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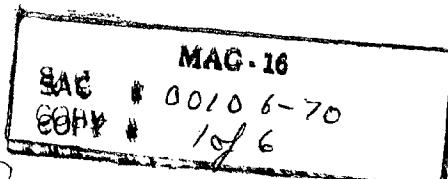
1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. MAG-16 is located at Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam 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 January 1970

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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 January 1970
XO, MAG-16	SMITH, H. R.	Col	1-31 January 1970
Adjutant	WORK, R. G.	CWO-3	1-31 January 1970
S-1	MORIARTY, J. M.	LtCol	1-12 January 1970
	CHALLGREN, S. A.	LtCol	13-31 January 1970
S-2	COLE, J. R.	1stLt	1-31 January 1970
S-3	ANDRUS, K. W.	LtCol	1-31 January 1970
S-4	YOUNG, E. G.	LtCol	1-31 January 1970
CO, H&MS-16	HORNSEY, T.	Maj	1-31 January 1970
CO, MABS-16	SCAGLIONE, P. C.	LtCol	1-31 January 1970
CO, VMO-2	CHALLGREN, S. A.	LtCol	1-12 January 1970
	MORIARTY, J. M.	LtCol	13-31 January 1970
CO, HML-167	WEBER, J. E.	LtCol	1-31 January 1970
CO, HML-367	CRETNEY, W. G.	LtCol	1-31 January 1970
CO, HMM-161	MANN, B. H.	LtCol	1-31 January 1970
CO, HMM-262	BANCROFT, R. A.	LtCol	1-31 January 1970
CO, HMM-263	LEDBETTER, W. R.	LtCol	1-31 January 1970
CO, HMM-364	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LtCol	1-31 January 1970
CO, HMM-361	BLOCK, C. A.	LtCol	1-6 January 1970
	GOVONI, R. A.	Maj	7-31 January 1970
CO, HMM-463	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol	1-7 January 1970
	BLOCK, C. A.		8-31 January 1970

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  
 HMM-361, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN  
 HMM-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	59	433	0	0
MA3S-16	23	904	4	23
VMO-2	24	127	0	0
HML-167	64	200	0	0
HML-367	60	149	2	0
HMM-161	53	154	1	0
HMM-262	56	171	1	0
HMM-263	53	170	1	0
HMM-364	52	167	1	0
HMH-361	33	159	1	0
HMH-463	35	156	0	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VISITOR</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
6 January 1970	Major General W. G. THRASH Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Visit to MAG-16
8 January 1970	Lieutenant General H. W. BUSE Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific	Visit to MAG-16
8 January 1970	Major General W. G. THRASH Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Visit to MAG-16
10 January 1970	General L. F. CHAPMAN, Jr. Commandant of the Marine Corps	Visit to MAG-16
10 January 1970	Lieutenant General H. NICKERSON, Jr. Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force	Visit to MAG-16
10 January 1970	Major General W. G. THRASH Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Visit to MAG-16
16 January 1970	Major General W. G. THRASH Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Visit to MAG-16
18 January 1970	Major General W. H. ROBINSON, Jr. Quartermaster General	Visit to MAG-16

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>VISITOR</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
22 January 1970	Brigadier General R. H. SPANIER Assistant Wing Commander	Visit to MAG-16
25 January 1970	Major General W. G. THRASH Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing	Visit to MAG-16
25 January 1970	Brigadier General T. H. MILLER, Jr. Visit to MAG-16 G-3, III Marine Amphibious Force	

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PART II

Narrative Summary

1. During the month of January, MAG-16 flew a total of 11,471.6 hours and 33,939 sorties in support of FWMAF in I Corps Tactical Zone. Over 59% of this effort, 6,882.9 hours and 22,500 sorties were flown in direct support of the First Marine Division.
2. Marine Aircraft Group 16 supported the following operations during January 1970: Victory Dragon XVIII through XIX.
3. Contact at Marble Mountain with the VC/NVA during January 1970, was one (1) rocket attack on the night of 4 January. Light damage was incurred.
4. There were three changes of command in January. Major R. A. GOVONI assumed command of HMM-361, LtCol C. A. BLOCK assumed command of HMM-463, and LtCol J. M. MORIARTY assumed command of VMO-2.
5. On 31 January 1970, HMM-361 was deployed back to CONUS as part of the Phase III withdrawal after only six months in the Republic of Vietnam.
6. During January, VMO-2 operated for the first time as an all fixed wing squadron.
7. HMM-161 reached 10,000 accident free flight hours during this month.
8. HML-167 flew 2466 flight hours during January which is an all time high for HML-167.
9. During January, Operation Kingfisher was refined, developed and used extensively as an airborne combat patrol. Kingfisher consists of one (1) UH-1E(S), C&C aircraft, carrying the Helicopter Commander Airborne (HCA), the Troop Commander and a representative from the Battalion or Regiment, three (3) CH-46's with a platoon reinforced aboard, four (4) AH-1G Cobras for gun support and one (1) OV-10A to control the air if required. Kingfisher is normally airborne at first light flying a specific route based on intelligence, however it is used on any target of opportunity. The UH-1E(S) and two AH-1G's precede the CH-46's searching for VC/NVA. On locating a suspicious target the HCA and Troop Commander make a decision on the spot to commit the platoon. If committed, smoke is dropped on the target and the CH-46's land. The rest of the company is kept in reserve for a quick reaction force if required.

