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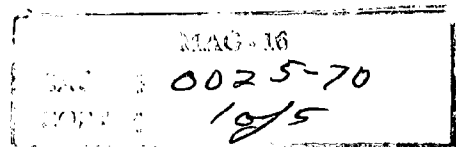
Encl: ✓ (1) MAG-16 Command Chronology (S) with Appendices

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
Marine Aircraft Group 16
Marble Mountain Air Facility
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Period covered: 1 through 31 December 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 December 1969
XO, MAG-16	SMITH, H. R.	Col	1-31 December 1969
ADJUTANT	WORK, R. G.	CWO-2	1-31 December 1969
S-1	MORIARTY, J. M.	LtCol	1-31 December 1969
S-2	COLE, J. R.	1stLt	1-31 December 1969
S-3	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	1-15 December 1969
	ANDRUS, K. W.	LtCol	16-31 December 1969
S-4	FULLER, R. A.	LtCol	1-14 December 1969
	YOUNG, E. G.	LtCol	15-31 December 1969
CO, H&MS-16	BANCROFT, R. A.	LtCol	1-22 December 1969
	HORNSBY, M. T.	Maj	23-31 December 1969
CO, MABS-16	COFFMAN, J. J.	LtCol	1-19 December 1969
	SCAGLIONE, P. C.	Maj	20-31 December 1969
CO, VMO-2	CHALLGREN, S. A.	LtCol	1-31 December 1969
CO, HML-167	WEBER, J. E.	LtCol	1-31 December 1969
CO, HML-367	CRETNEY, W. G.	LtCol	1-31 December 1969
CO, HMM-161	CARR, R. W.	Maj	1-14 December 1969
	MANN, B. H.	LtCol	15-31 December 1969
CO, HMM-262	MESKAN, D. J.	Maj	1-19 December 1969
	BANCROFT, R. A.	LtCol	20-31 December 1969
CO, HMM-263	LEDBETTER, W. R.	LtCol	1-31 December 1969
CO, HMM-364	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LtCol	1-31 December 1969
CO, HMH-361	ANDRUS, K. W.	LtCol	1-15 December 1969
	BLOCK, C. A.	LtCol	16-31 December 1969
CO, HMH-463	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol	1-31 December 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
 HML-367, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMM-263, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMM-364, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMH-361, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMH-463, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
 HMM-161, Phu Bai Air Base, RVN
 HMM-262, Phu Bai Air Base, RVN
 MAG-16 Support Unit, Phu Bai Air Base, 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	58	415	0	0
MABS-16	23	915	4	23
VMO-2	30	125	1	0
HML-167	64	193	0	0
HML-367	59	143	2	0
HMM-161	58	160	1	0
HMM-262	58	167	1	0
HMM-263	58	176	1	0
HMM-364	52	160	1	0
HMH-361	36	166	1	0
HMH-463	36	152	1	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VISITOR</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
7 December 1969	Major General THRASH, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Informal visit to HMM-263
16 December 1969	Brigadier General R. H. SPANJER, Deputy Commander of First Marine Aircraft Wing	Attended HMH-361's change of command
28 December 1969	Major General THRASH, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Informal visit to HMM-161, Phu Bai
30 December 1969	Group Captain Michael J. R. SWINEY, British Air Attache, and Squadron Leader Stewart W. HOLMES, Assistant British Air Attache of the British Embassy, Saigon, Republic of Vietnam	Visit to MAG-16 to view equipment and operations

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PART II

1. During the month of December, MAG-16 aircraft flew a total of 10,037.2 hours and 28,018 sorties in support of FVMAF in I Corps Tactical Zone. Over 57.7% of this effort, 5,787.6 hours and 18,298 sorties, was flown in direct support of the First Marine Division.
2. Marine Aircraft Group 16 supported the following operations during December: VICTORY DRAGON XVIII.
3. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of December was one (1) mortar attack on 7 December 1969. Light damage was incurred.
4. On 7 December, HML-367 moved from Hue/Phu Bai to Marble Mountain Air-Facility.
5. On 17 December 1969, there was a realignment of three tactical squadrons in MAG-16. HML-167 became the largest HML in the Marine Corps on accepting HML-367's UH-1E's. HML-367 transferred all UH-1E's to HML-167 and became an all Cobra squadron on accepting VMO-2's AH-1G's. VMO-2 transferred all of its AH-1G's and operates OV-10A's only. Large inter-group transfers were effected on realignment of these squadrons.
6. During the month of December there were five changes of command effected in MAG-16. Lieutenant Colonel B. H. MANN assumed command of HMM-161, Lieutenant Colonel C. A. BLOCK assumed command of HMM-361, Major P. C. SCAG-LIONE assumed command of MABS-16, Major M. T. HORNSEY assumed command of HEMS-16 and Lieutenant Colonel R. A. BANCROFT assumed command of HMM-262.
7. On 25 December MAG-16 aircraft supported Operation HOLLY, the Bob Hope Christmas show.

