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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 August 1969

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

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.

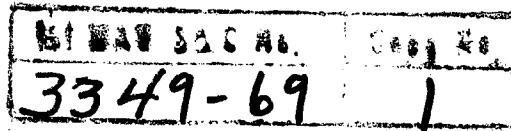
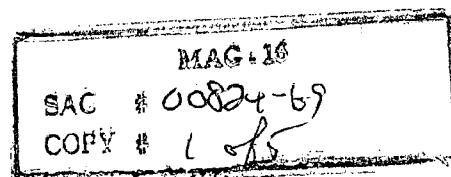
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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Marble Mountain Air Facility
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Period covered: 1 through 31 August 1969

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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 August 1969
XO, MAG-16	PEARD, R. W.	LTCOL	1-31 August 1969
Adjutant	WORK, R. G.	CWO-3	1-31 August 1969
S-1	SWANSON, R. D.	LTCOL	1-31 August 1969
S-2	EKHOLM, W. H.	MAJOR	1-9 August 1969
	WINFIELD, R. L.	CWO-2	10-31 August 1969
S-3	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LTCOL	1-31 August 1969
S-4	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LTCOL	1-22 August 1969
	FULLER, R. A.	LTCOL	23-31 August 1969
CO, H&MS-16	LASETER, J. W.	LTCOL	1-19 August 1969
	BANCROFT, R. A.	LTCOL	20-31 August 1969
CO, MABS-16	DONALDSON, J. R.	LTCOL	1-31 August 1969
CO, VMO-2	CHALLGREN, S. A.	LTCOL	1-31 August 1969
CO, HMM-263	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LTCOL	1-31 August 1969
CO, HMM-364	BRADY, E. R.	LTCOL	1-22 August 1969
	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LTCOL	23-31 August 1969
CO, HML-167	CONARD, J. W.	LTCOL	1-19 August 1969
	LASETER, J. W.	LTCOL	20-31 August 1969
CO, HMH-463	RYAN, R. M.	LTCOL	1-31 August 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 (1-13 August 1969)
 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	390	0	0
MABS-16	20	670	3	21

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VMO-2	51	230	1	0
HML-167	36	125	0	0
HMH-463	34	160	1	0
HMM-263	43	157	1	0
HMM-364	44	165	1	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF VISIT</u>
1 August 1969	Major General THRASH, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	General orientation briefing and tour
5 August 1969	Dr. Norman Vincent Peale	Briefing and presentation
6 August 1969	Colonel H. L. WILKINSON, Colonel N. L. BECK, First Marine Division	Briefing and tour
11 August 1969	Captain P. CROSBY, Commanding Officer, NSD Subic	Supply briefing and tour
20 August 1969	Honorable John W. WARNER, Under Secretary of the Navy	General orientation briefing and tour
20 and 23 August 1969	Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON Assistant Wing Commander, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Change of Command and presentation of awards.

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PART II

1. MAG-16 aircraft flew 7438.3 hours and 20,556 sorties during August. The majority of this effort, 13,350 sorties and 3998.6 hours, was in support of the First Marine Division. The remainder of the time was flown in support of various units in ICTZ.
 2. MAG-16 aircraft flew in support of the following operations during August: DURHAM PEAK, PIPESTONE CANYON, VICTORY DRAGON XIV, IDAHO CANYON.
 3. On 13 August, HMM-165 commanded by LtCol. T. E. RAINES departed MAG-16 for duty with MAG-15.
 4. An eight plane detachment from HMM-265 departed MAG-16 on 8 August after a 19 day stay at MMAF.
 5. MMAF received a rocket attack on 19 August resulting in 3 USMC KIA and 1 USN KIA, one building destroyed and several damaged.
 6. A 10 plane detachment from HMM-164 arrived at MAG-16 on 27 August for approximately 16 days.

