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From: Commanding Officer  
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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 October 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.

*J. P. Bruce*  
J. P. BRUCE

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
Marble Mountain Air Facility  
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Period covered: 1 through 31 October 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	BRUCE, J. P.	COL	1-31 October 1969
XO, MAG-16	MURPHEY, E. S.	COL	1-20 October 1969
XO, MAG-16	SMITH, H. R.	COL	21-31 October 1969
ADJUTANT	WORK, R. G.	CWO-3	1-31 October 1969
S-1	MORIARTY, J. M.	LTCOL	1-31 October 1969
S-2	WINFIELD, R. L.	CWO-2	1-31 October 1969
S-3	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LTCOL	1-31 October 1969
S-4	FULLER, R. A.	LTCOL	1-31 October 1969
CO, H&MS-16	BANCROFT, R. A.	LTCOL	1-31 October 1969
CO, MABS-16	COFFMAN, J. J.	LTCOL	1-31 October 1969
CO, HML-167	LASETER, J. W.	LTCOL	1-31 October 1969
CO, HMM-263	LEDBETTER, W. R.	LTCOL	1-31 October 1969
CO, HMM-364	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LTCOL	1-31 October 1969
CO, HMM-463	RYAN, R. M.	LTCOL	1-31 October 1969
CO, HMM-361	ANDRUS, K. W.	LTCOL	1-31 October 1969
CO, VMO-2	CHALLGREN, S. A.	LTCOL	1-31 October 1969
CO, HMM-161	CARR, R. W.	MAJ	16-31 October 1969
CO, HMM-262	MESKAN, D. J.	MAJ	16-31 October 1969
CO, HML-367	CRETNEY, W. G.	LTCOL	16-31 October 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  
 HMM-263, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-364, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HML-167, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-463, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-361, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

ADCON only 16-31 October 1969

HMM-161, Phu Bai, RVN  
 HMM-262, Phu Bai, RVN  
 HML-367, Phu Bai, RVN

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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	50	427	0	0
MABS-16	22	692	4	23
HML-167	43	138	0	0
HMM-263	53	171	1	0
HMM-364	51	166	1	0
HMH-463	36	170	1	0
HMH-361	34	183	1	0
VMO-2	67	211	1	0
HMM-161	40	163	1	0
HMM-262	45	139	1	0
HML-367	40	126	1	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF VISIT</u>
1 October 1969	Major General THRASH, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing Brigadier General SPANJER, Assistant Wing Commander, First Marine Aircraft Wing Brigadier General JOHNSON, Assistant Wing Commander, First Marine Aircraft Wing Major General SIMPSON, Commanding General, First Marine Division Major General WHEELER, United States Army, Deputy Commander, XXIV Corps Lieutenant General LEE SAE HO, Commanding General, Republic of Korea Forces, RVN	Change of Command
20 October 1969	Major General THRASH, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Fly STATE approaches
23 October 1969	Major General THRASH, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Congratulate HMM-263 VMO-2 and HML-167 for the extract of Recon Team Big Flower
25 October 1969	Brigadier General DOOLEY, Chief of Staff, III MAF	Fly STATE approaches

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF VISIT</u>
29 October 1969	Lieutenant General BUSE, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific Lieutenant General NICKERSON, Commanding General, III MAF Major General THRASH, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing Brigadier General WILSON, Chief of Staff, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific	Presentation of the CNO Safety Award to HMM-263

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PART II

1. Colonel J. P. BRUCE assumed command of Marine Aircraft Group 16 on 1 October 1969, relieving Colonel F. K. FULTON.
2. During the month of October, MAG-16 aircraft flew a total of 7,375.3 hours and 20,954 sorties in support of FVMAF in I Corps Tactical Zone. Over 50% of this effort, 3,754 hours and 12,353 sorties, was flown in support of the First Marine Division.
3. Marine Aircraft Group 16 supported the following combat operations during October: PIPESTONE CANYON; VICTORY DRAGON XVI.
4. On 16 October, Marine Aircraft Group 16 assumed Administrative Control of HMM-161, HMM-262 and HML-367. Operational Control was not assumed during October. As a result of this, the Command Chronologies of these squadrons will be submitted by Marine Aircraft Group 36.
5. Contact with the VC/NVA at Marble Mountain Air Facility consisted of one mortar attack on 21 October which resulted in moderate damage.
6. Detachment Alpha of VMO-2 was formed on 2 October for the purpose of fulfilling a requirement to support the Third Marine Division with visual reconnaissance and FAC(A) aircraft after the deployment of VMO-6. The detachment was ADCON MAG-16 and OPCON ProvMAG-39 until 9 October when the detachment became OPCON MAG-36 for the remainder of the month.