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a. Number Dropped	367
b. Number Joined	356
c. Promotions	
(1) 1stLt to Capt	6
(2) 2ndLt to 1stLt	4
(3) Cpl to Sgt	35
(4) LCpl to Cpl	30
(5) PFC to LCpl	25
(6) Pvt to PFC	15

2. Hostile Casualties

a. KIA (0)

b. WIA (10)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1stLt	WALKER, H. R.	6 Dec 69	13 mi SW Danang
LCpl	BARNES, K. D.	7 Dec 69	MMAF
Sgt	CANADY, O. L.	7 Dec 69	3 mi N An Hoa
Cpl	RIGGS, M. D.	7 Dec 69	3 mi N An Hoa
Cpl	STRONG, R. L.	7 Dec 69	3 mi N An Hoa
1stLt	CHAPIN, J. M.	8 Dec 69	7 mi S Danang
Cpl	GAMEZ, J.	19 Dec 69	Quang Tin Province
Cpl	FRYE, R. T.	26 Dec 69	Quang Nam Province
SSgt	ASHER, G. B.	27 Dec 69	1 mi S Liberty Bridge
LCpl	CONARD, C. G.	27 Dec 69	1 mi S Liberty Bridge

3. Awards. The following awards were presented during the month of December:SILVER STAR MEDAL

Captain K. H. JOHNSON VMO-2
 Corporal D. J. PETERSON HMM-364

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Captain K. A. SWANNACK	MABS-16	Lance Corporal J. D. GARRINGER	HMM-161
Captain D. S. VAN LIEW	H&MS-16	Lance Corporal D. T. FOX	HMM-161
Lance Corporal W. A. PETTIS	HMM-263		

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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	10/304	3/135	13/439
Communion	6/48	2/90	8/138
Catholic Worship	15/781	34/465	49/1246
Communion	13/286	26/100	39/386
Christmas Program	1/180	- - -	1/180
Latter Day Saints	4/21	4/20	8/41
Assembly of God	---	2/6	2/6
Memorial Services	---	2/220	2/220
Baptism Instruction	---	---	---
Baptism	---	---	---
Movie	---	3/15	3/15
Choir Rehearsal	---	6/73	6/73

Catholic service at 5th Comm: 5/110

101st Admin: 4/262, 2/71

NSA Tan My: 4/116, 3/57

Episcopal services at 1st MAW: 4/45, comm 4/45

NSA Hospital: 4/12, comm 4/12

Miscellaneous:

Counselling cases - - 241

Red Cross Messages - 45

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

a. During the month of December 1969, MAG-16 Civic Action provided MEDCAPS to the village of Binh Ky and the Orphanage at China Beach. Medical treatment was rendered to 840 persons.

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b. Six blackboards were constructed by MABS-16 Utilities and delivered to Loa Long Elementary School in Nui Kim Son. Additionally, twenty (20) sheets of tin, 10 bags of cement and 30 2"X6" were delivered for the construction of a breeze-way and milk kitchen.

c. The MAG-16 demonstration pig farm has achieved some noticeable success because the villagers have finally accepted our project. The natives have demonstrated their interest in the project by constructing their own pig pen adjacent to ours and by purchasing their own sow. The six month old sow cost approximately P16000 (\$150.00) and they requested that our boars service her when the time comes. The agreed price will be one piglet from the first litter and we can expect the mating to commence sometime in February. MAG-16's pig farm now boasts of two boars and five sows.

d. Binh Ky - Pacification of Binh Ky has been progressing slowly and there were no concrete results by which to gauge our success in winning over the people to the GVN side. The people are noticeably friendlier and healthier because of our weekly MEDCAP's and one hundred and fifty of their children are receiving an education. In conjunction with the CAP teams and Revolutionary Development personnel, we have uncovered a total of fifteen VC living within the confines of the village or in the immediate vicinity. Our future project for this village is to provide enough materials for them to build a suitable village office/meeting house.

e. A total of \$658.35, 2,025 lbs. of food, clothing and toys, 450 gifts to orphans at Christmas and a party at the Officer's Club were all supervised by the MAG-16 Chaplains.