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a. Number Dropped	233
b. Number Joined	201
c. Promotions	
(1) 2ndLt to 1stLt	3
(2) SSgt to GySgt	1
(3) Sgt to SSgt	1
(4) Cpl to Sgt	1
(5) LCpl to Cpl	174
(6) PFC to LCpl	13
(7) Pvt to PFC	4

2. Hostile Casualties

a. KIA (4)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
HM3	BECKMAN, R. C.	19 Aug 69	Rocket Attack, MMAF
Cpl	MAGERR, W. L. III	19 Aug 69	Rocket Attack, MMAF
LCpl	LANHAM, D. G.	19 Aug 69	Rocket Attack, MMAF
PFC	POLIQUIN, M. E.	19 Aug 69	Rocket Attack, MMAF

b. WIA (8)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1stLt	BUNCE, R. L.	24 Aug 69	29 mi SW Danang
1stLt	CHRISTY, L. C.	4 Aug 69	18 mi SW Danang
1stLt	WILBER, H. M.	5 Aug 69	18 mi SW Danang
SSgt	GORDON, W.	3 Aug 69	2 mi NE Thong Duc
Cpl	DURST, S. R.	19 Aug 69	Rocket Attack, MMAF
LCpl	KEFFER, E. M.	3 Aug 69	2 mi NE Thong Duc
LCpl	LOVELADY, S. C.	21 Aug 69	8 mi SW Danang

3. Awards

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

SILVER STAR

Cpl D. GONZALES

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a. Awards (continued)

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LtCol R. E. HOFSTETTER
 Major G. W. HINTZ
 Major R. D. MEYERS
 Captain B. L. NALE (2nd award)
 1stLt J. D. HINTZ
 1stLt T. L. LEWIS
 1stLt F. L. RUSH

PURPLE HEART

Major A. T. COMMON (2nd award)
 1stLt G. F. BURGESS
 GySgt J. P. HENDERSON (2nd award)
 SSgt G. T. GODIN
 Sgt J. E. LINCOLN
 Sgt R. A. ROBNETT
 LCpl L. P. CARRITHERS
 LCpl R. M. FORD
 LCpl J. M. GIAMBRONE

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

a. The Chaplain's ministry and allied activities are represented by the following statistics:

<u>Divine Services</u>	<u>Sunday/Att.</u>	<u>Weekday/Att.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Protestant Worship	5/179	- - - -	5/179
Communion	1/35	- - - -	1/35
Catholic Worship	10/454	25/170	35/624
Communion	10/214	25/143	35/357
Later-Day Saints	4/26	4/17	8/43
Discussion Group	- - -	3/14	3/14
Memorial Services	- - -	2/445	2/445
Movie	- - -	1/6	1/6

Catholic services at 5th/7th Comm. 4/130, communion 4/61
 Catholic services at MACS-4; 1/11; communion 1/10

Miscellaneous:

Counseling Cases - - 145
 Red Cross Messages - 32

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a. The Leper Colony was given 80 lbs. of clothing and 2-150 gal. water tanks.

b. A Med-Cap team visited Hoa Long Dispensary on a weekly basis and treated 1362 persons.

c. A Dent-Cap team visited the Leper Colony on 12 August and treated 53 persons.

d. Blackboards', lumber for desks and sheet tin for roofing were given to Hoa Long Village school.

e. MAG-16 Civic Action personnel gave a party for the villagers of Nui Kim Son. Approximately 300 villagers including the village elders, chief and monks attended.

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

a. There were 160 fire incidents during the month of August resulting in 29 aircraft hit. It is interesting to note that although fire incidents increased over July by 34, hits decreased by 2.

b. Seventy-five aircrack spot reports of intelligence value were received.

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

HMM-263	(CH-46D)	HMM-364 (CH-46D)	HMH-463 (CH-53A/D)
Hours	1446.0	1485.2	Hours 504.9
Sorties	5667	5451	Sorties 1939
Pax	9215	9867	Pax 12,162
Evacs	1134	1094	Evacs 34
Cargo (Tons)	540.5	618.4	Cargo 1,749.6
			TAR 1 A-4E
			1 OV-10A
			6 CH-46

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<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>(AH-1G)</u>	<u>(OV-10A)</u>	<u>(UH-1E)</u>	<u>HML-167 (UH-1E)</u>
Hours	1227.8	1240.2	17.0	1400.7
Sorties	3079	571	24	3752
KBA (Confirmed)	1	14	Ø	Ø
Pax	Ø	Ø	Ø	1935
Cargo (Tons)	Ø	Ø	Ø	0.3

<u>H&MS-16</u>	<u>(C-117D)</u>	<u>(CH-46D)</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	109.0	8.1	Hours	7438.8
Sorties	65	8	Sorties	20556
Pax	367	Ø	Pax	33,546
Cargo (Tons)	14.2	Ø	Evacs	2262
			Cargo (Tons)	2923.0
			TAR	8
			KBA (Confirmed)	15

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

a. The total number of aircraft movements at Marble Mountain Air Facility for the month of August were as follows:

Fixed Wing	4,860
Helicopter	25,541
Total	30,401

b. Aircraft movements at An Hoa Airfield were as follows:

Fixed Wing	248
Helicopter	5,484
Total	5,732

c. There were 11 IFR departures and 500 GCA approaches flown during August at Marble Mountain Air Facility.

