

HEADQUARTERS
 Marine Aircraft Group 16
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FWPac
 FPO San Francisco, 96602

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 5 ~~November~~ 1969
 December

GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Part 1 Organizational Data

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

TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16, MMAF, RVN	HMH-463, MMAF, RVN
MABS-16, MMAF, RVN	HMH-361, MMAF, RVN
VMO-2, MMAF, RVN	HMM-161, MMAF, RVN
HMM-263, MMAF, RVN	HMM-262, MMAF, RVN
HMM-364, MMAF, RVN	HML-367, MMAF, RVN
HML-167, MMAF, RVN	

Phu Bai

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSITION

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	BRUCE, J. P.	Col	1-30Nov69
XO, MAG-16	SMITH, R. R.	Col	1-30Nov69
ADJUTANT	WORK, R. G.	CWO-2	1-30Nov69
S-1	MORIARTY, J. M.	LtCol	1-30Nov69
S-2	COLE, J. R.	1stLt	1-30Nov69
S-3	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	1-30Nov69
S-4	FULLER, R. A.	LtCol	1-30Nov69
CO, H&MS-16	BANCROFT, R. A.	LtCol	1-30Nov69
CO, MABS-16	COFFMAN, J. J.	LtCol	1-30Nov69
CO, HML-167	LASETER, J. W.	LtCol	1-7Nov69
CO, HMM-263	WEBER, J. E.	LtCol	8-30Nov69
CO, HMM-364	LEDBETTER, W. R.	LtCol	1-30Nov69
CO, HMM-463	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LtCol	1-30Nov69
CO, HMM-361	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol	1-30Nov69
CO, VMO-2	ANDRUS, K. W.	LtCol	1-30Nov69
CO, HMM-161	CHAILLGREN, S. A.	LtCol	1-30Nov69
CO, HMM-262	CARR, R. W.	Maj	1-30Nov69
CO, HML-367	MESKAN, D. J.	Maj	1-30Nov69
	GRETNEY, W. G.	LtCol	1-30Nov69

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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 November 1969 is submitted herein.

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

3 November - 19 rounds of 82mm mortar - light damage

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire Incidents

a. 145 fire incidents were reported during the period, up 29 from the previous month; 37 of which resulted in aircraft hit, up 8 from the previous month.

b. Out of a total of 145 fire incidents, 9 of these were reported to be .50 caliber, up 4 from the previous month.

4. Intelligence Information

a. 77 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is an increase of 31 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: 69.3 up 6.3 from the previous month.

b. Flight Hours per Aircraft Hit: 271.6 up 19.3 from the previous month.

c. Flight Hours per Aircraft Spot Report: 130.5 down 28.5 from the previous month.

6. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 55 KBMA (conf), 12 KBMA (poss), and 3 structures destroyed.

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

Following Personnel Changes 1-30Nov69

a. Number of Joinings: 188

b. Number of Drops: 192

c. Promotions:	Capt to Maj: 3	Set to SSgt: 3
	1stLt to Capt: 6	Cpl to Sgt: 62
	2ndLt to 1stLt: 2	LCpl to Cpl: 385
	GySgt to MSgt: 4	PFC to LCpl: 60
		Pvt to PFC: 30

CASUALTIES

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Cpl	LASAC, L. L.	2251325/6212	HMM-364	Gunner

HOSTILE: 111730H Nov69. $3\frac{1}{4}$ mls north of AN, Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. A/C approaching LZ and received hostile fire. LASAC received gun shot wound lower back.

S Sgt	SPANGER, D.	1569032/6112	HMM-161	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 121015H Nov69. Quang Nam Province. Gunner on CH-46D A/C on resupply mission. A/C came under hostile fire. SPANGER wounded in abdominal.

2ndLt	LOFTON, J. A.	0107448/7565	VMO-2	Co-Pilot.
Maj	HENRY, R. B.	069439/7565	VMO-2	Pilot

HOSTILE: 121630H Nov69. Coordinates AT 9543, Quang Nam Province, RVN. A/C providing A/C came under intense enemy ground fire and made force landing. Both men killed when struck by rotor blade.