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

a. There were 126 fire incidents during the month of December resulting in 42 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>
Hours	743.5	954.8	1,730.8
Sorties	1,590	506	5,363
KBA (Confirmed)	11	4	0
Pax	0	0	4,289
Cargo (Tons)	0	0	0

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<u>HML-367</u>	<u>(AH-1G)</u>	<u>(UH-1E)</u>	<u>HMM-161(CH-46D)</u>	<u>HMM-262(CH-46D)</u>
Hours	922.2	415.0	1,103.1	953.7
Sorties	1,731	1,380	2,765	2,741
KBA (Confirmed)	21	Ø	Ø	Ø
Pax	Ø	404	4,988	3,456
Cargo (Tons)	Ø	10.4	413.7	206.1
Evacs	Ø	Ø	484	278

<u>HMM-263</u>	<u>(CH-46D)</u>	<u>HMM-364(CH-46D)</u>	<u>HMH-361(CH-53A/D)</u>
Hours	1,087.6	1,049.4	434.4
Sorties	3,773	3,885	1,618
Evacs	597	447	Ø
Pax	7,696	7,278	21,489
Cargo (Tons)	368.2	513.1	1,178.8
TAR's	Ø	Ø	2

<u>HMH-463</u>	<u>(CH-53D)</u>	<u>H&MS-16(CH-46D)</u>	<u>(UH-1E)</u>
Hours	626.4	15.7	0.6
Sorties	2,645	19	2
Evacs	Ø	Ø	Ø
Pax	23,123	Ø	Ø
Cargo (Tons)	2,262.2	Ø	Ø
TAR's	3	Ø	Ø

<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hours	10,037.2
Sorties	28,018
Evacs	1,806
Pax	72,723
Cargo (Tons)	4,952.5
KBA (Confirmed)	36
TAR's	5

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

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

VFR	24,061
SVFR	1,258
IFR	8
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>25,327</u>

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VFR	681
IFR	63
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>744</u>

b. Aircraft movements at An Hoa were as follows:

VFR	4,278
SVER	396
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>4,674</u>

c. Aircraft movements at Baldy Tower were as follows:

VFR	10,633
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>10,633</u>

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

a. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of December was one (1) mortar attack on 7 December, consisting of 18 rounds of 82mm mortar resulting in moderate damage.

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

a. The following construction was commenced and/or completed during December:

- (1) New garbage house for Officer's Mess Hall
- (2) HMM-263's sand-filled revetments in new operating area
- (3) Wooden revetments around four (4) ROK S.E.A. huts
- (4) Re-roofing of 55 enlisted S.E.A. huts
- (5) Construction of the new ROK aviation C. O. bunker
- (6) Construction began on new HMM-361 hangar

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PART IVSupporting DocumentsMAG-16 Control Number/
Letter Identification

✓ Command Chronology of VMO-2	03A00570
✓ Command Chronology of HML-167	03A00570
✓ Command Chronology of HML-367	03A00370
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-161	03A00470
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-262	03A00570
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-263	03A00570
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-364	03A00470
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-361	CO, HMM-361 (C) ltr 3:JRW:rgv over 5750 dtd 5 Jan 70
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-463	03A00470
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-1	MAG-16 ltr 1:DSV:jwp over 5213 dtd 4 Jan 70
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-2	02A00770
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4	MAG-16 ltr 4:RES:sk over 5750 dtd 2 Jan 70
✓ Command Chronology of H&MS-16	01A00370
✓ Command Chronology of MABS-16	CO, MABS-16 ltr PCS:ejr over 5750 dtd 4 Jan 70
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Comm O	MAG-16 ltr 10:JCM:dfs dtd 3 Jan 70
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Chaplain	MAG-16 ltr 19:ELG:dld over 5750 dtd 1 Jan 70