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

a. Contact with VC/NVA was limited to one rocket attack on 19 August. There were 3 Marine KIA and one Navy KIA with damage to the sickbay, motor transport area and HMM-263 operations building.

b. Zulu Provisional Rifle Company provided fire team security on a regular basis for Med-Cap and Dent-Cap teams.

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a. The construction of 32 hard cover revetments was started by MCB-4. Twenty of these revetments will be built on the east apron and 12 on the west apron.

b. Public Works continued to work on the joint Army/Marine Corps Ammo Dump. This project is completed with the exception of filling the revetments with laterite.

c. The damage resulting from the rocket hit on MAG-16 Medical Facility has been largely repaired and the priority on a medical storage quonset hut has been raised to Logistical Urgent and work has been commenced.

d. Marble Mountain Air Freight processed 625 passengers and 7556 cubic feet of cargo weighing 97,990 pounds.

e. MAG-16 TAFDS dispensed 13,620 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 1,163,000 gallons of JP-4.

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	<u>MAG-16 Control Number/ Letter Identification</u>
✓ Command Chronology of H&MS-16 Appendix 1	113-69
✓ Command Chronology of MABS-16 Appendix 2	CO, MABS-16 ltr JRD: trc over 5750 dtd 5 September 1969
✓ Command Chronology of VMO-2 Appendix 3	0200-69
✓ Command Chronology of HML-167 Appendix 4	CO, HML-167 ltr JDD: rps over 03A24869 dtd 5 September 1969
✓ Command Chronology of HMH-463 Appendix 5	11-69
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-165 Appendix 6	CO, HMM-165 ltr GMK: tcw over 03A24569 dtd 2 September 1969
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-263 Appendix 7	384-69
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-364 Appendix 8	0-202-69
Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-1 Appendix 9	MAG-16 S-1 ltr HAS: jup over 5213 dtd 4 September 1969
Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-2 Appendix 10	MAG-16 S-2 ltr RLW: cjr over 05750 dtd 4 September 1969
Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4 Appendix 11	MAG-16 S-4 ltr JRG: sgd over 4000 dtd 2 September 1969
Command Chronology of MAG-16 Chaplain Appendix 12	MAG-16 Chaplain ltr 19:dav over 5750 dtd 1 September 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 August 1969

TASK ORGANIZATION

HAMS-16, MMAF, RVN
 MAES-16, MMAF, RVN
 VMO-2, 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	1-31Aug69
XO, MAG-16	PEARL, R. W.	LtCol	1-31Aug69
ADJUTANT	WORK, R. G.	CWO-2	1-31Aug69
S-1	SWANSON, R. D.	LtCol	1-31Aug69
S-2	EKHOLM, W. H.	Maj	1-9Aug69
S-3	WINFIELD, R. L.	CWO-2	10Aug-31Aug69
S-4	HORSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	1-31Aug69
CO, H&S-16	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LtCol	1-22Aug69
CO, MAES-16	FULLER, R. A.	LtCol	24-31Aug69
CO, VMO-2	LASETER, J. W.	LtCol	1-19Aug69
CO, HMM-263	BANCROFT, R. A.	LtCol	20-31Aug69
CO, HMM-364	DONALDSON, J. R.	LtCol	1-31Aug69
CO, HML-167	CHALLAGEN, S. A.	LtCol	1-31Aug69
CO, HMH-463	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LtCol	1-31Aug69
	BRADY, E. R.	LtCol	1-22Aug69
	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LtCol	23-31Aug69
	CONARD, J. W.	LtCol	1-19Aug69
	LASETER, J. W.	LtCol	20-31Aug69
	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol	1-31Aug69

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APPENDIX

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SQUADRON	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&MS-16	50	390	0	0
MABS-16	20	670	3	21
VMO-2	51	230	1	0
HML-167	36	125	0	0
HMH-463	34	160	1	0
HMM-263	43	157	1	0
HMM-364	44	165	1	0

Following Personnel Changes 1-31Aug69

a. Number of Joinings: 201

b. Number of Drops: 233

c. Promotions:

2ndLt to 1stLt:	3	LCpl to Cpl:	17
SSgt to GySgt:	1	PFC to LCpl:	13
Sgt to SSgt:	1	Pvt to PFC:	4
Cpl to Sgt:	1		