During the month of January, Kingfisher was executed 17 times with the following results: 86 VC/NVA KIA(C) and 15 POW's.

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10. On 1 January 1970, MAG-16 sent a detachment of CH-53D's, Luminous Delta, to the Republic of Malaysia, to support Vice President AGNEW during his visit to Kuala Lumpur.

Six aircraft and personnel from two squadrons were committed. HMH-463 provided three (3) aircraft and HMH-361 provided three (3) aircraft.

All six aircraft departed Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN on 1 January 1970 and flew to Binh Thuy, in the Mekong Delta. The next day two of the aircraft remained at Binh Thuy as back up aircraft until the other four were in Malaysia, then returned to Marble Mountain, RVN. Luminous Delta arrived in Kuala Lumpur the afternoon of 2 January after a 1220 mile trip.

From 3 January until 7 January the flight crews were briefed and familiarized with the mission and the area.

On 8 January 1970, Luminous Delta supported Mr. AGNEW carrying 88 passengers, flying 3.6 hours and 16 sorties.

On 10 January, Luminous Delta started the 1220 mile return trip, arriving at 1730H on 12 January 1970.

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PART IIISignificant Events1. Personnel Changes

a. Number Dropped	281
b. Number Joined	329
c. Promotions:	
(1) Maj to LtCol	1
(2) 1stLt to Capt	5
(3) 2ndLt to 1stLt	0
(4) Cpl to Sgt	10
(5) LCpl to Cpl	28
(6) PFC to LCpl	40
(7) Pvt to PFC	10
(8) MSgt to MGySgt	1
(9) SSGt to GySgt	8

2. Hostile Casualties

- a. KIA (0)
- b. WIA (12)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
HM3	PORTER, R.	4 Jan 70	Quang Nam Province, RVN
HN	BOOTH, J. R.	4 Jan 70	Quang Nam Province, RVN
SSgt	GIBSON, R. A.	5 Jan 70	Quang Nam Province, RVN
1stLt	CRAWFORD, R. R.	8 Jan 70	Quang Nam Province, RVN
1stLt	DORROH, J. D.	8 Jan 70	Quang Nam Province, RVN
Cpl	FULLEN, D. P.	16 Jan 70	16 mi SW Danang, RVN
GySgt	SCOTT, G. E.	20 Jan 70	3 mi S Hill 55, RVN
Cpl	HART, D. L.	20 Jan 70	3 mi S Hill 55, RVN
SSgt	VANCE, J. A.	20 Jan 70	3 mi S Hill 55, RVN
Cpl	WOLF, T. A.	21 Jan 70	5 mi S Danang, RVN
Cpl	WESTABY, D. E.	21 Jan 70	5 mi S Thuong Duc, RVN
LCpl	REICHERT, J. P.	23 Jan 70	3 mi SE Hill 55, RVN

## 3. Awards.

None

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4. Morale/Warfare. (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	18/384	---	18/384
Communion	6/95	---	6/95
Catholic Worship	20/695	58/333	78/1028
Communion	16/254	26/119	42/373
Latter-Day Saints	3/22	3/7	6/29
Assembly of God	---	---	---
Memorial Services	1/43	3/302	4/345
Band Concert	---	1/45	1/45
Baptism Instruction	---	---	---
Baptism	---	---	---
Movie	---	1/35	1/35
Choir Rehearsal	---	5/50	5/50
Catholic service at 5th Comm:	6/89		
101st Admin:	7/368		
5th Trans:	2/22		
NSA Tan My:	5/114		
Episcopal service at 1st MAW:	4/36, comm.	4/36	
NSA Hospital:	4/14, comm.	4/14	

Miscellaneous:

Counselling cases - - 227  
 Red Cross Messages - 53

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

a. During the month of January 1970, the MAG-16 Civic Action provided MEDCAPS to the hamlets of Nui Kim Son and Binh Ky. DENTCAPS were initiated

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in Binh Ky. Expansion of this program is expected to include Nui Kim Son and Khac Bac hamlets. Medical treatment was rendered to 846 people during the month of January.

