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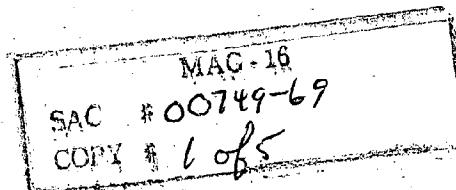
1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. MAG-16 is located at Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam, Republic of Vietnam.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
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Period covered: 1 through 31 July 1969

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<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	FULTON, F. K.	LTCOL	1-31 July 1969
XO, MAG-16	PEARD, R. W.	LTCOL	1-31 July 1969
Adjutant	WORK, R. G.	CWO-3	1-31 July 1969
S-1	SWANSON, R. D.	LTCOL	1-31 July 1969
S-2	EKHOLM, W. H.	MAJOR	1-31 July 1969
S-3	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LTCOL	1-31 July 1969
S-4	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LTCOL	1-31 July 1969
CO, H&MS-16	LASETER, J. W.	LTCOL	1-31 July 1969
CO, MABS-16	DONALDSON, J. R.	LTCOL	1-31 July 1969
CO, VMO-2	MORRIS, C. S.	LTCOL	1-16 July 1969
CO, HMM-165	CHALLGREN, S. A.	LTCOL	17-31 July 1969
CO, HMM-263	RAINES, T. E.	LTCOL	1-31 July 1969
CO, HMM-364	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LTCOL	1-31 July 1969
CO, HML-167	BRADY, E. R.	LTCOL	1-31 July 1969
CO, HMH-463	CONARD, J. W.	LTCOL	1-31 July 1969
	RYAN, R. M.	LTCOL	1-31 July 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  
 HMH-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>	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-16	50	396	0	0
MABS-16	22	690	3	21
VMO-2	51	230	1	0
HML-167	36	130	0	0

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HMH-463	31	155	1	0
HMM-165	37	142	1	0
HMM-263	44	159	1	0
HMM-364	44	159	1	0
MAG-16	<u>315</u>	<u>2061</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>21</u>

4. Important Visitors to the Command

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF VISIT</u>
3 July 1969	Colonel L. L. ORR, G-2 Designate, First Marine Aircraft Wing	General Orientation Briefing and Tour
7 July 1969	Major General W. G. THRASH Commanding General Designate, First Marine Aircraft Wing	General Orientation Briefing and Tour
15 July 1969	Rear Admiral E. C. OUTLAW, USN (Retired)	General Orientation Briefing and Tour
18 July 1969	Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON, Assistant Wing Commander, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Change of Command VMO-2, Awards Pre- sentation
21 July 1969	Colonel R. A. SAVAGE, Commanding Officer Designate, Marine Aircraft Wing Support Group 17	General Orientation Briefing and Tour
	Colonel N. E. HEFFERMAN, Com- manding Officer Designate, Marine Aircraft Group 11	

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1. MAG-16 aircraft flew 23,423 sorties and 7603.0 hours during July. The majority of this effort, 15,087 sorties and 4046.4 hours, was flown in support of the First Marine Division. The remainder of the sorties and flight time was in support of various units in the ICTZ.
2. During the month of July, MAG-16 aircraft supported the following operations: CAMPBELL STRIKER, DURHAM PEAK, PIPESTONE CANYON, UTAH MESA, VICTORY DRAGON XII, VICTORY DRAGON XIII, VIRGINIA RIDGE.
3. Marble Mountain Air Facility received one mortar attack on 16 July resulting in minor damage to three CH-46's and no casualties.
4. Weather was generally favorable for flight operations during July with the exception of afternoon thundershowers and high winds.
5. An eight plane detachment from HMM-265 was OPCON MAG-16 on 200800 July and flew a total of 159.0 hours during the remainder of the month.

