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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, 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 30 June 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	FULTON, F. K.	LTCOL	1-30 June 1969
XO, MAG-16	PEARL, R. W.	LTCOL	1-30 June 1969
Adjutant	WORK, R. G.	CWO-3	1-30 June 1969
S-1	SWANSON, R. D.	LTCOL	1-30 June 1969
S-2	EKHOLM, W. H.	MAJOR	1-30 June 1969
S-3	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LTCOL	1-30 June 1969
S-4	DONALDSON, J. R.	LTCOL	1-7 June 1969
	GENTRY, J. R.	MAJOR	8-13 June 1969
	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LTCOL	14-30 June 1969
CO, H&MS-16	LASETER, J. W.	LTCOL	1-30 June 1969
CO, MABS-16	ARCHBOLD, J. C.	MAJOR	1-7 June 1969
	DONALDSON, J. R.	LTCOL	8-30 June 1969
CO, VMO-2	MORRIS, C. S.	LTCOL	1-30 June 1969
CO, HMM-165	RAINES, T. E.	LTCOL	1-30 June 1969
CO, HMM-263	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LTCOL	1-30 June 1969
CO, HMM-364	BRADY, E. R.	LTCOL	1-30 June 1969
CO, HML-167	CONARD, J. W.	LTCOL	1-30 June 1969
CO, HMM-463	RYAN, R. M.	LTCOL	1-30 June 1969

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
 HMM-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>
H&MS-16	52	405	0	0
MABS-16	22	685	3	21
VMO-2	50	218	1	0
HML-167	36	124	0	0

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HMH-463	31	155	1	0
HMM-165	42	156	1	0
HMM-263	41	158	1	0
<u>HMM-364</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MAG-16	313	2059	8	21

4. Important Visitors to the Command

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF VISIT</u>
12 June 1969	Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON, Assistant Wing Commander, First Marine Aircraft Wing	General Orientation Briefing and Tour
24 June 1969	Major General C. J. QUILTER, Commanding General First Marine Aircraft Wing	Quarterly Visit
25 June 1969	Air Commodore F. S. ROBEY, RAAF, Commander Royal Australian Air Forces, RVN	General Orientation Briefing and Tour
	Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON, Assistant Wing Commander, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Escort
28 June 1969	Brigadier General L. J. DULACKI, III MAF Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 Designate	General Orientation Briefing and Tour

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1. MAG-16 was heavily committed to the support of the various units in I Corps. There were 3780 hours and 14,227 sorties flown in support of 1st MARDIV, 1238 hours and 4436 sorties in support of III MAF, with the remainder of the hours split among other units in I Corps. MAG-16 aircraft flew 1560 hours and 6456 sorties in support of the following operations: CAMMERON FALLS, PIPESTONE CANYON, VICTORY DRAGON XII, VIRGINIA RIDGE, FORSYTHE GROVE.
2. The transport squadrons of MAG-16 lifted 3731 tons of cargo and 28,975 passengers in support of the units in I Corps. The majority of the flights were in support of Operations Pipestone Canyon, Forsythe Grove, 1st Marine Division, and the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade. In addition to troop and logistic flights, MAG-16 aircraft flew many hours of visual reconnaissance, helicopter escort, Forward Air Controller (Airborne), artillery and naval gunfire spotting, reconnaissance team insert/extract, night illumination, DCP (Detection Concealed Personnel), VIP, command and control, SAR, and personnel sensor emplacement.
3. HMM-364 began the training of crews for personnel sensor emplacement missions.
4. VMO-2's OV-10A's and AH-1G's accounted for 32 KBA's flying helicopter escort and fire suppression missions.
5. Weather was generally favorable in I Corps for flight operations with the exception of afternoon thunderstorm activity.
6. Marble Mountain Air Facility received two mortar attacks during June:
 - (a) 7 June - 18 rounds of 82mm mortar, 3 CH-46's damaged, 2 buildings damaged, 5 WIA (minor).
 - (b) 12 June - 12 rounds of 82mm mortar; no damage.