1stLt	ESMOND, D. V.	095508/7562	HMM-262	Pilot
Sgt	MCREYNOLDS, R. D.	2200389/6122	HMM-262	Gunner
Cpl	ROGERS, T. F.	2307177/6122	HMM-262	Gunner

HOSTILE: 17Nov69. $18\frac{1}{2}$ mls SE of Danang, Quang Tin Province, RVN. A/C CH-46D on emergency medevac mission in support of ROK Marines. A/C came under small arms and motor fire while in LZ. MCREYNOLDS received gunshot wounds, through and through, chest and abdomen, gunshot wound lower mandible, gunshot wound of ankle. ESMOND received shrapnel wound to right leg. ROGERS was killed.

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Capt	PARTINGTON, R. D.	091234/7564	HMH-361	Pilot
1stLt	HANSEN, J. T.	0103543/7564	HMH-361	Co-Pilot
MSgt	ELDER, A. T.	1362638/6351	HMH-361	Crew-Chief
LCpl	NELSON, F. A.	2324457/3071	HMH-361	Gunner
LCpl	NICHOLSON, G. W.	2448425/6321	HMH-361	Gunner

NON-HOSTILE: 3 mls. east of MMAF, Quang Nam Province, RVN. A/C enging failure caused A/C to crash into sea. HANSEN received compound open fracture lower plus multiple abrasions and contusions. PARTINGTON still MIA. ELDER, NELSON and NICHOLSON were killed in accident.

1stLt	KOZAI, K. B. K.	0102063/7562	HMM-364	Pilot
1stLt	READRON, J.	0104750/7562	HMM-364	Co-Pilot
Sgt	MATTINGLY, J. E.	2107512/6112	HMM-364	Crew-Chief
Cpl	PARSONS, H. B.	2348247/6242	HMM-364	Gunner
Cpl	LEFFLER, R. J.	2274281/6112	HMM-364	Gunner
HM3.	GARRETT, J. M.	B605726/8484	HMM-364	Corpsman

NON-HOSTILE: 291750H Nov69. 20½ mls/ south of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. A/C on emergency medevac mission when the helicopter broke apart in flight and crashed. All crew members were killed.

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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 30 November 1969 were as follows:

- a. During the early morning of 3 November, 19 82mm mortar rounds impacted within Marble Mountain Air Facility. Three (3) Marines and six (6) Army personnel were wounded, three (3) buildings damaged, eight (8) holes in the PSP aircraft mat, five (5) CH-46 and five (5) CH-53 aircraft damaged. Public Works repaired the PSP and buildings at first light.
- b. On 4 November, MCB-4 started construction on the new MAG-16 Post Office.
- c. On 5 November two aerology vans were installed to the south of the crash crew building.
- d. On 8 November, MCB-4 started work on the 4th 14 man BOQ.
- e. On 10 November a new SEA hut was constructed for MATCU-68 by MCB-4.
- f. On 15 November MCB-4 started work on the 4th building for the dispensary complex.
- g. On 15 November Utilities completed work on a prototype wooden revetment for SEA huts.
- h. On 17 November Utilities commenced work on erecting a building for the MARS station.
- i. On 19 November a conference to determine MAG-16 requirements for collateral equipment for MILCON C-523 buildings was held at COMNAVFORV Headquarters at Red Beach.
- j. On 19 November a conference to discuss RMK storage yard land acquisition was held at OICC, Div Con North, Da Nang.
- k. On 21 November a new trash and garbage contractor started work for MAG-16. He will provide three trucks each making three trips per day.

1. On 22 November asphalt paving was completed by RMK on the northern half of the west ramp taxiway.
- m. On 25 November work was completed on bricking the front gate house.
- n. On 26 November Public Works commenced work on re-roofing the troop billeting huts in the 600 block.
- o. On 27 November Public Works completed the interior finishing of the two new medical buildings.
- p. On 29 November MCB-4 was relieved by D Company, MCB-121. They will complete all Seabee tasked construction associated with MILCON C-523.
2. During this period MAG-16 Air Freight handled 1,481 passengers and 208,025 pounds of cargo.
3. Motor Transport travelled 94,715 miles hauling 577 tons of cargo and 28,653 passengers. During the same period 179,819 gallons of POL were transported.

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3 Dec 1969

From: Communications Officer
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, November 1969

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


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COMMUNICATIONS:

RADIO SECTION: Continues to operate necessary nets to support the group. A net utilizing the AN/PRC-77 with speech security equipment KY-38 was established for check out of compatible equipment (KY-28) as needed.