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a. Number Dropped	180
b. Number Joined	204
c. Promotions	
(1) Capt to Major	2
(2) 1stLt to Capt	9
(3) 2ndLt to 1stLt	2
(4) SSgt to GySgt	2
(5) Cpl to Sgt	1
(6) LCpl to Cpl	7
(7) PFC to LCpl	59

2. Hostile Casualties

## a. KIA (12)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Capt	HARRELL, R. P.	29 Jul 69	5 3/4 mi NW Danang
1stLt	ARMENIO, R. W.	27 Jul 69	17 mi SW Danang
1stLt	SANDERS, D. R.	27 Jul 69	17 mi SW Danang
GySgt	GIBEL, R.	27 Jul 69	17 mi SW Danang
Cpl	ANDERSON, W. O.	8 Jul 69	1 1/2 mi SW Danang
Cpl	HARRIS, J. H.	27 Jul 69	17 mi SW Danang
Cpl	MCDANIEL, J. T.	27 Jul 69	17 mi SW Danang
LCPL	CAMPBELL, T. J. D.	5 Jul 69	An Hoa
LCPL	GRAMLICK, M. F.	27 Jul 69	17 mi SW Danang
LCPL	KERNS, F. M.	29 Jul 69	5 3/4 mi NW Danang
LCPL	LEWIS, D.	29 Jul 69	5 3/4 mi NW Danang
HML	HACKWORTH, C. L.	27 Jul 69	17 mi SW Danang

## b. WIA (18)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Major	CARR, J. R.	8 Jul 69	1 1/2 mi SW Danang
Major	COMMON, A. T.	26 Jul 69	17 mi SW Danang
Capt	BARRETT, J. T.	26 Jul 69	7 1/2 mi SE An Hoa

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## b. WIA (continued)

Capt	LLOYD, C. A.	22 Jul 69	17 mi S Danang
1stLt	ALLEN, R. J.	8 Jul 69	19½ mi SW Danang
1stLt	BURGESS, G. F.	22 Jul 69	17 mi SW Danang
1stLt	HARRIS, J. R.	22 Jul 69	17 mi SW Danang
1stLt	LIPKING, D. M.	20 Jul 69	26 mi SW Danang
1stLt	UDELL, S. D.	20 Jul 69	26 mi SW Danang
1stLt	WHITTINGHAM, D.K.	9 Jul 69	8½ mi SW Danang
GySgt	HENDERSON, J. P.	7 Jul 69	10 mi SE Danang
SSgt	BOOTHBY, C. G.	9 Jul 69	8½ mi SW Danang
SSgt	GODIN, G. T.	26 Jul 69	7½ mi SE Danang
Sgt	LINCOLN, J. E.	5 Jul 69	An Hoa
Cpl	SKWIERES, S. W.	20 Jul 69	26 mi SW Danang
LCPL	GIAMBRONE, J. M.	8 Jul 69	19½ mi SW Danang
LCPL	HUERTA, H. A.	20 Jul 69	26 mi SSW Danang
PFC	COFFEY, P. J.	20 Jul 69	15 mi N An Hoa

3. Awards

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

Silver Star

LtCol E. R. BRADY  
Major D. C. WATKINS  
Capt J. J. BARRETT

Distinguished Flying Cross

Major O. C. BAKER  
1stLt R. W. ARMENIO  
1stLt W. A. BEEBE, III (Second award)  
1stLt S. J. WARE

Purple Heart

Major J. M. DAVIS, JR.  
HML T. H. FLICKNER (4th award)  
HM3 M. L. PETERS  
LCPL C. A. BOLLIER, JR.  
LCPL B. A. LAMBERTON

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

a. The handball/squash courts, tennis courts and newly completed softball diamond continue to be heavily used. The sand and surf is enjoyed by many MAG-16 personnel daily.

b. The chaplain's ministry and allied activities are represented by the following statistics:

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<u>Divine Services</u>	<u>Sunday/Att.</u>	<u>Weekday/Att.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Protestant Worship	6/190	- - -	6/190
Communion	2/58	- - -	2/58
Catholic Worship	8/385	24/148	32/589
Communion	8/160	24/111	32/271
Later-Day Saints	4/26	4/20	8/46
Assembly of God	- - -	3/21	3/21
Bible Study	- - -	2/8	2/8
Memorial Services	- - -	1/80	1/80
Movie	- - -	5/23	5/23