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PART III

Significant Events

1. Personnel Changes

a. Number Dropped	319
b. Number Joined	237
c. Promotions	
(1) 2ndLt to 1stLt	2
(2) SSgt to GySgt	1
(3) Sgt to SSgt	1
(4) Cpl to Sgt	1
(5) LCpl to Cpl	146
(6) PFC to LCpl	21
(7) Pvt to PFC	8

2. Hostile Casualties

a. KIA (1)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
LCpl	LENHARD, H. T.	5 Oct 69	19 mi SW Danang

b. WIA (1)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Sgt	KOCH, D. M.	7 Oct 69	5 mi South Hoi An

3. Awards

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

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Major D. E. P. MILLER  
Captain J. E. SOWER  
Captain D. S. VAN LIEW  
First Lieutenant G. R. HUBBARD

PURPLE HEART

First Lieutenant H. M. WILBUR  
Staff Sergeant W. GORDON  
Sergeant M. NONEZ

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

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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	8/246	- -	8/246
Communion	8/68	- -	8/68
Catholic Worship	8/339	24/96	32/435
Communion	8/164	24/94	32/258
Later-Day Saints	8/34	1/4	9/38
Assembly of God	- -	4/18	4/18
Memorial Services	- -	2/81	2/81
Baptisms Instruction	- -	- -	- -
Baptisms	- -	- -	- -
Movie	- -	4/19	4/19

Catholic services at 5th/7th Comm; 4/120, communion 4/53

Episcopal services at 1stMAW; 3/38, communion 3/38

Episcopal services at NSA Hospital; 4/13, communion 4/13

Episcopal services at Army Advisory Group; 1/5, communion 1/5

Miscellaneous:

Counseling Cases - - 151

Red Cross Messages - 44

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

a. At the present time, MAG-16 is not providing any MEDCAP's. When MCB-4 departs for CONUS, we will assume CAP responsibility for Binh Ky and Da Me #2.

b. The CAP education effort during October consisted of the donation of 100 reams of writing tablets, 20 General WALT Scholarships, and a self help project of repairing the Binh Ky school.

c. 20 bags of cement were donated to the Buddhist Monks on Marble-Mountain for the repair of temples and shrines.

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d. A total of \$1,695 was distributed to charities by the MAG-16 Chaplains.

e. The MAG-16 Utilities section aided our Civic Action effort by constructing two showers in Binh Ky and, with the aid of TAFDS, pumping a total of 840,000 gallons of water out of 30 homes in Nui Kim Son following heavy rains.

f. A 15 pound block of C-4 was discovered under the porch of a house in Nui Kim Son where Civic Action personnel and villagers usually congregate.

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

a. There were 116 fire incidents during the month resulting in 29 aircraft hit.

b. There were 46 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value during October.

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

<u>HML-167</u>	<u>(UH-1E)</u>	<u>VMO-2 (AH-1G)</u>	<u>(OV-10A)</u>
Hours	1401.7	1139.0	1073.6
Sorties	4214	2790	538
KBA (Confirmed)	Ø	12	11 (3 boats destroyed)
Pax	3001	Ø	Ø
Cargo	Ø	Ø	Ø

<u>HMM-263</u>	<u>(CH-46D)</u>	<u>HMM-364 (CH-46D)</u>	<u>HMM-361 (CH-53A/D)</u>
Hours	1185.3	1337.8	423.4
Sorties	4091	4640	1549
Pax	9671	7773	12,066
Evacs	1031	903	Ø
Cargo (Tons)	297.3	292.0	1033.6

<u>HMM-163</u>	<u>(CH-53D)</u>	<u>HMS-16 (CH-46D)</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	787.0	27.5	Hours	7,375.3
Sorties	3106	26	Sorties	20,954
Pax	16242	Ø	Pax	48,753
Evacs	Ø	Ø	Evacs	1,934
Cargo (Tons)	3,828.8	Ø	Cargo (Tons)	5,451.7
			TAR	Ø
			KBA (Confirmed)	23

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

a. The total number of aircraft movements at Phu Bai for the month of October were as follows:

VFR	6,838
SVFR	341
IFR	145
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>7,324</u>

b. Aircraft movements at Marble Mountain Air Facility were as follows:

VFR	25,459
SVFR	772
IFR	80
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>26,311</u>

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VFR	530
IFR	22
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>552</u>

c. Aircraft movements at An Hoa were as follows:

VFR	5,945
IFR	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>5,945</u>

d. Aircraft movements at LZ Baldy were as follows:

VFR	6,570
SVFR	270
IFR	18
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>6,858</u>

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

a. Ground defense action was limited to one mortar attack on 21 October resulting in two CH-46D's lightly damaged and six moderately damaged.

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

a. The following construction was commenced during October:

- (1) Asphalt parking apron on the northwest side of the field.