b. A total of 52 2X6's, 10 bags of cement and 6 sheets of tin were delivered to the Nui Kim Son school to be used in the construction of a breeze way and milk house for the students. In addition to the building materials, approximately forty (40) reams of lined and unlined tablets were given to the school. Twenty (20) General WALT scholarships were given at the Nui Kim Son School. Additional school books and paper were also given to Khac Bac School. Binh Ky School, which had been without teachers, now has two Vietnamese teachers who began teaching on 19 January. MAG-16 provided Binh Ky School with textbooks (120), paper (50 reams) and pencils.

c. The construction of a Town Meeting Hall (constructed by the villagers) has been completed at Binh Ky. 20 bags of cement used on the floor were given by MAG-16 Civil Affairs. The building is used by the Village Chief for conducting civil matters and is also used by the R. D. C. to give lectures to the people. Two pallets of bricks have been taken to Binh Ky to be used in the construction of a market place which will begin after Tet. Another well pump has been placed in Binh Ky and is being used extensively. Several wells have been refaced with cement and cleaned up. The pig project at Khac Bac is a continuing success. Two of the pig pens have had cement floors poured with the villagers providing some of the help. The boar and sow will be mated after Tet. A pesticide program is to be started in Khac Bac after Tet. Six spray cans (5 gallon capacity) will be supplied by Wing.

d. A total of \$1,050, 1,210 lbs. of clothing, 135 lbs. of food, 1,300 gifts to orphanages for Tet, a pump organ to the Hue seminary and initiation of MEDCAP services three times weekly to the China Beach orphanage were all disseminated and supervised by the MAG-16 Chaplains.

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

a. There were 246 fire incidents during the month of January resulting in 48 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)

	VMO-2(OV-10A)	HML-167(UH-1E)	HML-367(AH-1G)
Hours	1342.4	2466.0	1924.3
Sorties	625	6011	4556
KBA (Confirmed)	13		.54
Pax		4910	

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HMM-161 (CH-46D)HMM-262 (CH-46D)HMM-263 (CH-46D)

Hours	1,206.7	1,236.9	1,084.8
Sorties	3,414	4,214	3,918
Evacs	332	339	548
Pax	7,793	6,361	10,183
Cargo (Tons)	302.1	336.0	346.7

HMM-364 (CH-46D)HMH-361 (CH-53A/D)HMH-463 (CH-53D)

Hours	1,056.0	324.4	799.8
Sorties	3,910	4,000	3,259
Evacs	387	Ø	Ø
Pax	9,281	7,636	25,395
Cargo (Tons)	342.6	710.6	3,451.6
TAR's		1	10

H&MS-16 (CH-46D) (UH-1E)MAG-16TOTAL

Hours	2.8	27.5	Hours	11,471.6
Sorties	4	28	Sorties	33,939
Evacs			Evacs	1606
Pax			Pax	71,559
Cargo (Tons)			Cargo (Tons)	5,489.6
KBA (Confirmed)			KBA (Confirmed)	67
TAR's			TAR's	11

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

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

VFR	26,747
SVFR	818
IFR	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>27,567</u>

GCA

VFR	40
IFR	536
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>576</u>

b. Aircraft movements at An Hoa were as follows:

VFR	172
SVFR	5,029
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>5,201</u>

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c. Aircraft movements at Baldy Tower were as follows:

VFR	10,238
TOTAL	10,238

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

a. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of January was one (1) rocket attack on 5 January 1970, consisting of 6 rounds of 122mm rockets resulting in light damage.

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

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

(1) 95 yards of concrete was poured to complete the Command Post side-walks, Officer's mess pad, Port-A-Kamp snack-bar pad, bunker pad for the medical facilities, communications pad and a generator pad.

(2) MCB-121 completed construction/repair of the COC Bunker.

(3) Additional area to Staff and Enlisted Mess Halls.

(4) Bald Eagle stand-by huts were completed.

(5) S&C and Legal/Court Room renovation completed.

(6) S.E.A. huts were completed for the officer's quarters and HMM-161 office spaces.

(7) A new bus stop shelter was completed in the VM0-2 area.

(8) Public Works finished repair on the west ramp revetments damaged in the rocket attack.