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PART IIISignificant Events1. Personnel Changes

a. Number Dropped	212
b. Number Joined	230
c. Promotions	
(1) Capt to Major	2
(2) 1stLt to Capt	14
(3) Sgt to SSgt	3
(4) Cpl to Sgt	17
(5) LCpl to Cpl	31
(6) Pfc to LCpl	13
(7) Pvt to Pfc	2

2. Awards

a. During the month of June, the following awards were presented to MAG-16 personnel:

Silver Star

1stLt M. J. QUINLAN

DFC

Maj E. C. CUNNINGHAM Jr.
 Maj G. G. HOEN
 Maj R. R. PLASTERER
 Capt J. T. MURPHY
 1stLt W. A. BEEBE III
 1stLt M. J. QUINLAN

Purple Heart

Maj R. D. MEYERS
 Maj R. G. MITCHELL
 1stLt R. L. DAVIS
 Cpl W. B. GOZA
 Cpl T. C. WILBERLY
 LCpl D. K. DUMM
 LCpl S. P. ELDRED
 LCpl R. E. HARMAN

3. Hostile Casualties

a. KIAs

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Major	ARCHBOLD, J. C.	7 Jun 69	5 mi NW Danang
1stLt	PETERS, W. L.	21 Jun 69	22 mi NW Danang
LCpl	PETROLINE, R. E.	21 Jun 69	22 mi NW Danang
PFC	PANKUCH, B. A.	7 Jun 69	5 mi NW Danang
PFC	RILEY, T. J.	11 Jun 69	16 mi NW Phu Bai
Civilian	PIERCE, B. C.	11 Jun 69	16 mi NW Phu Bai

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b. WIAs

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Major	MITCHELL, R. G.	6 Jun 69	12 mi S. VCB
Capt	MOSS, R.	3 Jun 69	6 mi S Danang
1stLt	CASCIANO, C. A.	7 Jun 69	5 mi NW Danang
1stLt	CURTIS, T. M.	11 Jun 69	16 mi NW Phu Bai
1stLt	JORGENSEN, S. W.	21 Jun 69	22 mi NW Danang
GySgt	ESPINOSA, M. R.	8 Jun 69	6 mi S Danang
SSgt	BROWNING, M. L.	7 Jun 69	MMAF
Sgt	NUNEZ, M. H.	8 Jun 69	6 mi S Danang
Cpl	ALLEN, J. W.	19 Jun 69	39 mi SW Danang
Cpl	GAUVIN, J. E.	21 Jun 69	22 mi NW Danang
Cpl	GOZA, W. R.	7 Jun 69	MMAF
Cpl	WIBBERLY, T. C.	7 Jun 69	MMAF
LCpl	BASHAM, T. L.	7 Jun 69	MMAF
LCpl	CAMPBELL, R. S.	11 Jun 69	16 mi NW Phu Bai
LCpl	COTE, R. J.	7 Jun 69	MMAF
LCpl	GIBSON, W. T.	21 Jun 69	22 mi NW Danang
LCpl	GILLIAM, J. W.	8 Jun 69	6 mi SE An Hoa
LCpl	MATHIAS, H. W.	26 Jun 69	17 mi S Danang
LCpl	MILLS, J. D.	7 Jun 69	5 mi NW Danang
LCpl	SNOW, T. J.	19 Jun 69	39 mi SW Danang

4. Morale/Welfare. (MAG-16 Chaplain's Command Chronology)

a. Three new recreation facilities were opened during the month of June: Skeet Range, Handball/Squash Court, and Tennis Court. The recreation hut and beach were used for several unit parties. The beach continues to provide many enjoyable off duty hours of swimming, sunning, surfing and sailing.

b. The Chaplain's ministry and allied activities are represented in the following statistics:

<u>Divine Services</u>	<u>Sunday/Att.</u>	<u>Weekday/Att.</u>	<u>Services/Att.</u>
Protestant Worship	8/274	- - -	8/274
Communion	2/47	- - -	2/47
Catholic Worship	15/585	25/130	40/715
Communion	15/305	25/107	40/412

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Latter Day Saints	5/46	4/27	9/73
Assembly of God	- - -	4/61	4/61
Bible Study	- - -	10/70	10/70
Memorial Services	- - -	3/250	3/250

Five Catholic Services were held at 5th/7th Communications Bn and two at 3rd Amtrac Bn.