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- (2) A 60 S.E.A. hut cantonment on the west side of the field.
- (3) 2 administration/operations buildings.
- (4) An OV-10A runup pad.
- (5) VIP pad
- (6) Post Office.

b. Plans were drawn for the following construction:

- (1) Three BOQ buildings which will house a total of 66 officers.
- (2) New Air Freight building.

c. A 100 X 180 foot hangar was contracted for and will be built on the west side of the field.

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PART IVSupporting Documents

✓ Command Chronology of H&MS-16	Failed	<u>MAG-16 Control Number/ Letter Identification</u>
✓ Command Chronology of MABS-16		01A30969
✓ Command Chronology of VMO-2		CO, MABS-16 ltr JWC:ejr over 5750 dtd 4Nov1969
✓ Command Chronology of HML-167		0287-69
✓ Command Chronology of HMH-463	Dep	03A30969
✓ Command Chronology of HMH-361		13-69
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-263		03A30669
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-364		03A30969
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-1		0254-69
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-2		MAG-16 S-1 ltr 1:DSV: wje over 5213 dtd 7Nov1969
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4		02A30869
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Chaplain		MAG-16 ltr 4:RES:bfw over 4000 dtd 5Nov1969
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Communications		MAG-16 Chaplain ltr 19:ELG:dld over 5750 dtd 3Nov1969
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Civic Action		MAG-16 COMMO ltr 10:JCM; dfs dtd 3Nov1969
		MAG-16 Civic Action Officer dtd HFM;mhn dtd 3Nov1969

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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 October 1969

## TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16, MMAF, RVN  
MABS-16, MMAF, RVN  
VMO-2, MMAF, RVN  
HMM-263, MMAF, RVN  
HMM-364, MMAF, RVN  
HML-167, MMAF, RVN  
HMH-463, MMAF, RVN  
HMH-361, MMAF, RVN

HMM-161, MMAF, RVN  
HMM-262, MMAF, RVN  
HML-367, MMAF, RVN

as of 16Oct69

## COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSURE

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	BRUCE, J. P.	Col	1-31 Oct69
XO, MAG-16	MURPHEY, E. S.	Col	1-20 Oct69
XO, MAG-16	SMITH, H. R.	Col	21-31 Oct69
ADJUTANT	WORK, R. G.	COW-2	1-31 Oct69
S-1	MORIARTY, J. M.	LtCol	
S-2	WINFIELD, R. L.	COW-2	1-31 Oct69
S-3	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	1-31 Oct69
S-4	FULLER, R. A.	LtCol	1-31 Oct69
CO, H&MS-16	BANCROFT, R. A.	LtCol	1-31 Oct69
CO, MABS-16	COFFMAN, J. J.	LtCol	1-31 Oct69
CO, HML-167	LASETER, J. W.	LtCol	1-31 Oct69
CO, HMM-263	LEDBETTER, W. R.	LtCol	1-31 Oct69
CO, HMM-364	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LtCol	1-31 Oct69
CO, HMH-463	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol	1-31 Oct69
CO, HMH-361	ANDRUS, K. W.	LtCol	1-31 Oct69
CO, VMO-2	CHALLGREN, S. A.	LtCol	1-31 Oct69
CO, HMM-161	GARR, R. W.	Maj	16-31 Oct69
CO, HMM-262	MESKAN, D. J.	Maj	16-31 Oct69
CO, HML-367	CRUTNEY, W. G.	LtCol	16-31 Oct69

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AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
SQUADRON	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HMS-16	50	427	0	0
MAB-16	22	692	4	23
HML-167	43	138	0	0
HMM-263	53	171	1	0
HMM-364	51	166	1	0
HMH-463	36	170	1	0
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Following Personnel Changes 1-31 Oct69

a. Number of Joinings: 237

b. Number of Drops: 319

c. Promotions:

2ndLt to 1stLt: 2  
SSgt to GySgt: 1  
Sgt to SSgt: 1  
Cpl to Sgt: 1

LCpl to Cpl: 146  
PFC to Lcpl: 21  
Pvt to PFC: 8


CASUALTIES

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
Sgt	KOCH, D. M.	227 46 40/2841	MAB-16	Passenger

HOSTILE: 071345H Oct69. 5 miles S. of Hoi An, Quang Nam Province, RVN. While passenger on CH-53, helicopter flying at 1200 ft., aircraft took 2 rounds, and one of them struck Sgt KOCH. KOCH recieved a gunshot wound in the back.

LCpl	LENNARD, M. T.	228 24 78/6212	HMM-364	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 050901Z Oct69. 19 miles S. W. of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. While flying as aerial gunner on medevac mission, aircraft took small arms fire. LENNARD died of wounds recieved in the engagement.

  
D. S. VAN LIEW  
By direction

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MEMORANDUM

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

Subj: Intelligence Input for the Command Chronology (U)

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

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

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

21 October - 13 rounds of 82mm mortar - moderate damage

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire Incidents

a. 116 fire incidents were reported during the period, up 13 from the previous month; 29 of which resulted in aircraft hit, up 15 from the previous month.

b. Out of a total of 116 fire incidents, 5 of these were reported to be .50 caliber, down 4 from the previous month.