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GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Part 1 Organizational Data

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

TASK ORGANIZATION

HAMS-16, MMAF, RVN	HMH-463, MMAF, RVN	
MABS-16, MMAF, RVN	HMH-361, MMAF, RVN	
VMO-2, MMAF, RVN	HML-367, MMAF, RVN	
HMM-263, MMAF, RVN	HMM-161, MMAF, RVN	} Phu Bai
HMM-364, MMAF, RVN	HMM-262, MMAF, RVN	
HML-167, MMAF, RVN		

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSURE

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	BRUCE, J. P.	Col	1-31Dec69
XO, MAG-16	SMITH, H. R.	Col	1-31Dec69
ADJUTANT	WORK, R. G.	CWO-2	1-31Dec69
S-1	MORIARTY, J. M.	LtCol	1-31Dec69
S-2	COLE, J. R.	1stLt	1-31Dec69
S-3	HOFSTETTER, E. E.	LtCol	1-15Dec69
	ANDRUS, K. W.	LtCol	16-31Dec69
*S-4	FULLER, R. A.	LtCol	1-14Dec69
CO, HAMS-16	BANCROFT, R. A.	LtCol	1-22Dec69
	HORNSBY, T.	Maj	23-31Dec69
CO, MABS-16	COFFMAN, J. J.	LtCol	1-19Dec69
	SCAGLIONE, P. C.	Maj	20-31Dec69
CO, HML-167	WEBER, J. E.	LtCol	1-31Dec69
CO, HMM-263	LEDBETTER, W. R.	LtCol	1-31Dec69
CO, HMM-364	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LtCol	1-31Dec69
CO, HMH-463	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol	1-31Dec69
CO, HMH-361	ANDRUS, K. W.	LtCol	1-15Dec69
	BLOCK, C. A.	LtCol	16-31Dec69
CO, VMO-2	CHALLGREN, S. A.	LtCol	1-31Dec69
CO, HMM-161	CARR, R. W.	Maj	1-14Dec69
	MANN, B. H.	LtCol	15-31Dec69
CO, HMM-262	MESKAN, D. J.	Maj	1-19Dec69
	BANCROFT, R. A.	LtCol	20-31Dec69
CO, HML-367	ORETNEY, W. G.	LtCol	1-31Dec69
*S-4	YOUNG, E. G.	LtCol	15-31Dec69

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as Assistant Communications Officer. 2ndLt W. Tisdale was transferred to
MAG-11 as Communications Officer of that unit.

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AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-16	58	415	0	0
MABS-16	23	915	4	23
HML-167	61	193	0	0
HMM-263	58	176	1	0
HMM-364	52	160	1	0
HMH-463	36	152	1	0
HMH-361	36	166	1	0
VMO-2	30	125	1	0
HMM-167	58	160	1	0
HMM-262	58	167	1	0
HML-367	59	143	2	0

Following Personnel Changes 1-31Dec69

- a. Number of Joinings: 356
- b. Number of Drops: 367
- c. Promotions: 1stLt to Capt: 6
 2ndLt to 1stLt: 4
 Cpl to Sgt: 35
 LCpl to Cpl: 30
 PFC to LCpl: 25
 Pvt to PFC: 15

CASUALTIES

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
1stLt	WALKER, H. R.	0103878/7562	HMM-262	Pilot

HOSTILE: 062015H Dec69. 13mls. south west of Danang, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. A/C landed in LZ and hit booby trap. WALKER received shrapnel wound left elbow.

LCpl	BARNES, K. D.	2305423/1391	MABS-16	N/A
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HOSTILE: 070115H Dec69. MMAF, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. Working on flight line when base came under enemy rocket attack. Motar hit near fuel pits wounding BARNES in left shoulder.

Sgt	CANADAY, O. L.	2122840/0441	H&MS-16	Gunner
Cpl	RIGGS, M. D.	2398776/6112	HMM-263	Crew Chief
Cpl	STRONG, R. L.	2359674/6112	HMM-263	Gunner

HOSTILE: 3 mls. north of An Hoa, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. While flying on a CH-46D A/C on night medevac A/C crashed and burned in zone. Cause unknown. CANADAY suffered fracture of jaw. RIGGS received contusion of shoulder, face, mouth and fracture of maxilla. STRONG suffered laceration of right leg.