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

a. Medical/Dental. Doctors and Corpsmen from MAG-16 assisted the An Hoa Dispensary and the Catholic Orphanage. Medical treatment was rendered to 1,472 persons and dental treatment to 80 persons.

b. Education. 8,000\$VN in General Walt Scholarships were distributed. In addition, 18 boxes of school supplies were donated to the Hoa Long School, and American textbooks on the subjects of History, Mathematics, Biology, and Science were distributed among Danang city high schools.

c. Projects

(1) MAG-16 Civic Action Team attended the opening of a temple honoring a local fish-god at Xom Son Thuy.

(2) Used lumber was given to Hoa Long School for the purpose of dividing their school into two classrooms.

(3) One hundred pounds of clothing was delivered to the Happy Haven Leprosarium.

(4) The following food was donated to the China Beach Orphanage: 180 lbs fried chicken; 180 lbs fish; 60 lbs shrimp; 15 gal chili; 15 gal stew; 2 cases lettuce.

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

a. A total of 131 fire incidents were reported in June. Thirty six MAG-16 aircraft were hit by enemy fire. 141 spot reports of intelligence value were received.

b. Statistical Data:

(1) Flight hours per fire incident: 60.0

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(2) Flight hours per aircraft hit: 231.6

(3) Flight hours per spot report: 96.3

7. Air Operations. (MAG-16 Squadron Command Chronologies)

<u>HMM-165</u>	<u>(CH-46A/D)</u>	<u>HMM-263</u> <u>(CH-46D)</u>	<u>HMM-364</u> <u>(CH-46D)</u>
Hours	1129.4	1143.0	1030.3
Sorties	4680	4828	4131
Pax	8207	6065	5706
Evacs	656	472	692
Cargo (Tons)	611.7	746.7	503.4

<u>HMM-463</u>	<u>(CH-53A/D)</u>
Hours	563.5
Sorties	2028
Pax	6472
Evacs	48
Cargo (Tons)	1862.1
TAR	2 UH-1E 4 UH-34D 11 CH-46A/D

<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>AH-1G</u>	<u>OV-10A</u>	<u>HML-167</u> <u>(UH-1E)</u>
Hours	818.7	1617.9	1542.1
Sorties	2029	714	5021
KBA (Confirmed)	9	23	0
Pax	0	0	2214
Cargo (Tons)	0	0	0.5

<u>H&MS-16</u>	<u>C-117D</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	76.2	Hours	7920.8
Sorties	54	Sorties	23,485
Pax	311	Pax	28,975
Cargo (Tons)	10.2	Evacs	1868
		Cargo (Tons)	3730.6
		TAR	17
		KBA (Confirmed)	32

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

a. The monthly total of aircraft movements conducted at Marble Mountain Air Facility were as follows:

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Fixed Wing	4,773
Helicopter	21,783
Total	26,556
IFR Departures	21
GCA Approaches	527
Special VFR	61

b. The monthly total of aircraft movements conducted at An Hoa Airfield were as follows:

Fixed Wing	884
Helicopter	8351
Total	9235

9. Ground Defense. (MABS-16 and S-2 Command Chronologies)

a. Contact with VC/NVA during June consisted of mortar attacks on 7 June and 12 June with 5 minor casualties and minor damage on 7 June, and no damage or casualties on 12 June. Zulu Provisional Rifle Company provided a rifle team security patrol on a regular basis for the MAG-16 Med-Cap to Nui Kim San.