Catholic services at 5th/7th Comm; 4/138, communion 63  
 Catholic services at MACS-4; 1/15; communion 8

## Miscellaneous:

Counseling Cases - - 38  
 Red Cross Messages - 33

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

a. Medical/Dental. On Friday, 4 July, the first DENTCAP in the history of Happy Haven Leprosarium, Hoa Vang Bay, was conducted with the volunteered services of Dr. G. E. EATMAN, DC, USN and DT-3 G. L. BEDSTEAD. MEDCAP's were conducted weekly at the Hoa Long Dispensary and Catholic Orphanage. Medical treatment was given to 1200 persons and dental treatment to 45 persons.

b. Projects. An armory was built at My Ty hamlet which will store weapons used by the P. F.'s of Hoa Long. A small dispensary was built into the armory.

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

a. A total of 126 fire incidents were reported in July with 31 aircraft hits.

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14 August 1969b. Statistical Data:

(1) Flight hours per fire incident: 60.6  
 (2) Flight hours per aircraft hit: 246.5

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	819.9	1027.3	1394.5
Sorties	3141	4345	5752
Pax	5211	7923	10585
Evacs	421	434	567
Cargo (Tons)	213.8	596.9	740.8
 <u>HMH-463</u> <u>(CH-53A/D)</u>			
Hours	525.6		
Sorties	2351		
Pax	7754		
Evacs	27		
Cargo (Tons)	2807.9		
TAR	1 UH-1E 1 A-4E 4 CH-46A/D		
 <u>VM0-2</u> <u>(AH-1G)</u> <u>(OV-10A)</u> <u>HML-167</u> <u>(UH-1E)</u>			
Hours	860.4	1476.5	1318.1
Sorties	2031	659	4291
KBA (Confirmed)	1	10	Ø
Pax	Ø	Ø	2192
Cargo (Tons)	Ø	Ø	Ø
<u>HMS-16</u> <u>C-117D</u>		<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	102.8	Hours	7603.0
Sorties	75	Sorties	23,423
Pax	482	Pax	34,993
Cargo (Tons)	9.5	Evacs	1457
		Cargo (Tons)	4368.9
		TAR	6
		KBA (Confirmed)	11

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

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

Fixed Wing	4,653
Helicopter	21,748
Total	26,401

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

Fixed Wing	348
Helicopter	6,720
Total	7,068

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

a. Contact with VC/NVA during July consisted of a mortar attack on 16 July resulting in minor damage to three CH-46's and no casualties.

b. Zulu Provisional Rifle Company supplied security for the MEDCAP and DENTCAP on a regular basis.

10. Logistics. (S-4 Command Chronology)

a. MCB-4 and Public Works performed the following work during the month of July.

(1) MCB-4 continued construction of a new butler building for the expansion of the IMA jet engine shop. This project is 60% complete.

(2) Public Works continued to work on the Army/Marine Corps ammo dump, completed two open storage lots for MAG-16 Supply and made extensive repairs to eroded areas along taxi ways, runways and the hover pad.

b. Marble Mountain Air Freight processed 1065 passengers and 7864 cubic feet of cargo weighing 184,734 pounds.

c. MAG-16 TAFDS dispensed 12,388 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 998,869 gallons of JP-4.

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	<u>MAG-16 Control Number/ Letter identification</u>
↓ Command Chronology of H&MS-16 Appendix 1	0731-69
↓ Command Chronology of MABS-16 Appendix 2	CO, MABS-16 ltr JRD: trc over 5750 dtd 5 August 1969
↓ Command Chronology of VM0-2 Appendix 3	0721-69
↓ Command Chronology of HML-167 Appendix 4	0720-69
↓ Command Chronology of HMH-463 Appendix 5	0729-69
↓ Command Chronology of HMM-165 Appendix 6	0727-69
↓ Command Chronology of HMM-263 Appendix 7	0726-69
↓ Command Chronology of HMM-364 Appendix 8	0728-69
↓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-1 Appendix 9	S-1 ltr HAS:jwp over 5213 dtd 4 August 1969
↓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-2 Appendix 10	0719-69
↓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4 Appendix 11	S-4 ltr 4:JRG:jrg over 4000 dtd 4 August 1969
↓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Chaplain Appendix 12	Chap ltr 19:dav over 5750 dtd 1 August 1969
↓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Communications	CommO ltr 10:JMD:dfs dtd 3 August 1969
↓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Civic Action Appendix 14	Civic Action Officer ltr LFA:htt dtd 4 August 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 1-31 July 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 COMPOSITION