4. Intelligence Information

a. 46 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is a decrease of 43 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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Subj: Intelligence Input for the Command Chronology (U)

5. Statistical Data

- a. Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 63.0 down 7.8 from the previous month.
- b. Flight Hours per Aircraft Hit: 252.3 down 268.7 from the previous month.
- c. Flight Hours per Aircrew Spot Report: 159.0 up 76.0 from the previous month.

6. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 19 KBMA (conf), 5 structures destroyed, 3 boats destroyed, 8 bunkers destroyed, 14 bunkers damaged.

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5 Nov 1969

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

Subj: Command Chronology; submission of

Ref: (a) Gru O 5750.1A

1. In accordance with reference (a), significant events within the Logistics field for the period of 1 thru 31 October 1969 are as follows:

a. On 1 October 1969, Base Development Officer, FMAW notified MAG-16 that USMACV approved MAG-16's emergency request for MILCON construction to expand the base facilities due to two more anticipated squadrons.

b. On 2 October 1969, Commander THOMAS and Mr. DAVE BAUMGARTNER of OICC arrived at Marble Mountain Air Facility with RMK supervisor Mr. ALLEN ERHART to discuss contract work to build the emergency MILCON asphalt parking apron of 41,366 square yards and a taxiway of 26,000 square yards.

c. On 3 October 1969, RMK began construction of the asphalt parking apron in the northwest side of the airfield.

d. On 10 October 1969, MCB-4 began to fill in the site area and started construction on a 60 S.E.A. hut contourment on the west side.

e. On 15 October 1969, BDO, FMAW notified BDO, MAG-16 that CONAVFORV would contract for a new 100' x 180' hangar on the west side via OICC contracting Office.

f. On 16 October 1969, MCB-4 representatives concluded design plans with MAG-16 BDO on the construction of three BOQ buildings that will house a total of 66 officers.

g. On 18 October 1969, the new post office, two admin/operations buildings, an OV-10A runup pad, VIP pad were staked out and construction started.

h. On 19 October 1969, MCB-4 submitted the completed design of the new air freight building to MAG-16 BDO.

i. On 19 October 1969, MABS-16 Utilities completed a wooden bridge structure leading to the enlisted club as part of a drainage system for the

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j. On 27 October 1969, MMK began lifting the pierced steel planking matting on the center west parking apron to prepare for 26,000 square yards of asphalt taxiway/parking apron.

k. On 30 October 1969, MAG-16 S-4 moved the existing Air Freight building to another area to allow for MCB-4 construction of the new Air Freight building.

l. The Motor Transport Section travelled 23,143 miles, transporting 6,682 passangers, 3,583 gallons of MO/GAS, 19,000 gallons of water, 7,247 gallons of diesel fuel, 33,014 gallons of JP-4 and 125 tons of cargo.

m. During the month of October 1969, the MMAF Air Freight Section processed 1,373 passangers and 7,235 cubic feet of cargo weighing 113,051 pounds.

*R.A. Fuller*  
R. A. FULLER  
LT. COL. USMC

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN  
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 3 Nov 1969

From: Group Chaplain  
 To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) Wing Order 5750.10  
 (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 October.

Part I. Organizational Data:

Group Catholic Chaplain: LCDR. E. L. Gallagher, 1-31 October  
 Group Protestant Chaplain: Lt. H. G. Cook, 1-31 October  
 Chaplain's Clerk: Sgt. D. L. Davis, 6-31 October  
 Chaplain's Clerk: LCpl D. D. King, 1-31 October

Part II. Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights:

During the month of October MAG-16 Chaplains provided Sunday and weekday services. Bible study, discussion classes, and movies were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

A Statistical summary is included in Part IV, Supporting Documents

Part III. Significant Events:

1. Personnel:

- A. Cpl D. A. Vann rotated to CONUS 5 October 1969
- B. Sgt D. L. Davis joined the MAG-16 Chapel staff 6 October 1969

2. Civic Action:

- Gave \$100.00 and two boxes of clothes to the China Beach Orphanage.
- Gave \$5.00 for III MAF Scholarship fund.
- Gave \$80.00 and three boxes of clothes for personal orphans support delivered to China Beach Orphanage.
- Gave \$235.00 for Military Ordinariate for Mission Sunday.
- Donated \$500.00 to the Military Ordinariate for Biafran Relief.
- Donated \$200.00 to American Red Cross to aid victims of hurricane.
- Gave 2, 75 gallon water tanks and four boxes of clothes to Leper Colony.