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
1stLt	CHAPIN, J. M.	0100111/7562	HMM-161	Pilot

HOSTILE: 081930H Dec69. 7 mls. south of Danang, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. A/C received small arms fire when landing in LZ on medevac mission. CHAPIN received gun shot wound to right knee.

Cpl	GAMEZ, J.	2341658/6212	HMM-361	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 191500H Dec69. Quang Tin Prov., Aerial gunner on resupply mission. A/C while entering zone took small arms fire. GAMEZ suffered gun shot wound, lower right leg.

Cpl	FRYE, R. T.	2361288/6113	HMM-361	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 261817H Dec69. Quang Nam Prov., A/C on resupply mission. Took small arms fire while landing in zone. FRYE suffered gun shot wound to neck.

SSgt	ASHER, G. B.	2082345/6242	HMM-263	Gunner
LCpl	CONARD, C. G.	2455191/6112	HMM-263	Crew Chief

HOSTILE: 271815H Dec69. 1 mile south of Liberty Bridge, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. A/C took fire while in LZ. ASHER suffer shrapnel wound left forearm. CONRAD received multiple shrapnel wound right index finger, right hip and right shoulder.

LCpl	SHELTON, L. L.	2439325/3071	MABS-16	Passenger
SSgt	WALSH, R. D.	1456560/3371	MABS-16	Passenger
1stLt	BUTLER, C. K.	0106227/7562	HMM-361	Pilot
1stLt	HIGGINS, W. P.	0105125/7562	HMM-361	Co-Pilot
SSgt	SWAIN, R. R.	1496368/6112	HMM-361	Crew Member
PFC	BEADNELL, W. L.	2363504/6112	H&MS-16	Passenger
LCpl	PENCE, J. H.	2458104/3531	MABS-16	Passenger
PFC	ALDERMAN, J. M.	2558120/1391	MABS-16	Passenger
MSgt	STORM, E. R.	1070077	MarSptBn	Passenger
CTC	GATES, R. S.	9014915	USN	Passenger

NON-HOSTILE: 282030H Dec69. 10 mls. north of Danang, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. A/C on Admin flight. Flight being made under instrument flight rules. A/C crashed into side of mountain. Reason for crash undetermined. All crew members and passengers were killed.

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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 6.a.

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

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

7 December - 18 rounds of 82mm mortar - moderate damage

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire Incidents

a. 126 fire incidents were reported during the period, down 19 from the previous month; 42 of which resulted in aircraft hit, up 5 from the previous month.

b. Out of a total of 126 fire incidents, 5 of these were reported to be .50 caliber, down 4 from the previous month.

4. Intelligence Information

a. 50 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is a decrease of 27 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: 79.7 up 10.4 from the previous month.

b. Flight Hours per Aircraft Hit: 239.0 down 32.6 from the previous month.

c. Flight Hours per Aircraft Spot Report: 200.7 up 70.2 from the previous month.

6. Enemy Casualties and Damage inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 11 KBMA (conf), 6 KBMA (poss), 12 structures destroyed, and 12 bunkers destroyed.

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2 Jan 1970

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 December through 31 December 1969 were as follows:

a. MABS-16 Utilities completed construction of the new garbage house for the officer's messhall and removal of the old deteriorated building.

b. S-4 supervised the construction of 17 CH-46 revetments with sand filled barrels on the center west parking apron to enable Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263 to move their aircraft across the field to their new operating area.

c. S-4 supervised the cleaning up of scrap and wire along the sand dune located between ROK Aviation unit and new northwest apron to make way for the new HMH-361 hangar.

d. MABS-16 Utilities completed the wooden revetments around the four ROK new S.E.A. huts on the west side of the field.

e. Reroofing of 55 enlisted S.E.A. huts and repair of 11 was completed by Public Works. Public Works also started reroofing of the enlisted messhall.

f. Convoys moved HML-367 from Phu Bai.

g. Public Works accepted responsibility for the maintenance of the west side cantonment generators and the BOQ generator placed on the base as temporary power pending the installation of the improved electrical feeder system at NSA hospital area.

h. A decision was received from FMAW to ~~retrograde~~ retrograde of all air conditioners from Phu Bai to Marble Mountain Air Facility from those buildings being made available to the 24th Corps.

i. The installation of phones and power was completed at the newly constructed MARS station.

j. MABS-16 Utilities completed the construction of the ROK Aviation C.O. bunker to allow for removal of the old bunker from construction area.