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

1. 106 pieces turned in for repair
2. 98 pieces of gear repaired
3. 7 pieces of gear evacuated
4. 6 pieces returned from higher echelon
5. 56 requisitions were processed

MESSAGE CENTER SECTION: The Message Center processed a total of 5,469 on line message and 2 off line messages for the month of November 1969. 90 hours of down time was experienced during the past month due to minor equipment, power, and preventive maintenance. Prior to total outage with a MAG-16 detachment Message Center, a total of 182 messages were transmitted to MAG-16 detachment with 0 incoming.

WIRE SECTION: Continues to maintain the field wire system. With an increase in units attached to MAG-16, a shortage of telephones and switching equipment is ~~will~~ be experienced by this section.

COMMUNICATION SECTION: MAG-16 detachment Communication Section continues to provide communication support for MAG-16 units located at Phu Bai. Considerable down time was experienced with the Radio Relay System (AN/ TRC-97) to Phu Bai, as a result 1st MAW Communication has been relaying all message traffic to Phu Bai for MAG-16 detachment. Lt Tisdale the assistant Communication Officer attended the Communication Security School at Yokosuka, Japan.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN
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 1 Dec 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 November.

Part I. Organizational Data:

Group Catholic Chaplain: LCDR. E. L. Gallagher, 1-30 November
 Group Protestant Chaplain: Lt. H. G. Cook, 1-30 November
 Chaplain's Clerk: Sgt D. L. Davis, 1-30 November
 Chaplain's Clerk: LCpl D. D. King, 1-30 November

Part II. Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights:

During the month of November MAG-16 Chaplains provided Sunday and weekday services. Bible study, discussion classes, choir rehearsals, 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. Chaplain Gallagher on Religious Retreat 17-23 November 1969

2. Civic Action:

Gave 251 lbs. of clothing to Sacred Hearts Orphanage.

Gave 55 gals. of gas to Sacred Hearts Orphanage.

Gave 9,840 lbs. of food to Sacred Hearts Orphanage.

Donated \$100.00 to Stella Maris Convent.

Gave 9,840 lbs. of food to China Beach Orphanage.

Delivered \$100.00 to China Beach Orphanage for individual orphan support.

Gave 10 lbs. of clothing, 5 lbs. of toys and 5 lbs. of toilet articles to the China Beach Orphanage.

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Gave \$80.00 for individual orphan support and \$21.50 from MAG-16 Analysis Section (Donation) to the China Beach Orphanage. Gave two, 5 lb. boxes of clothes and toys to China Beach Orphanage.

Gave \$180.00 for individual orphan support to China Beach Orphanage.

Gave 15 lbs. of clothes and toys to China Beach Orphanage.

Donated 400 Bulletins to Pastor TU of the Christian Missionary Alliance.

Gave 135 lbs. of clothes to China Beach Orphanage.

Gave \$273.00 to Happy Haven Leprosarium (Gordon Scott in charge).

Gave \$409.46 to China Beach Orphanage for completion of nursery.

Part IV. Supporting Documents:1. Statistics:

A. Activities	Sunday/Att.	Weekday/Att.	Total
Protestant Worship	10/271	--	10/271
Communion	6/83	--	6/83
Catholic Worship	10/403	22/153	32/553
Communion	10/195	22/151	32/346
Latter-Day Saints	4/30	4/18	8/45
Assembly of God	--	4/20	4/20
Memorial Services	--	2/255	2/255
Baptism Instruction	--	--	--
Baptism	--	--	--
Movie	--	3/33	3/33
Choir Rehearsal	--	1/8	1/8

B. Other Services

Catholic:

5/7th Comm. 4/100

Episcopal:

1stMAW 5/72, comm. 5/72

NSA Hospital 4/12, comm. 4/12

C. Miscellaneous:

Counseling Cases -- 94

Red Cross Messages - 34

2. Chaplain's Activities:

Attended one Protestant Conference

Attended three T.V. meetings

One visit to the Brig

Attended one drug inventory board

Attended a dinner for FMFPac Chaplain

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Actor Gallagher attended a Religious Service (Hong Kong)
Attended various parties
Visited work areas, enlisted club and officer's club

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