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	FULTON, F. K.	LtCol	1-31Jul69
XO, MAG-16	PEARD, R. W.	LtCol	1-31Jul69
ADJUTANT	WORK, R. G.	CWO-2	1-31Jul69
S-1	SWANSON, R. D.	LtCol	1-31Jul69
S-2	EKHOLM, W. H.	Maj	1-31Jul69
S-3	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	1-31Jul69
S-4	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LtCol	1-31Jul69
CO, H&MS-16	LASETER, J. W.	LtCol	1-31Jul69
CO, MABS-16	DONALDSON, J. R.	LtCol	1-31Jul69
CO, VMO-2	MORRIS, C. S.	LtCol	1-16Jul69
	CHALLGREN, S. A.	LtCol	17-31Jul69
CO, HMM-165	RAINES, T. E.	LtCol	1-31Jul69
CO, HMM-263	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LtCol	1-31Jul69
CO, HMM-364	BRADY, E. R.	LtCol	1-31Jul69
CO, HML-167	CONARD, J. W.	LtCol	1-31Jul69
CO, HMH-463	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol	1-31Jul69

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5213AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>SQUADRON</u>	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-16	50	393	0	0
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VMO-2	51	230	1	0
HML-167	56	130	0	0
HMH-463	31	155	1	0
HMM-165	37	142	1	0
HMM-263	44	159	1	0
HMM-364	44	159	1	0

Following Personnel Changes 1-31 July 1969: *20001*  
*315*

a. Number of Joinings: 204

b. Number of Drops: 160

c. Promotions:

Capt to Maj: 2  
1stLt to Capt: 9  
2ndLt to 1stLt: 2  
SSgt to GySgt: 2

Cpl to Sgt: 1  
LCpl to Cpl: 7  
PFC to LCpl: 59

CASUALTIES

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
LCpl	CAMPBELL, T. J. D.	2171391/1141	MABS-16	N/A
Sgt	LINCOLN, J. E.	2098283/7051	MABS-16	N/A

HOSTILE: 051130H Jul69. An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. An Hoa area received incoming rocket attack. LINCOLN received fragment wound to forehead and ear. CAMPBELL was killed during attack.

GySgt HENDERSON, J. P. 1558137/6319 HML-167 Crew-Chief

HOSTILE: 071200H Jul69. 10 mls. south east of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. While flying on UH-1E approaching into gun-run received small arms fire. Marine received shrapnel, right upper leg.

1stLt	ALLEN, R. J.	0100010/7563	HML-167	Co-Pilot
LCpl	GIAMBRONE, J. M.	2253645/6319	HML-167	Crew-Chief
Maj	CARR, J. R.	066781/7563	HML-167	Pilot
Cpl	ANDERSON, W. O.	2235301/3051	HML-167	Gunner

HOSTILE: 082300H Jul69. 19½ mls. south west of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Crew of UH-1E on recon extraction received intense automatic weapons fire on gun-run and crashed. ALLEN received abrasions left hand and both lower legs. GIAMBRONE suffered laceration of scalp and lip. CARR received fracture of right tibia, laceration of scalp and blunt trauma to abdomen. ANDERSON was killed.

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RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
1stLt	✓ WHITTINGHAM, D. K.	0101072/7562	HMM-165	Co-Pilot
SSgt	✓ BOOTHBY, C. G.	1390175/6351	HMM-165	Gunner

HOSTILE: 091005H Jul69 8½ mls. south west of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46D on resupply mission, A/C received small arms fire and lost control and crashed. WHITTINGHAM suffered wound laceration (contusion) soft tissue injury to jaw. BOOTHBY received wound laceration soft tissue trauma right lumbar area.