CASUALTIES

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
LCPL	KETTER, E. M.	2417232/76372	HMM-263	Gunner
SSGT	GORDON, W.	1674009/7113	HMM-263	Gunner

HOSTILE: 031210H Aug69. 2 miles N. E. Thong Duc, Quang Nam Province, RVN. While flying as aerial gunner on CH-46D on a recon flip flop, the A/C aft rotar blades hit hill. A/C slid down hill and hit trees. GORDON suffered abrasion of both legs and left eyelid. KETTER received partial tear of left lateral & co lateral ligaments of left knee.

1stLt CHRISTY, L. C. 0104229/7562 HMM-364 Co-Pilot

HOSTILE: 041130H Aug69. 18 miles S. W. of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Co-Pilot on CH-46D on logistics mission. A/C received small arms fire while hovering over landing zone. Round pentrenated cabin causing wound by flying plexiglass. CHRISTY suffered wound to upper right arm.

1stLt WILBUR, H. M. 0102570/7562 HMM-364 Co-Pilot

HOSTILE: 050905H Aug69. 18 miles S. W. of Danang Quang Nam Province, RVN. Co-Pilot on CH-46D on routine medevac mission. A/C while hovering over landing zone received intense small arms fire & automatic fire. WILBUR received shrapnel wound to the left hand.

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RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
CPL	DURST, S. R.	2326046/6511	VMO-2	N/A
LCPL	LANHAM, D. G.	2405726/1371	MABS-16	N/A
PC	POLIQUIN, M. E.	2452136/1371	MABS-16	N/A
CPL	MAGERR, W. L. III	2317784/1371	MABS-16	N/A
HM3	BECKMAN, R. C.	8522694/8404	MABS-16	N/A

HOSTILE: 190230H Aug69. MAAF, Quang Nam Province, RVN. LANHAM, POLIQUIN, MAGERR, and BECKMAN were killed when the base came under enemy rocket attack. DURST was injured while fighting fire at sickbay following rocket attack.

LCPL	LOVELADY, S. C.	2377219/6351	HMM-364	Gunner
CPL	RODRIGUEZ, R. A.	2442645/6320	HMM-364	Gunner

HOSTILE: 211115H Aug69. 8 miles S. W. of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on medevac mission in CH-46D. A/C landed on hill top and after 2 minutes in zone took RPG round from south side. A/C was able to return to MAAF. RODRIGUEZ suffered shrapnel wound to both thighs and right arm. LOVELADY received shrapnel wound to both legs, right arm and buttocks.

1stLt	BUNCE, R. L.	0105879/7563	HML-167	Co-Pilot
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HOSTILE: 241615H Aug69. 29 miles S. W. of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Co-Pilot on UH-1E when 50 caliber round hit bullet bouncer and shrapnel causing wounds to BUNCE's left shoulder.

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H. A. SMITH
By direction

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10:JCM:dfs
3 September 1969

From: Communications Officer
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, August 1969

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

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J. C. MATTE

COMMOFF 10203-16

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COMMUNICATIONS: The Radio Section continues to operate the various Radio nets for the Group. Cpl Taylor, R. L. flew retransmission for C-117. Cpl Blanchard, G. C. flew port side gunner with HMM-263.

The Communication Center processed a total of 5,933 On-Line messages and 0 Off-Line messages for the month of August 1969. Eight (8) hours and thirty two (32) minutes of circuit outage was experienced during the past month, due to minor equipment failure, power failure and preventive maintenance. Total down time for August was an eighty (80) percent improvement over the month of July.

Cpl Rubalcava, S., was assigned to attend the Off-Line Crypto school in Japan, to replace the loss of Sgt Gordon, J., due to re-assignment within MAG-16.

A complete quarterly and change of responsibility inventory was taken within the Message Center of all Equipment, RPS, and Comtac material.

The following transactions were effected by the Repair Section:

1. 100 pieces turned in for repair.
2. 98 pieces of gear repaired.
3. 7 pieces evacuated to higher echelon.
4. 5 pieces returned from higher echelon.
5. 54 requisitions processed by supply.

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

The Communication Section is presently operating at 100 men, three under manning level of 103.

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DECLASSIFIED**MEMORANDUM**

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 August 1969 is submitted herein.