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Gave \$250.00 to Sacred Hearts Nursery.  
Gave \$225.00 to III MAF Civic Action.  
Gave \$100.00 to St. Vincent Church, Tien Sha

Part IV. Supporting Documents:

1. Statistics:

A. Activities	Sunday/Att.	Weekday/Att.	Total
Protestant Worship	8/246	- -	8/246
Communion	8/68	- -	8/68
Catholic Worship	8/339	24/96	32/435
Communion	8/164	24/94	32/258
Later-Day Saints	8/34	1/4	9/38
Assembly of God	- -	4/18	4/18
Memorial Services	- -	2/81	2/81
Baptisms Instruction	- -	- -	- -
Baptisms	- -	- -	- -
Movie	- -	4/19	4/19

B. Others Services

Catholic:

5/7th Comm. 4/120, comm. 4/53

Episcopal:

1stMAW 3/38, comm. 3/38

NSA Hospital 4/13, comm. 4/13

Army Advisory Group 1/5, comm. 1/5

C. Miscellaneous:

Counseling Cases - - 151

Red Cross Messages - 44

2. Chaplain's Activities:

Attended C.O.'s meeting, 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

Attended squadron meeting, 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

Attended one Episcopal retreat.

One visit to the brig.

Attended a T.V. radio meeting.

One trip to Leper Colony with Doctor Dumdey, Cooler, and Eatman.

Attended two Chaplain's meetings.

Visited China Beach and Sacred Hearts Orphanage.

Attended one drug inventory board meeting.

Attended four squadron musters.

  
EDWARD L. GALLAGHER

COMMUNICATIONS  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

10:JCM:dfs  
3 Nov 1969

From: Communications Officer  
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, October 1969

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

  
J. C. MATTE

*Comm/MAAG-16*

*OCT 1969*

COMMUNICATIONS:

RADIO SECTION: Radio Section established a station on Wing Command #2 to guard for MAG-16 Detachment. Two stations are presently in operation, one at LZ Baldy and An Hoa.

MAINTENANCE: The following transactions were made for the previous month.

1. 199 pieces turned in for repair
2. 166 pieces of gear repaired
3. 23 pieces of gear evaced
4. 13 pieces of gear returned from higher echelon
5. 61 requisitions processed by Supply

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER: The Communication Center processed a total of 5,232 on-line messages and 0 off-line messages for the month of October 1969. 22 hours and 47 minutes of circuit outage was experienced during the past month, due to minor equipment failure, power failure and preventive maintenance.

LCpl Finlay was assigned to attend the Off-Line Crypto School in Japan.

An A&M Inspection was held on the 28th of October and was found *satisfactory* with minor discrepancies.

SSgt Enzbrenner and Sgt Gordon were reassigned to MAG-16 Detachment at Phu Bai

The following equipment has been issued to MAG-16 Comm. Center to support the new detachment.

KW-7	4
UGC-6	1
TT-171	1
TH-5	2

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION: This Section has established and activated the necessary circuits to support the MAG-16 Detachment at Phu Bai. Augmentation of equipment ~~of equipment~~ and personnel was received from various sources. Lt. McLarin was assigned as Communications Officer and GySgt Bennet as Communications Chief.

First MAW CEO Office held an A&M inspection of this Section. Results of the inspection was a grade of satisfactory with discrepancies, to date all discrepancies have been rectified.

HEADQUARTERS  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, MACV  
APO, San Francisco, 96602

HFM:mhn  
3 November 69

From: Civic Action Officer  
To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for October 1969

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.13

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following statistics represent Civic Action accomplishments by MAG-16 during the period 010014 October to 312400 October 1969.

A. Medical/Dental Treatment

(1) At the present time MAG-16 is not providing any MEDCAP services; however, when MCB #4 departs for CONUS, we will assume their Civic Action area of responsibility.

(2) The Civic Action Section has been providing MCB #4 with transportation and security during their MEDCAPS to the hamlets of Binh Ky and Da Me #2.

B. Education

(1) Twenty Gen. Walt Scholarships were presented to the students of Hoa Long Village.

(2) One hundred reams of writing tablets were delivered to the various schools in the Danang Area.

C. Projects

(1) A pig farm has been established in the hamlet of Da Me #2. 5th Comm Bn is providing the feed and instructing the villagers on the proper breeding and raising methods and procedures.

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- (2) Twenty bags of cements was donated to the Buddhist Monks on Marble Mountain to assist in the repairs of some of their war-damaged temples and shrines. A marked improvement was viewed by the undersigned of the reconstruction projects and it is gratifying to see the people utilizing the donated material.
- (3) MAG-16 Utilities Section assisted the Civic Action Office by constructing two showerstalls in Binh Ky Hamlet. The CAP unit assigned in that area will be using these showers in hopes that through example the village children will pick up some sanitary habits.
- (4) In conjunction with the RD personnel in Binh Ky, the Civic Action Team of MAG-16 is attempting to repair the school facilities so that school can be reopened. WE are performing this task on strictly a scrounging basis and so far have collected enough lumber to build desks for the school.
- (5) Utilizing two pumps from Utilities and TAFDAS, we were able to pump a total of 840,000 gallons of water out of thirty homes in Nui Kim Son.
- (6) The primary school in Nui Kim Son had a clean-up day of the village and this was conducted by the principal and his students. The Civic Action Team provided the necessary rakes, sandbags, and transportation to haul the trash away.
- (7) We are attempting to start a Danang tour; however, it has not been very successful due to the lack of transportation.