10. Logistics

a. All MILCON projects programmed for fiscal 1969 and tasked to RMK-BRJ have been completed except one. A permanent runway lighting system which has been approved and funded has not yet been started.

b. A special MILCON project, the construction of thirty-two hard covered revetments and the upgrading of 88,878 square yards of PSP, has been approved and funded.

c. MCB-4 and Public Works performed the following work during June:

- (1) Helicopter hover pad was opened for operations on 25 June.
- (2) A 100 by 60 foot concrete pad was poured for the GCA complex.
- (3) An extension to the Avionics complex canopy was completed.
- (4) Surveys were made for aircraft arming/dearming revetments and for an extension of the IMA jet engine shop.

d. Marble Mountain Air Freight processed 649 passengers and 5250 cubic feet of cargo weighing 99,017 pounds.

e. MAG-16 TAFDS dispensed 50,199 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 1,092,780 gallons of JP-4.

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PART IVSupporting Documents

	<u>MAG-16 Control Number/ Letter Identification</u>
✓ Command Chronology of H&MS-16 Appendix 1	0602-69
✓ Command Chronology of MABS-16 Appendix 2	CO, MABS-16 ltr JRD: trc over 5750 dtd 5 July 1969
✓ Command Chronology of VMO-2 Appendix 3	0658-69
✓ Command Chronology of HML-167 Appendix 4	0652-69
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-463 Appendix 5	0652-69
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-165 Appendix 6	0627-69
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-263 Appendix 7	0596-69
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-364 Appendix 8	0626-69
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-1 Appendix 9	S-1 ltr HAS:jwp over 5213 dtd 4 July 1969
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-2 Appendix 10	S-2 ltr WHE:fs over 05750 ser 02A18269 dtd 1 July 1969
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4 Appendix 11	S-4 ltr JRG:sk over 4000 dtd 4 July 1969
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Chaplain Appendix 12	Chap ltr RM:mkn dtd 3 July 1969
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Communications Appendix 13	CommO ltr JMD:dfs dtd 2 July 1969
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Civic Action Appendix 14	Civic Action Officer ltr RN:mhn dtd 3 July 1969

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GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Part 1 Organizational Data

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

Period Covered 1-30 June 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
HML-167, MMAF, RVN
HMH-463, MMAF, RVN

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSURE

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	FULTON, F. K.	LtCol	1-30Jun69
XO, MAG-16	PEARL, R. W.	LtCol	1-30Jun69
ADJUTANT	WORK, R. G.	CWO-2	1-30Jun69
S-1	SWANSON, R. D.	LtCol	1-30Jun69
S-2	EKHOLM, W. H.	Maj	1-30Jun69
S-3	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	1-30Jun69
S-4	DONALDSON, J. R.	LtCol	1-7Jun69
	GENTRY, J. R.	Maj	8-13Jun69
	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LtCol	14-30Jun69
CO, H&MS-16	LASETER, J. W.	LtCol	1-30Jun69
CO, MABS-16	ARCHBOLD, J. C.	Maj	1-7Jun69
	DONALDSON, J. R.	LtCol	8-30Jun69
CO, VMO-2	MORRIS, C. S.	LtCol	1-30Jun69
CO, HMM-165	RAINES, T. E.	LtCol	1-30Jun69
CO, HMM-263	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LtCol	1-30Jun69
CO, HMM-364	BRADY, E. R.	LtCol	1-30Jun69
CO, HML-167	CONARD, J. W.	LtCol	1-30Jun69
CO, HMH-463	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol	1-30Jun69

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5213AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

SQUADRON	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&MS-16	52	105	0	0
MABS-16	22	685	3	21
VMO-2	50	218	1	0
HML-167	36	124	0	0
HMH-163	31	155	1	0
HMM-165	42	156	1	0
HMM-263	41	158	1	0
HMM-364	39	158	1	0

Following Personnel Changes 1-30 June 1969:

a. Number of Joinings: 230

b. Number of Drops: 212

c. Promotions:

Capt to Maj:	2	PFC to LCpl:	13
1stLt to Capt:	14	Pvt to PFC:	6
Sgt to SSgt:	3		
Cpl to Sgt:	17		
LCpl to Cpl:	31		

CASUALTIES

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
Maj	MITCHELL, R. G.	07098877562	HMM-165	Pilot

HOSTILE: 061130H Jun69. 12 mls. south of Vandergrif, Combat Bs., Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission. Received small arms fire into A/C causing shrapnel which wounded man in left leg.

