown in support of Operation Victory Dragon IX for the 2nd ROK Marine Corps Brigade in their TAOR. A total of 4,120 troops/passengers and 431 tons of cargo were carried. VMO-2 provided visual reconnaissance and controlled air strikes for the ROK Marines.

d. Operation Oklahoma Hills was initiated on 31 March 1969 with the "White Knights" of HMM-165, the "Purple Foxes" of HMM-364, the "Gophers" of HMM-263 and the "Heavy Haulers" of HMM-463 providing 527 sorties and 172.8 flight hours for the troop insert and subsequent resupply. These MAG-16 squadrons carried 1733 troops and 93.7 tons of cargo. HMM-167 and VMO-2 provided continuous gunship escort throughout the day's operations. The landings were unopposed after an extensive fixed wing landing zone prep controlled by TAC(A)'s from VMO-2.

e. The OV-10's of VMO-2 provided visual reconnaissance, channel guidance and fire suppression while escorting the Swift Boats and Junk Landing Force of the Danang Naval Support Activity.

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

a. The four platoons of Zulu Provisional Rifle Company continued to rebuild and refurbish existing structures. Particular emphasis was directed on the relocation of the majority of the bunkers along the western perimeter. Approximately 800 meters of new tactical wire was laid on the western and southwestern perimeter.

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

a. On 8 March, one rocket impacted on the parking apron between the HMM-263 and H&MS-16 parking areas. One CH-46 sustained substantial damage, one CH-46 and one UH-34D sustained limited damages. Fifty feet of fuel discharge hose was punctured and eight square feet of asphalt apron was damaged and thereafter replaced.

b. On 20 March, MMAF received three mortar rounds. Two rounds impacted on the west perimeter fence and the third round impacted on the west perimeter road. The crater in the road was repaired immediately. Public Works crews repaired the perimeter fence.

c. The HMM-463 hangar is now 99% complete. MCB-12 completed work on 16 aircraft revetments and 25,000 square yards of additional parking area on the west side of the facility, and started construction on the helicopter hover pad. RMK-BRJ resumed construction on the cross wind runway and access taxiway.

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**GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY**

**Part 1 Organizational Data**

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

**Period Covered 1-31 March 1969**

**TASK ORGANIZATION**

H&MS-16, MMAF, RVN  
MABS-16, MMAF, RVN  
VMO-2, MMAF, RVN  
HMM-165, MMAF, RVN  
HMM-263, MMAF, RVN  
HMM-364, MMAF, RVN  
HMH-463, MMAF, RVN  
HML-167, MMAF, RVN

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CO, MABS-16	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LtCol	1-31Mar69
CO, VMO-2	DUMONT, T. J.	LtCol	1-19Mar69
	MORRIS, C. S.	LtCol	20-31Mar69
CO, HML-167	CONARD, J. W.	LtCol	1-31Mar69
CO, HMH-463	PEARL, R. W.	LtCol	1-11Mar69
	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol	12-31Mar69
CO, HMM-165	RAINES, T. E.	LtCol	1-31Mar69
CO, HMM-263	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	1-31Mar69
CO, HMM-364	BRADY, E. R.	LtCol	1-31Mar69

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AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
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Following Personnel Changes 1-31 March 1969:

- a. Number of Joinings: 207
- b. Number of Drops: 170
- c. Promotions:

- 1stLt to Capt: 2
- SSgt to 2ndLt: 1
- GySgt to MSgt: 2
- SSgt to GySgt: 1
- Sgt to SSgt: 5
- Cpl to Sgt: 85
- LCpl to Cpl: 17
- PFC to LCpl: 20
- Pvt to PFC: 2

CASUALTIES

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
1stLt	CURTIS, T. M.	094122/7562	HMM-165	Pilot

HOSTILE: 4 March 1969. 3 miles north of An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying CH-46 on resupply mission when A/C received small arms and .30 and .50 caliber fire on entering and leaving LZ in support of Operation Taylor Commem. Pilot received shrapnel wound to left cheek.

Cpl	FROST, C. L.	2288423/1345	MABS-16	N/A
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HOSTILE: 8 March 1969. An Hoa Combat Base. Received shrapnel wounds left occipital area during mortar attack on An Hoa Base.

PFC	MORGAN, R. J.	2394183/6323	H&MS-16	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 18 March 1969. An Hoa Combat Base. Flying on CH-46 when A/C received hostile fire while approaching An Hoa resulting in shrapnel wound to left index finger.