#### D. Problems and incidents

- (1) Binh Ky- We have encountered some personality conflicts with the hamlet chief, who is cooperative only when he benefits personally. RD suspects him of being a VC; however, has no proof. We commenced working with the RD personnel rather than with the chief and noticed a marked improvement in our rapport with the people.



- (2) Hui Kin Son. A 15 pound, (command type) block of J-4 was discovered under the porch of a house where the Civic Action personnel usually congregate with the villagers.
- (3) Binh Ky. A gunner's-mate from Mobile Construction Battalion #4 was killed in an ambush in Binh Ky.
- (4) Hui Kin Son. A sweep was conducted of Hui Kin Son by members of the CMC team, National Police and 3rd Airbrks on 23 October 1969. Twelve VCs were netted and turned over to the National Police.

*H. F. Heston*  
H. F. HESTON

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FPO, San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 November 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.

*J. P. Bruce*  
J. P. BRUCE

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
Marble Mountain Air Facility  
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PART IOrganizational Data1. Command Composition

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	BRUCE, J. P.	COL	1-30 November 1969
XO, MAG-16	SMITH, H. R.	COL	1-30 November 1969
ADJUTANT	WORK, R. G.	CWO-2	1-30 November 1969
S-1	MORIARTY, J. M.	LTCOL	1-30 November 1969
S-2	COLE, J. R.	1STLT	1-30 November 1969
S-3	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LTCOL	1-30 November 1969
S-4	FULLER, R. A.	LTCOL	1-30 November 1969
CO, H&MS-16	BANCROFT, R. A.	LTCOL	1-30 November 1969
CO, MABS-16	COFFMAN, J. J.	LTCOL	1-30 November 1969
CO, HML-167	LASETER, J. W.	LTCOL	1-7 November 1969
CO, HML-167	WEBER, J. E.	LTCOL	8-30 November 1969
CO, HML-367	CRETNEY, W. G.	LTCOL	1-30 November 1969
CO, VMO-2	CHALLGREN, S. A.	LTCOL	1-30 November 1969
CO, HMM-161	CARR, R. W.	MAJ	1-30 November 1969
CO, HMM-262	MESKAN, D. J.	MAJ	1-30 November 1969
CO, HMM-263	LEDBETTER, W. R.	LTCOL	1-30 November 1969
CO, HMM-364	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LTCOL	1-30 November 1969
CO, HMM-361	ANDRUS, K. W.	LTCOL	1-30 November 1969
CO, HMM-463	RYAN, R. M.	LTCOL	1-30 November 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  
 HMM-263, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-364, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HML-167, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-361, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-463, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-161, Phu Bai, RVN  
 HMM-262, Phu Bai, RVN  
 HML-367, Phu Bai, RVN  
 MAG-16 Support Unit, Phu Bai, RVN

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<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-16	57	424	0	0
MABS-16	25	848	1	23
HML-167	42	130	0	0
HML-367	39	133	1	1
VMO-2	69	214	1	0
HMM-161	50	167	1	0
HMM-262	49	148	1	0
HMM-263	54	171	1	0
HMM-364	48	157	1	0
HMH-361	36	177	1	0
HMH-463	35	163	1	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF VISIT</u>
10 November 1969	Group Captain BOORKE, RAAF	Informal visit to view MAG-16 equipment
10 November 1969	Major General THRASH, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Visit to HMM-364
22 November 1969	General WALT, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps Major General THRASH, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing Major General CHAISSON, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps Major General BOWMAN, Assistant Commanding General, III MAF General LOM, Commanding General, I Corps	Visit to MAG-16 support unit at Phu Bai
25 November 1969	Major General THRASH, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Visit to HML-167

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PART II

1. During the month of November, MAG-16 aircraft flew a total of 10,049.7 hours and 28,294 sorties in support of FWMAF in I Corps Tactical Zone. Over 50% of this effort, 6,096.1 hours and 16,737 sorties, was flown in support of the First Marine Division.
2. Marine Aircraft Group 16 supported the following combat operations during November: PIPESTONE CANYON; VICTORY DRAGON XVII.
3. On 1 November, Marine Aircraft Group 16 assumed operational control of HMM-161, HMM-262 and HML-367. Administrative control had previously been assumed on 16 October 1969.
4. On 7 November Marine Aircraft Group 16 participated in the Third-Marine Division Colors Ceremony at Danang Airbase.
5. On 18 November, Marine Aircraft Group 16 participated in a static display of the Marine Air Ground Team for Deputy Secretary of Defense David PACKARD.
6. On 30 November, Marine Aircraft Group 16 completed the 60 day evaluation of the Simplified Tactical Approach and Terminal Equipment (STATE).
7. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of November was one (1) mortar attack on 4 November 1969. Light damage was incurred.