PTC	✓ COFFEY, P. J.	2292540/6323	H&MS-16	Passenger
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HOSTILE: 201215H Jul69. Approx. 15 mls. north of An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Returning from An Hoa in Army UH-1E upon completion of MAG-16 S-4 working party. COFFEY received gun shot wound left shoulder when A/C received small arms fire.

1stLt	✓ LIPKING, D. M.	0103641/7562	HMM-165	Pilot
Cpl	✓ SKWIERES, S. W.	2318296/6320	HMM-165	Crew-Chief
LCpl	✓ HUERTA, H. A.	2230342/6320	HMM-165	Gunner
1stLt	✓ UDELL, S. D.	0103857/7562	HMM-165	Co-Pilot

HOSTILE: 201230H Jul69. 26 mls. south south west of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Crew of CH-46 on troop lift on approach to landing zone, A/C hit side of hill, and crashed and burned. LIPKING suffered burns 1st and 2nd degree to both arms and legs. SKWIERES received laceration(w/contusion) upper body. HUERTA suffered abrasion left elbow and UDELL suffered 2nd degree burns right arm, right shoulder and left leg plus burns to face and back.

1stLt	✓ HARRIS, J. R.	0101964/7562	HMM-364	Pilot
1stLt	✓ BURGESS, G. F.	0100907/7562	HMM-364	Co-Pilot

HOSTILE: 221220H Jul69. 17 mls. south west of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on recon insert mission. A/C received small arms fire on approach. HARRIS received gun shot wound left shoulder. BURGESS suffered shrapnel left leg.

Capt	✓ LLOYD, C. A.	081209/7575	VMO-2	Pilot
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HOSTILE: 220930H Jul69. 17 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. LLOYD suffered slight cut on left leg when he ejected from OV-10A A/C after loss of power.

Maj	✓ COMMON, A. T.	076567/7563	HMM-364	Pilot
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HOSTILE: 261915H Jul69, 17 mls. south west of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. COMMON while flying CH-46 on emergency medevac mission, A/C received small arms fire and COMMON suffered shrapnel wound right lower leg.

SSgt	✓ GODIN, G. T.	1675024/0239	HMM-263	Gunner
Capt	✓ BARRETT, J. T.	085356/7562	HMM-263	Pilot

HOSTILE: 261500H Jul69. 7½ mls. south east of An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 and took small arms fire while approaching to zone. A/C lost power and crashed into trees. GODIN injured right knee and BARRETT suffered shrapnel right thigh.

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RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
Cpl	X HARRIS, J. H.	2212595/6341	HMM-364	Gunner
GySgt	X GIBEL, R.	1522610/6381	HMM-364	Gunner
LCpl	X GRAMICK, M. F.	2348017/6242	HMM-364	Gunner
1stLt	X ARMENIO, R. W.	0101559/7564	HMM-364	Pilot
1stLt	X SANDERS, D. R.	0101450/7562	HMM-364	Co-Pilot
Cpl	X MCDANIEL, J. T.	2307571/6311	HMM-364	Crew-Chief
HML	X HACKWORTH, C. L.	3503866/8404	MABS-16	Corpsman

HOSTILE: 271530H Jul69. 17 mls. south west of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Crew of CH-46D on emergency medevac mission. Upon departure from pick-up zone A/C received intense small arms fire and automatic fire. A/C impacted uncontrollably, exploded and burned. A/C consumed by fire. All crew members killed.

Capt	X HARRELL, R. P.	085945/7563	HML-167	Pilot
LCpl	X KERNS, F. M.	2227552/6212	HML-167	Crew-Chief
LCpl	X LEWIS, D.	2340344/6212	VMO-2	Gunner

HOSTILE: 291610H Jul69. 5 3/4 mls. Channel 77, Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on UH-1E A/C. A/C was forced to land in sea. The three men above were killed.



H. A. SMITH  
By direction

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 2 August 1969

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MEMORANDUM

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

Subj: Intelligence Input for the 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 July 1969 is submitted herein.