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

12 August - 20 rounds of 82mm mortar - Moderate Damage

19 August - 6 rounds of 122mm rockets - Substantial Damage

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire Incidents

a. 160 fire incidents were reported during the period, up 34 from the previous month; 29 of which resulted in aircraft hits, down 2 from the previous month.

b. Out of a total of 160 fire incidents 30 of these were reported to be .50 caliber.

c. During the month of August 1 aircraft was shot down and destroyed due to intense small arms fire, a second aircraft was substantially damaged due to being hit by an RPG round.

4. Intelligence Information

a. 75 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is an increase of 41 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: 41.7 down 18.9 from the previous month.

b. Flight Hours per Aircraft Hit: 230.2 down 16.3 from the previous month.

c. Flight Hours per AircREW Spot Report: 89.0 down 135.8 from the previous month.

6. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 11 KBIA (conf), 6 structures destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 4 boats destroyed, 2 bridges damaged, and 6 secondary explosions.

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 2 Sept. 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 August 1969 are as follows:

a. The last Military Construction Project scheduled for MAG-16 (#C-523) was started by MCB-4 in August. The scope of this project includes 32 hard covered revetments and the asphalting of the western aircraft parking apron. MCB-4 has been tasked with constructing the revetments and RMK has been tasked with asphalting the apron. A cement batch plant was set up and an access road was built for heavy equipment on the south end of the eastern aircraft parking apron. Twenty (20) of these revetments are programmed for the east apron and twelve (12) for the west apron. During August MCB-4 also completed the IMA Jet Engine Shop Building and the inspection and acceptance has been scheduled for the first week in September 1969.

b. Public Works continued work on the Joint Army/Marine Corps Ammo Dump and this project is now complete with the exception of filling the revetments with latorite. Due to direct enemy action (See sub-para. g.) the priority on minor new construction project M-16-40-69, Medical Storage Quonset Hut, was changed to Logistical Urgent and amended to include moving the present Medical Quonset to the new Medical Facility Site. Public Works has started this project and it is currently 15% complete. Public Works also continued to work on the Arming/De-Arming revetments and are presently repairing road shoulders and washed out areas throughout the compound. A master work request was also submitted to Public Works to upgrade all corrugated metal roofs in the billeting cantonment. Continued emphasis was placed on air-conditioner repairs and replacement.

c. MAG-16 self-help crews were extremely busy throughout August and many projects were completed and many are presently in progress. The IRO/CAO building was rebuilt and the PMO building is presently under construction. A ready storage ammunition covered revetment was completed for VMO/HML and the guard tower by the Officer's Club was torn down. Four small buildings utilized by RMK were relocated for MAG-16's use. The barrel revetments in the HMM-463 area were removed to make way for the hard covered revetments and the Med-Evac facility was completed and put into operation. A barrel ammo retaining wall was erected at this site and head facilities were relocated to include this area. A gate was incorporated in the perimeter fence behind the EM Club to allow an access to the EM beach during the daylight hours and self-help crews continued to clear blocked drainage culverts and ditches in preparation for the forthcoming monsoon season.

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d. The S-4 Section completed and erected a new lighted sign at the main gate and work on the guard house is now 40% complete. The Logistics department participated in three change of command ceremonies and assisted and coordinated the embarkation of HMM-165 and the debarkation of HMM-164. Planning and direct liaison is now being conducted in preparation for the embarkation of HMM-164 and the arrival of MACTU-68 during the first week of September. During August the S-4 Section placed heavy emphasis on water conservation. New water conservation regulations were published and curtailment of water usage by house maids was enforced. Direct liaison was established between MAG-16 and the Army Salvage and Disposal Personnel at 80th Logistical Group in order to initiate a base clean up of scrap metal. Several loads of scrap are now hauled away daily. Further attempts to improve the base police are in progress and garbage pickups are being monitored closely by the Logistics Personnel and discrepancies are being reported to the Public Works Naval Contracts Officer.

e. On 23 August 1969 LtCol C. R. DUNBAUGH was relieved as the MAG-16 Logistics Officer and reassigned as the Commanding Officer of HMM-364. LtCol R. A. FULLER assumed the duties as Logistics Officer of MAG-16 on this date.

f. On 12 August 1969 one rocket impacted at An Hoa Airfield resulting in one crater, 550 feet from the approach end of runway 24. The damage was repaired immediately and the runway was operational by 1130, 12 August 1969. No personnel sustained injuries and negative aircraft were damaged.