SSgt	BROWNING, M. L.	1872610/6242	HMM-165
Cpl	GOZA, W. R.	2353071/0351	HMM-165
LCpl	BASHAM, T. L.	2377311/6371	HMM-165
LCpl	COTE, R. J.	2348139/6242	HMM-165
Cpl	WISBERLEY, T. L.	2312523/7041	HMM-165

HOSTILE: 070100H Jun69 EMAF, RVN. While working around flight line when area received heavy incoming mortar rounds. BROWNING received lacerations to back. GOZA received thru and thru fragments to face. BASHAM received small laceration wound to right leg. COTE received multiple minor fragments wound upper body. WISBERLEY received laceration to back.

Maj	ARCHBOLD, J. C.	063706/7501	MABS-16	Co-Pilot
1stLt	CASCIANO, C. A.	0100107/7562	HMM-364	Pilot
LCpl	MILLS, J. D.	2348649/6320	HMM-364	Gunner
PFC	PANKUCH, B. A.	2203364/6341	HMM-364	Crew-Chief

HOSTILE: 071400H Jun69. 5 mls NW Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Crew of CH-46D on routine resupply mission. Shortly after take off from mountain top A/C was observed to turn 180 degree and crash noise first into side of mountain. A/C burst into flames and fell down side of mountain. ARCHBOLD and PANKUCH were killed. MILLS suffered lacerations of left eye and nose, plus 2nd degree burns on left forearm. CASCIANO received 2nd and 3rd degree burns thermo 40%.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
GySgt	ESPINOSA, M. R.	1104187/7141	MABS-16	
Sgt	NUNEZ, M. H.	2222632/3261	MABS-16	
Capt	MOSS, R.	091209/7561	MABS-16	

HOSTILE: 6 mls south of Danang, XOM SON THUY Village, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Civic Action Team was returning to MMAF from village at 1130 8 June 1969 when the M715 truck they were passengers on was blown up by a booby trap that had been placed behind the seat while visiting the village. ESPINOSA received shrapnel wounds to both feet and left ankle. NUNEZ received shrapnel wound right forearm. MOSS received shrapnel wounds to back of head and left shoulder.

LCpl	GILLIAM, J. W.	2397993/6322	HMM-165	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 081505H Jun69. 6 1/2 mls. southeast of An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46D on recon extraction received 30 caliber small arms fire. Marine received gun shot wound left thigh with artery damage broken left wrist.

LCpl	CAMPBELL, R. S.	2341644/6320	HMM-165	Crew-Chief
1stLt	CURTIS, T. M.	094122/7562	HMM-165	Pilot
PFC	RILEY, T. J.	2282269/6320	HMM-165	Gunner
Civilian	PIERCE, B L	N227033 (ID Card)	H&MS-16	Passenger

HOSTILE: 111355H Jun69. 16 mls. northwest of Phu Bai, RVN. Crew flying on CH-46D when A/C received small arms fire causing explosion in engine compartment and fire in aft section. While attempting to land A/C crashed. PIERCE and RILEY were killed. CURTIS and CAMPBELL received multiple injuries to entire body.

Cpl	ALLEN, J. W.	2218650/6320	HMM-364	Crew-Chief
LCpl	SNOW, T. J.	2338365/6242	HMM-364	Gunner

HOSTILE: 19110H Jun69. 39 mls. southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46D on emergency recon extraction, received small arms fire while hovering over zone for pick-up. Rounds penetrating A/C. ALLEN received missile wound right leg with open compound fracture right tibia. SNOW received missile wound left leg and arm with nerve involvement left arm.