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k. The new medical building, COC bunker, and HMM-263 admin buildings were accepted for use from MCB-121.

l. On 13 December, a conference was held between Base Development Officer, OICC and RMK in reference to the runway lighting project. The need to cut the runway was discussed and the fact that only 3500 feet of lighting was approved.

m. On 14 December, construction began on the new HMM-361 hangar.

n. Twenty four pre-cut wooden bunkers were received from FLC and MCB-121. Seventeen of these are for the perimeter defense.

o. On 17 December, upgrading of the electrical wiring by Public Works in the 600 block was completed.

p. Concrete was poured to form the enlisted club boxing ring platform.

q. On 17 December, Public Works completed the concrete pad and large sink in the TACQ area for use by the Vietnamese housemaids.

r. On 17 December, Public Works installed a two exhaust fans and hood with lights over the serving line in the officer's messhall.

s. On 18 December, MABS-16 heavy equipment moved two S.E.A. huts from the new west living cantonment to the new medevac site. MABS-16 Utilities has been tasked to refurbish these new medevac buildings for air conditioning and to construct wooden revetments around the huts.

t. On 18 December, MCB-121 was tasked to construct three new enlisted showers on the east side of the field to replace deteriorated showers.

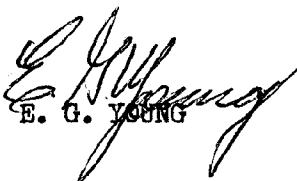
u. On 22 December, a resite plan for new locations of hardback aircraft shelters was submitted to the First Marine Aircraft Wing for forwarding to COM* NAVFORV.

v. On 29 December, S-4 moved M8A1 matting to HML-167 and created liaison with 167 and MABS-16 welders to build helicopter skid pads in the aircraft revetments.

w. On 30 December, Public Works started painting the chapel, VIP helicopter pad and Cobra pad.

x. During this period MAG-16 Air Freight handled 825 passengers, 10,906 cubic feet or 181,378 pounds of cargo.

y. Motor Transport travelled 102,473 miles hauling 555 tons of cargo and 28,170 passengers.


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10:JCM:dfs
3 Jan 1970

From: Communications Officer
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, December 1969

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


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COMM OFF/MAG-16

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COMMUNICATIONS:

RADIO SECTION: Continues to operate necessary nets to support the group. On December 9, 1969 the Radio Section started monitoring the Nestor circuit which is a covered circuit used for equipment check with helicopters.

MAINTENANCE: This section is authorized by Wing Order P4700.1A to provide Comm-Elec. Maintenance Support of organic equipment as indicated below:

AVIATION-GROUND COMMON	THIRD
TEST EQUIPMENT	THIRD
SINGLE SIDE BAND	SECOND
CRASH/FIRE TRUCK	FOURTH

In addition, the section is tasked with the responsibility of maintenance support of the TOM-10 and TOM-20 Alert and Command Intercomm System. Further, we provide either direct maintenance support or a maintenance channel for radio and telephone equipment located at Phu Bai, An Hoa and LZ Baldy.

The personnel situation, at present, is considered to be adequate with one exception. This exception is the shortage of Telephone Teletype Repairmen (MOS 2811). Currently there is ~~one man~~ ^{two men} with this MOS assigned to MAG-16. The fact is that a large portion of the sections repair work involves telephone and teletype equipment. Cross training of personnel with other MOS's is presently under way but is felt that an increase of personnel already trained in this field would serve to enhance the service the section is able to provide.

The responsibility for Comm-Elect Maintenance of the AN/VRC-77 and AN/FRC-52B which are Crash Crew radios has been placed with the MABS Communications Section. Since this action was taken in early 1969 there has only been one quota allotted this section to send personnel to school on these radios. The people originally sent to school on this equipment have rotated. A further problem with this equipment is the acquisition of repair parts. When the equipment was first obtained only factory parts lists were available for repair parts. The actual problem is that a good portion of these factory part numbers cannot be located in the Navy or Marine Corps Cross Reference Lists. This has resulted in little or no repair parts reaching the maintenance sight.