g. At approximately 0300 on 19 August 1969 MMAF received several rockets throughout the compound. The MAG-16 Dispensary sustained one direct impact killing three (3) Marines and one (1) Navy Corpsman. There were no WIAs reported. Five (5) Medical S.E.A. Huts were damaged/destroyed. An estimated \$10,000.00 worth of medical supplies and equipment was lost. One 2.6 KVA alternator and one air-conditioner were also destroyed by this impact. Public Works crews rebuilt one S.E.A. hut and repaired three others. Medical personnel assisted in the general clean-up of the area. In addition to this damage, one rocket impacted on runway 35-17, resulting in one 3 to 4 foot crater, 35 meters north of the northeast taxiway. Public Works emergency crews repaired this immediately and the runway was fully operational by 0600 19 August 1969. One round impacted in the Motor Transport Area. One MB-1 crash truck sustained major damage, lighting fixtures in the Motor "T" buildings were knocked down and a 6 foot crater, two feet deep was repaired in the ramp area by Public Works. One round impacted in the HMM-263 area causing limited fragment holes in the Operations building and requiring several light fixtures to be replaced. No aircraft were reported damaged.

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 (b) Group Order 5750.10

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

Part I. Organizational Data:

Group Protestant Chaplain: Lt. G. S. Schumacher, 1-23 August
 Group Protestant Chaplain: Lt. H. G. Cook, 15-31 August
 Group Catholic Chaplain: Lt. J. H. Sestito, 1-31 August
 Chaplain's Clerk: Cpl. D. A. Vann, 1-31 August
 Chaplain's Clerk: 1Cpl. D. D. King, 1-31 August

Part II. Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights:

During the month of August 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 Schumacher rotated to OCBUS 23 August.
- B. Chaplain H. G. Cook, joined the MAG-16 Chapel staff 15 August.

2. Civic Action:

- A. 8 August: Delivered 80 lbs clothing and 2 - 150 gal. water tanks to leper colony.
- B. 12 August: Dentcap to leper colony. Dr. Gerald Eatman and DT-3 Gregory Olson. There were 53 extractions.
- C. 15 August: \$200.00 to Pastor Le-Van-Tu.

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h. During the month of August the MMAF Air Freight Section processed 625 passengers and 7556 cubic feet of cargo weighing 97,990 pounds. The Tactical Air Fuel Dispensing System Personnel dispensed 13,620 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 1,163,030 gallons of JP-4 fuel. MMAF utilized 13,044 gallons of the AVGAS and An Hoa Airfield utilized the remaining 576 gallons. The JP-4 utilization was divided between MMAF 854,788 gallons, An Hoa 168,823 gallons and Hill 55 139,419 gallons.

i. The Motor Transport Section travelled 98,457 miles, transporting 28,754 passengers, 587 short tons of cargo, 77,800 gallons of water, 33,411 gallons of MOGAS, 19,705 gallons of diesel fuel and 833,030 gallons of JP-4 fuel.

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- D. 27 August: 10 boxes of grapefruit and lemons to China Beach Orphanage.
- E. 30 August: 6 Boxes of clothes to Leper Colony.
- F. 31 August: 10 boxes of clothes and games to China Beach Orphanage.

Part IV. Supporting Documents:

1. Statistics:

A. Activities	Sunday/Att.	Weekday/Att.	Total
Protestant Worship	5/179	--	5/179
Communion	1/35	--	1/35
Catholic Worship	10/454	25/170	35/624
Communion	10/214	25/143	35/357
Later-Day Saints	4/26	4/17	8/43
Discussion Group	--	3/14	3/14
Memorial Services	--	2/445	2/445
Movie	--	1/6	1/6

B. Others Services

Catholic:

5/7th Comm. 4/130, comm 4/61
MACS-4 Sunday 1/11, comm 1/10; Weekday 1/4, comm 1/2
Camp Carter 1/22, comm 1/5

Episcopal:

1st MAW 3/21, comm 3/21
NSA Hospital 2/8, comm 2/8
FIC 1/5, comm 1/5
NAG-11 1/25

C. Miscellaneous:

Counseling Cases -- 145
Red Cross Messages - 32

2. Chaplains Activities:

Attended C.O.'s meeting, 22 and 29 August.
Attended squad meeting, 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.
Attended Protestant Monthly Rally at NSA Hospital.
Dr. Norman Vincent Peale visitation to Group.
Four visits to NSA Hospital.
Attended change of command for HMM-364 and H&MS-16.
Visited China Beach Orphanage.

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