LCpl	GIBSON, W. T.	2335040/ 320	HMM-165	Gunner
Cpl	GAUVIN, J. E.	2289540/6320	HMM-165	Gunner
LCpl	PETROLINE, P. E.	228842/6320	HMM-165	Crew-Chief
1stLt	JORGENSEN, S. W.	0102208/7562	HMM-165	Copilot
1stLt	PETERS, W. L.	0102208/7562	HMM-165	Pilot

HOSTILE: 211130H Jun69. 22 1/2 mls. northwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Crew flying on CH-46D on recon extraction. A/C received small arms fire causing A/C to crash and burn. GIBSON received contusion right arm and laceration right knee. GAUVIN received fracture right mandible, dislocation of right shoulder. PETROLINE and PETERS were killed. JORGENSEN received laceration to nose.

LCpl	MATHIAS, H. W.	2367004/6320	HMM-364	Crew-Chief
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HOSTILE: 262330H Jun69. 17 mls. south of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Crew Chief on CH-46D on medevac mission. While hovering over zone A/C received small arms fire. Round penetrating A/C hitting MATHIAS. Received missile wound left ankle.

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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 6a

1. In compliance with reference (a), the intelligence input for the MAG-16 Command Chronology for June 1969 is submitted herein.

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

7 June - 18 rounds of 82mm mortar - 3 CH46's damaged,
 2 buildings damaged
 12 June - 12 rounds of 82mm mortar - no damage

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire Incidents. 131 fire incidents were reported during the period, down 40 from the previous month; 36 of which resulted in aircraft hits, down 1 from the previous month.

4. Intelligence Information

a. 141 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is a increase of 52 from the previous month.

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

5. Statistical Data

a. Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 60.0 up 9.9 from the previous month.

b. Flight Hours per Aircraft Hit: 218.6 down 13.0 from the previous month.

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c. Flight Hours per Aircrew Spot Report: 55.8
down 40.5 from the previous month.

6. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted
35 KBMA (conf), 13 structures destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed,
2 bunkers damaged, 2 boats destroyed, 4 boats damaged.

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 4 July 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 30 June are as follows:

a. All military construction projects programmed for fiscal year 1969 and tasked to RMK-BRJ have been completed except one. A permanent main runway lighting system, project S-220/09, has been funded and approved, however a construction start date has not been received. The two remaining aircraft maintenance hangars were completed and accepted on 4 and 20 June respectively. During June the crosswind runway was surveyed and marked and it became fully operational on the 24th. One MILCON project for fiscal year 1970 is presently under design at COMNAVFORVREP Da Nang, however funding and approval for this project has not been received. The scope of this proposed project includes a circular flow taxiway for the crosswind runway with an access to the eastern aircraft parking apron.

b. During June a special MILCON project was funded and approved for MAG-16. The scope of this project includes construction of thirty-two (32) hard covered aircraft revetments and the upgrading of 88,878 square yards of PSP aircraft parking apron on the west side of the air facility. MCB-4 has been tasked with this project and construction is expected to begin in July 1969.

c. MCB-4 and Public Works completed several Minor New Construction projects during the month of June. The helo hover pad was completed and became operational on 25 June and an extension to the Avionics complex canopy was completed. A new 100 feet by 60 feet concrete pad was poured for the GCA complex and work continued on the MAG-16 drainage problem. Surveys were made for the aircraft arming/dearming revetments and the extension for the IMA jet engine shop. Both of these projects will be started in July.

d. MAG-16 self-help crews completed the relocation of the outdoor theatre and it became operational on 9 June 1969. Heavy emphasis was placed on upgrading heads and shower facilities throughout the month. Many heads were torn down and new ones constructed by MABS-16 personnel. A review of the COC bunker was made and a project was designed to upgrade it and prepare all buildings for the coming typhoon season. A concrete slab was poured for the