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

16 July - 19 rounds of 82mm mortar - 3/CH-46's Dam

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire Incidents. 126 fire incidents were reported during the period, down 5 from the previous month; 31 of which resulted in aircraft hits, down 5 from the previous month.

4. Intelligence Information

a. 34 aircrack spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrack and other sources; this is a decrease of 107 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 Data2  
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a. Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 60.6 up .6 from the previous month.

b. Flight Hours per Aircraft Hit: 246.5 up 27.9 from the previous month.

c. Flight Hours per Aircrew Spot Report: 224.8 up 169.0 from the previous month.

6. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 27 KBMA (conf), 8 structures destroyed, 2 structures damaged, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 secondary explosion, 1 recoilless rifle destroyed.

  
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 4 August 1969

From: S-4 Officer  
 To: 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 31 July 1969 are as follows:

a. Throughout the month of July self-help construction and repair projects were emphasized. Public Works continued to work on the Joint Army/Marine Corps Ammo Dump and numerous repairs to the eastern perimeter fence were initiated. These repairs included the construction of concrete drainage flumes and installation of iron meshed grates for security purposes. MCB-4 continued construction on the new butler building for the expansion of the IMA Jet Engine Shop. This project is 60% complete. Public Works completed two open storage lots for Group Supply and made extensive repairs to eroded areas along MAG-16's runways, taxiways and hover pad. MABS-16 self-help crews renovated the COC bunker fortifications and are currently involved in constructing a new IRO/CAO building. They completed the MAG-16 detention building in July and disassembled a chapel at MSG-17, relocating the much needed construction materials to MAG-16. The concrete walls for the Zulu Company dog kennels were poured and the ARMCO revetments were relocated at the GCA site. The aircraft bone yard was relocated and a concentrated effort to remove all unnecessary scrap metal from MMAF was initiated.

b. A special project to fortify and beautify the MMAF main gate was commenced in July. A new sign will be erected and plans were formulated to construct a bunker type guard house and IRO processing lanes. This will be a complete self-help project with a tentative completion date set as 31 August 1969.

c. During July the logistics section continually stressed typhoon/hurricane precautions and assisted in coordinating typhoon defense procedures. On 10 and 11 July, typhoon conditions 3 and 2 were set as typhoon "TESS" approached Marble Mountain. Although "TESS" did not strike Da Nang directly, during the two day period the Air Facility sustained 4.25 inches of rain and peak wind gusts of 37 knots. Wind damage was negligible, however Public Works was called in to repair many eroded areas throughout the compound.

d. On 16 July 1969 approximately 19 mortars impacted at MMAF. Three HMM-165 CH-46 aircraft sustained limited fragment damage and the western aircraft parking apron sustained several small craterers. No personnel were injured.

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e. The logistics section was involved in several miscellaneous projects during July. A complete review of base transportation and vehicle assignments was completed, resulting in new and more efficient bus schedules and a wider dissemination of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  ton trucks. Coordination and planning began for the embarkation of HMM-165 and the debarkation of HMM-164. New contracts for the procurement of soil products were established and plans were formulated to relocate the POL and water truck parking and maintenance facility.

f. During the month of July the MMAF Air Freight Section processed 1065 passengers and 7864 cubic feet of cargo weighing 184,734 pounds. The Tactical Air Fuel Dispensing System personnel dispensed 12,388 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS AND 998,869 gallons of JP-4 fuel. MMAF utilized 12,039 gallons of this AVGAS and An Hoa Airfield utilized the remaining 349 gallons. The JP-4 utilization was divided between MMAF 681,199 gallons, An Hoa 209,791 gallons and Hill 55 107,879 gallons.

g. The Motor Transport Section travelled 91,997 miles, transporting 28,354 passengers, 564 short tons of cargo, 76,000 gallons of water, 28,341 gallons of MOGAS, 22,049 gallons of diesel fuel and 130,101 gallons of JP-4 fuel.

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 5750  
 1 August 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 Chaplain for the month of July.