Cpl HAVNER, R. P. 2211937/6321 HMM-463 Gunner

HOSTILE: 19 March 1969. Dong Din, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-53 when A/C hit a bunker upon landing in LZ on resupply mission. Received a broken jaw and broken wrist.

Sgt HAUPT, R. W. 2072329/6212 HMM-263 Gunner

HOSTILE: 19 March 1969. 3½ miles northwest of Hill 10, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission when A/C received small arms fire upon landing in LZ resulting in gunshot wound which fractured left suboverloc area and involves intrinsic eye muscle.

1stLt	CRAWFORD, R. C.	0100967/7562	HMM-263	Co-pilot
LCpl	LAMBERTSEN, B. A.	2331856/6320	do	Crew chief
LCpl	WILCOX, J. T.	2297853/6242	do	Gunner
Cpl	LODELL, G. W.	2277146/6242	do	Gunner

HOSTILE: 19 March 1969. 3½ miles northwest of Hill 10, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission when A/C received small arms fire while orbiting on final approach to landing. Co-pilot received superficial laceration on chin and cheek; crew chief received schrapnel wound to right ankle; first gunner received two schrapnel wounds to right cheek; and second gunner received a schrapnel wound to right leg.

1stLt STORY, C. L. 0101516/7562 HMM-364 Pilot

HOSTILE: 19 March 1969. An Hoa Combat Base. Pilot on CH-46 landing at An Hoa when base received an enemy rocket attack. Received a schrapnel wound to scalp.

LCpl MELENDEZ, C. 2341580/6372 MABS-16 N/A

HOSTILE: 20 March 1969. Marble Mountain Air Facility. Hit by schrapnel while climbing into tower on perimeter during mortar attack. Received schrapnel wound to right leg.

SSgt THOMAS, R. 1694788/6320 HMM-263 Crew Chief

HOSTILE: 27 March 1969. 2 miles west of An Hoa. Flying on CH-46 on troop lift from Liberty Bridge to USS Okinawa when A/C received small arms fire resulting in gunshot wound to left kneecap and schrapnel wound to right arm.

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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 March 1969 is submitted herein.

2. Ground Activity. During the month of March the enemy conducted the following attacks against Marble Mountain Air Facility.

7 March - 5 rounds of 122mm Rockets - Substantial Damage  
20 March - 3 rounds of 82mm Mortars - No Damage  
20 March - 8 rounds of 122mm Rockets - Light Damage  
27 March - 6 rounds of 122mm Rockets - No Damage

3. Antiaircraft Fire Incidents

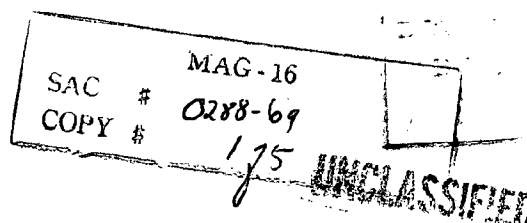
a. 243 fire incidents were reported during the period, down 139 from the previous month; 51 of which resulted in aircraft hits, down 45 from the previous month.

b. Enemy AA fire caused 3 USMC WIA (major)  
9 USMC WIA (minor)  
1 PASSENGER WIA

4. Intelligence Information

a. 144 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is a decrease of 69 from the previous month.

b. No reports of intelligence value were received from indigenous sources, no change from the previous month.



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5. Statistical Data

- a. Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 31.2; up 8.2 from the previous month.
- b. Flight Hours per Aircraft Hit: 149.1; up 58.4 from the previous month.
- c. Flight Hours per Aircrew Spot Reports: 52.8; up 11.5 from the previous month.

6. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 42 KBMA (conf), 3 structures destroyed, 9 hooches destroyed, 2 bunkers destroyed, 2 active .50 cal. sites destroyed, 2 lean to's destroyed, 5 hooches damaged, 4 bunkers damaged and 6 boats damaged.