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Staff NGO wash rack area and a S.E.A. hut was moved at the Avionics complex. Continued emphasis was given to electrical and erosion problems throughout the base.

e. The logistics section surveyed and reviewed all MAG-16 and An Hoa airfield facilities during June. The results of this project were consolidated into the annual basic facility requirement status report and compared against MACV construction criteria. This review was passed to the Base Development Office at the First Marine Aircraft Wing for incorporation into the Wing BFRS.

f. On 8 June 1969 LCol. J. R. DONALDSON was relieved as the MAG-16 Logistics Officer and reassigned as the Commanding Officer of MABS-16. On 14 June 1969 LCol. C. R. DUNBAUGH assumed the duties as Logistics Officer.

g. On 6 June 1969 several mortars impacted at MMAF resulting in five (5) Marine WIA's and seven (7) Army WIA's. Four (4) Marine CH-46 aircraft sustained damages, one minor damage and three limited. One S.E.A. hut received minor fragment damage and the aircraft parking apron sustained several small craters. All damage was sustained throughout HMM-165 area. On 12 June 1969 the HMM-165 area again received mortar attack resulting in moderate damage to four (4) S.E.A. huts, severing of telephone communication lines and several small craters in the road. No personnel were injured and negative aircraft were damaged.

h. During the month of June the MMAF Air Freight section processed 649 passengers and 5250 cubic feet of cargo weighing 99,017 pounds. The tactical air fuel dispensing system personnel dispensed 50,199 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 1,092,780 gallons of JP-4 fuel. MMAF utilized 39,507 gallons of this AVGAS and An Hoa utilized the remaining 10,692 gallons. The JP-4 utilization was divided between MMAF 785,219 gallons, An Hoa 177,862 gallons and Hill Fifty-five 129,699 gallons.

i. The Motor Transport section travelled 77,106 miles, transporting 28,767 passengers, 472 short tons of cargo, 120,000 gallons of water, 17,737 gallons of MOGAS, 20,137 gallons of diesel fuel, 3593 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 110,191 gallons of JP-4 fuel.

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 1 July 1969

From: Group Chaplain
 To: Commanding Officer
 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 June.

Part I. Organizational Data:

Group Protestant Chaplain: Lt. G. B. Schumacher, 1-30 June
 Group Catholic Chaplain: Lt. J. N. Sestito, 1-30 June
 Chaplain's Clerk: Sgt. S. D. Pideon, 1-10 June
 Chaplain's Clerk: LCpl. D. A. Vann, 1-30 June

Part II. Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights:

During the month of June MAG-16 Chaplains provided Sunday and weekday worship services. Bible study and discussion classes were held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Chapel movie each Wednesday night.

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

Part III. Significant Events:

1. Civic Action:

- a. Chaplain Schumacher spoke at the meeting of Sojourners Danang Chapter (III MAF) regarding sending Vietnamese heart surgery and cornea transplant patients to U.S.
- b. Chaplain Schumacher and Chaplain's clerk LCpl Dennis Vann spent one day at Happy Haven Leprosarium and delivered 100 lbs. clothing.
- c. To China Beach Orphanage: (Mess Hall Leftovers)
 180 lbs. fried chicken, 180 lbs. fish,
 60 lbs. shrimp, 15 gals. chili, 15 gals. stew,
 and 2 cases lettuce.

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- d. \$375.00 to United World Mission for round trip travel expense of two Vietnamese children for heart surgery, and their escort, from San Francisco to Univ. of Missouri Medical Center.
- e. \$370.00 to Sacred Heart Nursery; 8 cases lettuce & 4 cases grapefruit, 3 cases carrots; 50 lbs. assorted baby food and clothing.
- f. \$100.00 Stella Maris Dispensary
- g. \$200.00 Stella Maris Convent
- h. \$200.00 Bishop Peter Chi
- i. \$200.00 St. John's Seminary
- j. 500 lbs. meat, vegetables and canned goods to St. John's Seminary for Boy Scout training session.