Part I. Organizational Data:

Group Protestant Chaplain: Lt. G. B. Schumacher, 1-31 July  
 Group Catholic Chaplain: Lt. J. N. Sestito, 1-31 July  
 Chaplain's Clerk: LCpl. D. A. Vann, 1-31 July  
 Chaplain's Clerk: LCpl. D. D. King, 4-31 July

Part II. Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights:

During the month of July 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. Personnel:

- A. Chaplain Schumacher was on leave 9-16 July.
- B. LCpl. Dennis D. King joined the MAG-16 chapel staff on 4 July.

2. Civic Action:

- A. On Friday, 4 July, we conducted the first DENTCAP in the history of Happy Haven Leprosarium, at Hoa Vang Bay. Dr. Gerald E. Eatman, DC, USN, was the volunteer dentist & DT-3 Gregory L. Bedstead assisted (45 extractions). Dr. Eatman has volunteered to aid with a monthly DENTCAP.
- B. Catholic Chapel Fund donated \$200.00 to Bishop Chi, and \$200.00 to St. John's Seminary.

of Chaplain, MAG-16

July 69

COMMUNICATIONS  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
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10JMD:dfs  
3 August 1969

From: Communications Officer  
To: S-3 Officer  
Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, July 1969

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

  
J. M. DOYLE

Comm, mag-16

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**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Radio Section continues to operate the various Radio nets for the Group.

The Communications Center processed a total of 5,255 messages for the month of July, an increase over the previous month. Sixty one (61) hours of circuit outage was experienced during the past month, due to malfunction of equipment.

The following transactions were effected by the Repair Section:

1. 106 pieces turned in for repair.
2. 95 pieces repaired.
3. 9 pieces evacuated to higher echelon.
4. 2 pieces returned from higher echelon.
5. 100 requisitions processed by supply.

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

The manning level for the 1st and 2nd qtr FY 70 indicates a reduction in communication personnel for this Group. The T/O for this Group is 137, new manning level shows a total of 103.

1st Lt J. C. Matte joined this section as the new Communications Officer. He will be replacing 1st Lt J. M. Doyle who has been ordered to CONUS.

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LEASHTT  
 4 Aug 69

From: Civic Action Officer, MAG-16  
 To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for July, 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 010014 July to 3124004 July 1969.

A. Medical/Dental Treatment

- (1) The doctors and corpsmen of MAG-16 assisted the following dispensary during the reporting period:
  - (a) Hoa Long dispensary.
- (2) Medical treatment was rendered to 1200 persons during July.

B. Education

- (1) This command's Civic Action is planning to give out nine "Gen. WALK" scholarships before the start of the coming school year (19 Aug 1969).
- (2) MAG-16 CA has distributed American textbooks among BiLang City Highschools. The subjects contained in these books were English, Science, Biology, Math and American and World History.

C. Projects

- (1) Hoa Long Village school is to receive two blackboards and if possible enough lumber to construct desks, for both teachers and students.
- (2) An armory has been constructed in My Ty hamlet which will store weapons used by the PPs of Hoa Long Village. A small dispensary has also been added to the armory.

D. General

1-5, MAG-16

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1 August 1969Part IV. Supporting Documents:1. Statistics:

A. Activities:	Sunday/Att.	Weekday/Att.	Total
Protestant Worship	6/190	— —	6/190
Communion	2/58	— —	2/58
Catholic Worship	8/385	24/148	38/589
Communion	8/160	24/111	38/271
Later-Day Saints	4/26	4/20	8/46
Assembly of God	— —	3/21	3/21
Bible Study	— —	2/8	2/8
Memorial Services	— —	1/80	1/80
Movie	— —	5/23	5/23

B. Catholic services at 5th/7th Comm; 4/138, comm. 63  
Catholic services at MACS-4; 1/15, comm. 8

## C. Miscellaneous:

Counseling Cases - - 38  
Red Cross Messages - 33

GORDON B. SCHUMACHER

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(1) During this reporting period MAY-16 CA has started marketing tours on Sunday to Marble Mountain and Daliang City. Posters advertising the tours have been placed throughout MIAF, and the response has been good. Approximately 200 people went on the tours this month.

L. S. AIR  
CIVIC ACTION SPIDER

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