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3 April 1969

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

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 31 March 1969 are as follows:

a. On 4 March 1969 the fourth quarter FY-69 Base Development Conference was held at First Marine Aircraft Wing to update and establish the Minor New Construction priority listings. MAG-16 submitted thirty (30) projects for consolidation. All MAG-16 projects were approved and submitted to III MAF for ICTZ integration. Four (4) of these projects are presently under construction.

b. Military Construction at MMAF continued during March as the HMM-463 hangar reached 99% completion and the HMM-165 hangar status rose from 65% to 80% complete. RMK - BRJ resumed construction on the cross wind runway access taxiway and additional taxiway designs are presently being considered and reviewed by COMNAVFORV Da Nang. Mobile Construction Battalion Twelve completed 25,000 additional square yards of aircraft parking apron and taxiway on the west side of the facility and constructed sixteen (16) new aircraft revetments. On 20 March, upon completing the above project MCB-12 started construction on the helicopter hover pad. During March Public Works connected the Base Operations building to the permanent sewer system, conducted a much needed electrical distribution survey of the air facility, repaired rocket and mortar damages as they occurred and expedited repairs to MAG-16's water system.

c. Self-help and MABS-16 personnel were tasked with many varied tasks throughout March. MABS-16 heavy equipment expanded into the old motor transport area and the ROK Marine detachment was provided with a PSP/membraned recreational area. Fill and grading of the football/softball area continued and the forms for a new basketball court were constructed. Several heads were re-located and two water heaters were installed in the enlisted shower buildings. One (1) S.E.A. hut was re-located to the HML-167 S-1 area and several S.E.A. huts were re-located at the new motor transport area.

d. Although MAG-16 set condition I several times during March, the air facility itself only sustained combat damages on 8 and 20 March.

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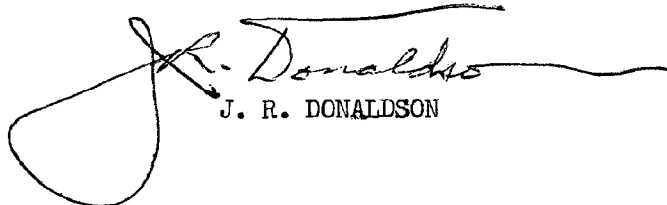
(1) On 8 March 1969 one rocket impacted on the asphalt parking apron between the H&MS-16 and HMM-263 flight lines inducing combat damages to three (3) aircraft and puncturing 50 feet of fuel discharge hose. One (1) CH-46 sustained substantial damage and one (1) CH-46 and one (1) UH-34 sustained limited damages. Eight square feet of asphalt apron was also replaced. Four (4) rockets were observed impacting in the South China Sea approximately 20 to 100 yards from the shore line by perimeter defense personnel.

(2) On 20 March 1969 MMAF received three (3) mortar rounds. One (1) round impacted at the top of the west perimeter fence, in the vicinity of guard tower # 2, resulting in one (1) Marine WIA (very minor) and causing a 1 1/2 foot by 1 foot tear in the fence. The second round hit the bottom of the west perimeter fence adjacent to guard tower # 3 resulting in a 1 1/2 foot by 1 foot tear in the fence. The third round hit the west perimeter road inducing one (1) small crater which was repaired immediately. Public Works crews repaired the perimeter fence.

(3) In addition to the above, An Hoa airfield sustained combat damages on 19 March 1969. One (1) rocket round impacted on the southwest corner of the aircraft parking apron. As a result of this impact two (2) CH-46 aircraft sustained substantial damages, one (1) Marine pilot received minor injuries and a sizeable crater was induced in the parking apron.

e. During the month of March the MMAF air freight section processed 739 passengers and 9757 cubic feet of cargo weighing 198,401 pounds. The tactical air fuel dispensing system personnel dispensed 62,473 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 988,003 gallons of JP-4 fuel. Marble Mountain Air Facility utilized 60,214 gallons of this AVGAS and An Hoa airfield utilized the remaining 2,259 gallons. The JP-4 utilization was divided between MMAF 737,406 gallons, An Hoa 208,877 gallons and Hill 55 41,720 gallons.

f. The motor transport section travelled 78,592 miles transporting 49,571 passengers, 589 short tons of cargo, 207,000 gallons of water, 23,191 gallons of MOGAS, 18,101 gallons of diesel fuel, 245 gallons of AVOIL and 145,514 gallons of JP-4 fuel.