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a. Number Dropped	192
b. Number Joined	188
c. Promotions	
(1) Capt to Maj	3
(2) 1stLt to Capt	6
(3) 2ndLt to 1stLt	2
(4) GySgt to MSgt	4
(5) Sgt to SSgt	3
(6) Cpl to Sgt	62
(7) LCpl to Cpl	385
(8) PFC to LCpl	60
(9) Pvt to PFC	30

2. Hostile Casualties

## a. KIA (3)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Maj	HENRY, H. B.	12 Nov 69	AT 9543, Quang Nam Province, RVN
2ndLt	LOFTON, J. A.	12 Nov 69	AT 9543, Quang Nam Province, RVN
Cpl	ROGERS, T. F.	17 Nov 69	18½ mi SE Danang

## b. WIA (4)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1stLt	ESMOND, D. V.	17 Nov 69	18½ mi SE Danang
SSgt	SPANGER, D.	12 Nov 69	Quang Nam Province, RVN
Sgt	MCREYNOLDS, R. D.	17 Nov 69	18½ mi SE Danang
Cpl	LASAC, L. L.	11 Nov 69	3½ mi N An Hoa

3. Awards. There were no awards ceremonies held in MAG-16 in November.

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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 Service</u>	<u>Sunday/Att.</u>	<u>Weekday/Att.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Protestant Worship	10/271	0/0	10/271
Communion	6/83	0/0	6/83
Catholic Worship	10/403	22/153	32/553
Communion	10/195	22/151	32/346
Latter Day Saints	4/30	4/15	8/45
Assembly of God	0/0	4/20	4/20
Memorial Services	0/0	2/225	2/225
Baptism Instructions	0/0	0/0	0/0
Baptisms	0/0	0/0	0/0
Movie	0/0	3/33	3/33
Choir Rehearsal	0/0	1/8	1/8

Catholic services at 5th/7th Comm; 4/100

Episcopal services at 1st MAW; 5/72, communion 5/72

Episcopal services at NSA Hospital; 4/12, communion 4/12

Miscellaneous:

Counseling cases - - 151

Red Cross messages - 44

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

a. During the month of November 1969, MAG-16 Civic Action commenced MEDCAP services in the hamlet of Binh Ky in place of MCB-4.

b. One hundred reams of writing tablets, ink wells, small blackboards and pens were provided to the re-opened school in Binh Ky.

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c. When MAG-16 Civic Action commenced operating in the Hoa Phung Village Environments, the Binh Ky Hamlet School consisted mainly of a shell of a building with bullet-ridden walls and roof. The building was not being utilized as a school nor was there a single teacher in the village. The school was refurbished and reconstructed by the members of the Revolutionary Development Team with the building material "scrounged" by the Civic Action team. The RD's with the voluntary help of the local carpenters, constructed desks and doors out of discarded 3 X 12 planks from the old bunkers of Zulu Company. All the lumber that went into the reconstruction of the school was destined for the burn dump had not the Civic Action Team realized their potential use. Discarded plywood painted with black paint became blackboards while tin sheets off the MABS-16 Squadron Office was utilized as roofing for the newly furnished school. The RD's reopened the school and are presently conducting classes for approximately one hundred and fifty of Binh Ky's children until province provides a suitable teacher. This project is representative of the capabilities of a Civic Action Team provided it possesses the full cooperation of the people. The MAG-16 Civic Action Team in conjunction with the 5th Comm Bn Civil Affairs section has inaugurated a hog-raising demonstration project in Khue Bach Hamlet, Hoa Long Village. Utilizing discarded lumber materials from Zulu Company, the Civic Action personnel have constructed two covered pig stys and a larger open-air rooting pen. Two boars and four sows were procured at half price from the Phuc Long piggery in Saigon. These animals are fed daily from the mess halls at 5th Comm and Marble Mountain and periodic inoculations are administered by the Army veterinarians. We are also attempting to cross-breed with the Vietnamese sows. To this date the villagers are reluctant because of the size of our animals. However, given time, we should be able to persuade them. Although the sty is not guarded by Americans and wholly situated in the hamlet environment, none of the pigs have been stolen or poisoned. This leads us to the belief that the villagers have accepted this project and seem interested in the outcome. Ultimately, the hog-raising enterprise will be handed over to the village in an effort to build up the economy of this area. The Buddhists at Marble Mountain are continuing to rebuild their temples at Nui Kim Son. Three pallets of discarded bricks and ten bags of cement were delivered to the Temple. An old woman's house was inadvertently destroyed by the CAP team in Binh Ky while in contact with the VC. Materials scrounged by the Civic Action Team was utilized in rebuilding her house. It was very encouraging to see the whole village turn out to rebuild her house. Marines supplied the materials while the villagers provided the labor.