1. 155 pieces turned in for repair
2. 141 pieces of gear repaired
3. 7 pieces of gear evacuated
4. 6 pieces returned from higher echelon
5. 71 requisitions were processed

MESSAGE CENTER SECTION: The Message Center processed a total of 5,216 on line messages and 0 off line messages for the month of December 1969. 43 hours and 45 minutes of down time was experienced during the past month due to minor equipment, power and preventive maintenance. Sgt Lund, R., the Teletype Tech Chief attended the KW-7 school at Tahn Son Nhut. Cpl Steinhorst, D. and LCpl Clarkson joined the Communications Center.

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 being experienced by this section.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION: MAG-16 Detachment continues to provide communications for MAG-16 units located at Phu Bai. 2ndLt B. Little joined this section

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19:ELG:dld
 5750
 1 Jan. 1969

From: Group Chaplain
 To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) Wing Order 5750.1C
 (b) Group Order 5750.1C

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

Part I. Organizational Data:

Group Catholic Chaplain: LCDR E. L. Gallagher, 1-31 December
 Group Protestant Chaplain: Lt. H. G. Cook, 1-31 December
 Catholic Chaplain, Phu-Bai: Lt. P. J. Cary, 1-31 December
 Protestant Chaplain, Phu-Bai: Lt. D. G. Page, 1-31 December
 Chaplain's Clerk: Sgt D. L. Davis, 1-31 December
 Chaplain's Clerk: LCpl D. D. King, 1-31 December

Part II. Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights:

During the month of December 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. N/A

2. Civic Action:

Made one MEDCAP and DENTCAP to Happy Haven Lepor Colony.
 Gave 350 lbs. of food, clothes and toys to China Beach Orphanage.
 Gave \$77.55 individual orphan support.
 Donated \$25.00 to China Beach Orphanage and \$100.00 from Chapel Fund.
 Gave \$450.00 to the III MAF Scholarship Fund.
 Gave \$105.80 to China Beach Orphanage for Christmas Offering.
 Gave 215 lbs. of clothes, toys, and food to St. Josephs and Tin Lanh.

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Gave 600 lbs. of toys, food, and clothes to Iibang Orphanage, Hue.
Gave 225 lbs. of toys, food, and clothes to Iybang Orphanage, Leung Van.
Gave 200 lbs. of toys, food, and clothes to Iybang Orphanage, Tan Phu.
Gave 75 lbs. of toys, food, and clothes to Tin Lanh Orphanage, Phu Luong.
Gave 300 gifts to Catholic School in Danang.
Gave Thanh-Binh School (Father Phung in charge) 150 individual gifts for orphans.
Had Christmas Party at Officer's Club for orphans. Each child received at least one gift and plenty of food to eat.
Gave gifts to 21 Nuns after they held a concert in the Chapel, MAG-16.
Gave 360 lbs. of food, clothes, and toys to Sacred Hearts Orphanage.

Part IV. Supporting Documents:

1. Statistics:

A. Activities	Sunday/Att.	Weekday/Att.	Total
Protestant Worship	10/304	3/135	13/439
Communion	6/48	2/90	8/138
Catholic Worship	15/781	34/465	49/1246
Communion	13/286	26/100	39/386
Christmas Program	1/180	- -	1/180
Latter-Day Saints	4/21	4/20	8/41
Assembly of God	- -	2/6	2/6
Memorial Services	- -	2/220	2/220
Baptism Instruction	- -	- -	- -
Baptism	- -	- -	- -
Movie	- -	3/15	3/15
Choir Rehearsal	- -	6/73	6/73

B. Other Services

Catholic:

5th Comm. 5/110
101 st Admin. 4/262, 2/71
NSA Tan My, 4/116, 3/57

Episcopal:

1stMAW 4/45, comm. 4/45
NSA Hospital 4/12, comm. 4/12

C. Miscellaneous:

Counseling Cases - - 241
Red Cross Messages - 45

2. Chaplain's Activities:

Chaplain Gallagher conducted Day of Recollection at St. John's Seminary.

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Attended four Chaplain's meetings
Attended squadron musters
Made five visits to the Hospital
Attended one T.V. meeting
Attended C.O. and Squadron meetings
Made eight visits to the brig
Attended three Protestant Conferences
Supervised renovation of Chapel
Visited work areas, enlisted club and officer's club


EDWARD L. GALLAGHER