Part IV. Supporting Documents:1. Statistics:

a. Activities:	Sunday/Att.	Weekday/Att.	Total
Protestant Worship	8/27b	--	8/27b
Communion	2/47	--	2/47
Catholic Worship	15/585	25/130	40/715
Communion	15/305	25/107	40/412
Latter-Day Saints	5/16	4/27	9/43
Assembly of God	--	4/61	4/61
Bible Study	--	10/70	10/70
Memorial Services	--	3/250	3/250

5 Catholic services at 5th/7th Cams, 2 Catholic at 3rd Antracs, total 133 cases

b. Miscellaneous:

Counseling cases -- 169
Red Cross Messages -- 60

2. Chaplains Activities:

Narcotics Inventory Board: 1 inventory
Weekly visits to orphanage.
Chaplain Sestito participated in Mass opening of Boy Scout training session at St. John's Seminary.

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10:JMD:dfs
2 July 1969

From: Communications Officer
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, June 1969

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


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COMMUNICATIONS: Radio Section (MOS 2531/2533) is currently operating at 74% of its M/L but has enough personnel to satisfy the requirements for this unit.

The Communications Center processed a total of 4,876 messages for the month of June, a slight increase over the previous month. Twenty five (25) hours of circuit outage was experienced during the past month, due to malfunctioning of teletype equipment.

The following transactions were effected by the Repair Unit:

1. 96 pieces turned in for repair.
2. 81 pieces repaired.
3. 15 pieces evacuated to higher echelon.
4. 13 pieces returned from higher echelon.
5. 8 requisitions processed by supply.

The Wire Section is committed to the continuing installation and maintenance of all wire communications within the Group.

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3 July 1969

From Civic Action Officer, MAG-16
To Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for June, 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 010001H June to 302400H June 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 1472 persons during May.

(3) Dental treatment was given to 80 villagers and orphans.

B. Education

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

(2) On June 5, Lt/Col. J.K. Fulton presented eighteen boxes of various school supplies to the Hoa Long School principal. These school supplies were donated by Officers' wives of MAG-16 teaching at Williard High School in Long Beach.

(3) MAG-16 CA is arranging the distribution of discarded American textbooks among Danang City High Schools. The textbook subjects are American and World History, Math, Biology, English, and Science.

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C. Projects

- (1) In the early part of this reporting period, Xom Son Thuy villagers completed a temple venerating a local fish-god. Since MAG-16 Civic Action had furnished most of the building materials for the temple, the village leaders invited the CA team to the opening ceremonies on June 8. While the CA team was witnessing the opening rituals, a C-4 Charge was planted inside the CA vehicle. The explosion wounded all three Civic Action personnel. Two were treated and released the same day while the third was released eighteen days later.
- (2) To create two classrooms, MAG-16 CA gave Hoa Long School principal used lumber to make a partition in the new schoolroom.
- (3) On June 12, NVA/VC forcers ran through Dong Hai Hamlet, killing seven friendly troops and demolishing the village chief's general store. Since the village chief greatly assists friendly forces in fighting the enemy, MAG-16 CA gave him five bags of cement and used lumber to help him rebuild his store.

D. General

- (1) During this month, MAG-16 CA gave five "Off Limits" signs to village CAG platoon. CAG fixed the signs at strategic points and hopefully they will help keep U.S. Forces out of the village.
- (2) MAG-16 CA gave 150 lbs. of clothes to C3rd LVT's S-5. They in turn will give the clothes to the needy of Xom Son Thuy.
- (3) For added security, two Zulo Co. guards accompany the Med-Caps held twice weekly.
- (4) During this reporting period, MAG-16 Civic Action conducted one tour to Marble Mountain for fifteen marines; and three tours to Danang City for fifty-seven marines. Tours to Marble Mountain have been temporarily suspended but Danang City tours will continue to run every Sunday.

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