  
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OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN  
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 5750  
 1 April 1969

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

Subj: Command Chronology

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

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

Part I. Organizational Data:

Group Protestant Chaplain: Lt. G. B. Schumacher, 1-31 March  
 Group Catholic Chaplain: Lt. J. N. Sestito, 1-31 March  
 Chaplain's clerk: Sgt. S. D. Pidgeon, 31 March  
 Chaplain's clerk: LCpl. D. A. Vann, 1-31 March

Part II. Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights:

During the month of March MAG-16 chaplains provided Sunday and weekday worship services. 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:

- a. Chaplain's clerk, Sgt. K. J. Detjen, rotated to COMUS 25 March.
- b. Chaplain's clerk, Sgt. S. D. Pidgeon, was joined 31 March.

2. Civic Action:

- a. \$100.00 (in plasters) given to pastor, Nguyen Hoai Duc, for aid in construction of Hai Chau Church (Tin Lanh), Danang.
- b. 100 lbs. of clothing delivered to United World Mission China Beach Orphanage.

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- c. 800 lbs. of clothing and food delivered to Sacred Heart Nursery.
- d. Completed fund raising campaign to send blind orphan, Nguyen-thi-cong (and Missionary escort, Mrs. Gordon H. Smith) to the United States for cornea transplants. The child will depart 3 April 1969.

#### Part IV. Supporting Documents:

##### 1. Statistics:

a. Activities	Sunday/Att.	Weekday/Att.	Total
Protestant worship	10/413	- -	10/413
Communion	2/65	- -	2/65
Catholic worship	12/597	26/207	38/804
Communion	12/200	26/180	38/380
Latter-Day Saints	5/52	5/28	10/80
Episcopal	- -	1/3	1/3
Bible Study	5/11	5/18	10/29

5 Catholic worship services at 5th Comm., 1 at NSA Hospital.  
1 Protestant worship at MCB-12

##### b. Miscellaneous

Counseling cases - - 198  
Red Cross Messages - - 66

##### 2. Chaplain's Activities:

Group Indoctrination lecture - 55

Narcotics inventory board; 2 inventories

Human relations board; 1 meeting

Attended chapel dedication, MAG-36, Phu Bai, 11 March.

Attended dinner for Rear Admiral Rotridge, 12 March.

One issue of chapel publication "The Word" published 3 March.

  
GORDON B. SCHUMACHER

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10:JMD:jac  
2 April 1969

From: Communications Officer  
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, March 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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COMMUNICATIONS: A personnel shortage continues to exist in the Communications Center (MOS 2542). The personnel shortage within the Radio Section (MOS 2531/2533) continues to approach critical level, we are currently operating at 66% of M/L Strength in this area; However, all sections continue to operate efficiently.

A total of 6241 messages were processed by the MAG-16 Communications Center, an increase of 226 over the previous month. 28 1/2 hours of circuit outage was experienced during the month due to faulty equipment.

The following transactions were effected by the Repair Unit:

1. 94 pieces turned in for repair.
2. 91 pieces repaired.
3. 10 pieces evacuated to higher echelon.
4. 10 pieces returned from higher echelon.
5. 32 pieces requisitions processed by supply.

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



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3 Apr 69

From: Civic Action Officer  
To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of March, 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 March to 312400H March 1969.

A. Medical/Dental Treatment

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

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

(2) Medical treatment was rendered to 2126 persons during March.

(3) Dental treatment was given to 83 villagers and orphans.

(4) This command MedEvaced five villagers to different civilian and military hospitals.

B. Education

(1) This command's Civic Action gave out 8000\$YN in Gen. Walt Scholarships to worthy students of Hoa Long Village school and to dependents of employees on board.

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### G. Projects

- (1) To help ward off any saboteurs during HEDCAPS and to keep out trespassers, MAG-16 constructed a barb-wire and stake barrier around the village dispensary. CA also mended the dispensary's screen windows and lockers and plan to white-wash the walls.
- (2) While the Vietnamese Government provided building materials for a two-room annexation to the Hoa Long village school, MAG-16 CA is paying 34000/VN for the labor. The structure is now half completed.

### H. Distribution of Commodities

- (1) CA gave four sheets of plywood for school desks and fifteen rolls of toilet paper for the school head.

### I. General

- (1) MAG-16 CA is prompting village officials to use GVN channels of assistance. CA gave the village chief GVN request forms for building materials. If necessary, CA will supplement GVN aid. Special attention need be given to alleviating the wretched living conditions in the village's refugee area.
- (2) With the new fence around the dispensary, it is easy for CA personnel to provide adequate security during HEDCAPS. For this reason, Sula Company no longer accompanies this command's HEDCAPS.

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