d. Nui Kim Son - The pigs in the village self development projects have encountered some unknown disease and we haven't been able to convince the villagers to turn over the cadavers in order to perform an autopsy. They profess to have buried the pigs; however, they have probably sold them on the open market.

e. Binh Ky - The transfer of some of the individuals from the CAP

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unit has facilitated for better working relations with the indigenous personnel. These individuals were a detriment to the Civic Action programs because of their negative attitudes towards the villagers. Two natives supposedly received flesh wounds from fam firing and steps were taken to remedy that situation.

f. A total of \$1,163.96, 19,680 pounds of food, 426 pounds of clothing and 55 gallons of gas was distributed by the MAG-16 Chaplain.

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

a. There were 145 fire incidents during the month of November resulting in 37 aircraft hits.

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

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

<u>VMO-2</u>	( <u>AH-1G</u> )	( <u>OV-10A</u> )	<u>HML-167(UH-1E)</u>	<u>HML-367(UH-1E)</u>
Hours	1,301.9	779.5	1,468.4	1,099.9
Sorties	3,146	392	4,365	2,780
KBA (Confirmed)	24	17	Ø	Ø
Pax	Ø	Ø	3,420	1,388
Cargo	Ø	Ø	Ø	7.1

<u>HMM-161</u>	( <u>CH-46D</u> )	<u>HMM-262(CH-46D)</u>	<u>HMM-263(CH-46D)</u>
Hours	1,126.4	911.2	1,082.8
Sorties	3,356	2,646	3,478
Evacs	236	213	861
Pax	7,900	4,441	6,885
Cargo	604.1	342.3	277.6

<u>HMM-364</u>	( <u>CH-46D</u> )	<u>HMH-361(CH-53A/D)</u>	<u>HMH-463(CH-53D)</u>
Hours	1,181.3	512.4	557.8
Sorties	4,209	1,928	1,964
Evacs	814	Ø	Ø
Pax	7,474	16,647	15,931
Cargo	301.5	1,522.7	2,123.2
TAR's	Ø	Ø	9

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<u>H&amp;MS-16</u>	<u>(CH-46)</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	28.1	Hours	10,049.7
Sorties	30	Sorties	28,294
		Evacs	1,651
		Pax	65,737
		Cargo	5,178.5
		KBA (Confirmed)	41
		TAR's	9

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

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

VFR	24,980
SVFR	1,242
IFR	13
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>26,235</u>

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VFR	384
IFR	28
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>412</u>

b. Aircraft movements at An Hoa were as follows:

VFR	3,599
SVFR	140
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>3,739</u>

c. Aircraft movements at Baldy Tower were as follows:

VFR	12,385
SVFR	Ø
IFR	Ø
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>12,385</u>

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

a. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of November was one (1) mortar attack on 4 November 1969.

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## a. The following construction was commenced during November:

- (1) A new MAG-16 Post Office
- (2) A fourth fourteen (14) man BOQ
- (3) A new SEA hut for MATCU-68
- (4) The fourth building of the dispensary complex
- (5) A building for a MARS station
- (6) Re-roofing the billeting huts of enlisted personnel in the 600 block

## b. The following construction was completed during November:

- (1) Two new aerology vans were installed to the south of Crash Crew
- (2) The prototype wooden revetments for SEA huts
- (3) The asphalt paving on the northern half of the west ramp taxiway
- (4) The bricking of the front gate house
- (5) The interior finishing of the two new medical buildings

c. A new trash and garbage collector was contracted and started work at MAG-16. He will provide three trucks each making three trips per day.

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✓ Command Chronology of HML-167	Ø3A33969
✓ Command Chronology of HML-367	Ø3A33569
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-161	Ø3A33769
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✓ Command Chronology of HMM-263	Ø3A34069
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-364	Ø3A33769
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-361	Ø3A34169
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-463	Ø3A15269
✓ Command Chronology of H&MS-16	Ø1A33869
✓ Command Chronology of MABS-16	CO, MABS-16 ltr JWC:ejr over 5750 dtd 6Dec69
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-1	MAG-16 ltr 1:DSV:jwp over 5213 dtd 5Dec69
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-2	MAG-16 ltr 2:JTB:wro over 05750; Ser: 02A34569 dtd 11Dec69
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4	MAG-16 ltr 4:RAF:sk over 5750 dtd 4Dec69
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Communications	MAG-16 ltr 10:JCM:dcn dtd 3Dec69
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Chaplain	MAG-16 ltr 19:ELG:dld over 5750 dtd 1Dec69

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