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PART IVSupporting Documents

	<u>MAG-16 Control Number/ Letter Identification</u>
✓ Command Chronology of VMO-2	03A03270
✓ Command Chronology of HML-167	03A03670
✓ Command Chronology of HML-367	03A03470
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-161	03A03670
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-262	03A03670
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-263	03A03770
✓ Command Chronology of HMM-364	03A03470
✓ Command Chronology of HMH-361	CO, HMH-361 ltr 3:JRW:rlw 5750 dtd 31 Jan 1970
✓ Command Chronology of HMH-463	03A03670
✓ Command Chronology of H&MS-16	103370
✓ Command Chronology of MABS-16	CO, MABS-16 ltr PCS:ejr 5750 dtd 4 Feb 1970
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-1	S-1 ltr 1:WAK:sk 5750 dtd 6 Feb 1970
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-2	02A03570
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4	S-4 ltr 4:LEM:sk 5750 dtd 7 Feb 1970
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Comm O	CommO ltr 10:JCM:dfs dtd 5 Feb 1970
✓ Command Chronology of MAG-16 Chaplain	MAG-16 ltr 19:ELG:dld 5750 dtd 3 Feb 1970

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## 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	HML-367, MMAF, RVN
HMM-263, MMAF, RVN	HMM-161, Phu Bai, RVN
HMM-364, MMAF, RVN	HMM-262, Phu Bai, RVN
HML-167, MMAF, RVN	VMO-2, MMAF, RVN

## COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSITION

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CO, MAG-16	BRUCE, J. P.	Col.	1-31Jan70
XO, MAG-16	SMITH, H. R.	Col.	1-31Jan70
ADJUTANT	WORK, R. G.	CWO-2	1-31Jan70
S-1	MORIARTY, J. M.	LtCol.	1-12Jan70
S-2	CHALLIGREN, S. A.	LtCol.	13-31Jan70
S-3	COLE, J. R.	1st Lt.	1-31Jan70
S-4	ANDRUS, K. W.	LtCol.	1-31Jan70
CO, H&MS-16	YOUNG, E. G.	LtCol.	1-31Jan70
CO, MABS-16	HORNSBY, T.	Maj.	1-31Jan70
CO, HML-167	SCAGLIOME, P. C.	LtCol.	1-31Jan70
CO, HMM-263	WEBER, J. E.	LtCol.	1-31Jan70
CO, HMM-364	LEDBETTER, W. R.	LtCol.	1-31Jan70
CO, HMM-463	DUNBAUGH, C. R.	LtCol.	1-31Jan70
CO, HMM-161	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol.	1-7Jan70
CO, HMM-262	BLOCK, C. A.	LtCol.	8-31Jan70
CO, HML-367	MANN, B. H.	LtCol.	1-31Jan70
CO, VMO-2	BANCROFT, R. A.	LtCol.	1-31Jan70
	CRETNEY, W. G.	LtCol.	1-31Jan70
	CHALLIGREN, S. A.	LtCol.	1-12Jan70
	MORIARTY, J. M.	LtCol.	13-31Jan70

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	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&MS-16	59	433	0	0
M/ABS-16	23	904	4	23
HML-167	64	200	0	0
HMM-263	53	170	1	0
HMM-364	52	167	1	0
HMH-463	35	156	0	0
HMM-161	53	154	1	0
HMM-262	56	171	1	0
HML-367	60	149	2	0

Following Personnel Changes 1-31Jan70

a. Number of Joinings: 329

b. Number of Drops: 281

c. Promotions:

Maj. to LtCol:	1	MSgt. to MGySgt.:	1
1st Lt. to Capt.:	5	SSgt. to GySgt.:	8
2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.:	0		
Cpl. to Sgt.:	20		
LCpl. to Cpl.:	28		
Pfc. to LCpl.:	40		
Pvt. to Pfc.:	10		

CASUALTIES

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
HM3	PORTER, R.	B124282/8L04	MABS-16	Corpsman
HN	BOOTH, J. R.	B336617/8L04	MABS-16	Corpsman

HOSTILE: 041500H Jan70. Quang Nam Prov., RVN. PORTER flying in CH-46D on medevac mission when A/C received small arms fire. PORTER received gun shot wound to the left thigh. BOOTH suffered a gun shot wound to his left knee.

SSgt GIBSON, R. A. 1375977/6L12 HMM-161 Crew-Chief

HOSTILE: 051730H Jan70. Quang Nam Prov., RVN. CH-46D A/C on medevac mission when it came under enemy small arms fire. GIBSON suffered gun shot wound right arm.

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
1stLt	CRAWFORD, R. R.	0102798/7563	HML-167	Pilot
1stLt	DORROH, J. D.	0103052/7563	HML-167	Co-Pilot

HOSTILE: 081500H Jan70. BT21400, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. While flying UH-1E A/C came under enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. DORROH received minor flesh wound to left lower thigh. CRAWFORD suffered gun shot wound left knee.

Cpl	FULLEN, D. P.	2441233/2111	HMM-263	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 160815H Jan70. 16 mls. southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. While flying as gunner on CH-46D, took small arms fire when it attempted landing. FULLEN suffered shrapnel wound to face.

GySgt	SCOTT, G. E.	1400617/6112	HMM-263	Gunner
Cpl	HART, D. L.	2317058/6112	HMM-263	Crew-Chief
SSgt	VANCE, J. A.	1887022/3072	HMM-263	Gunner

HOSTILE: 200815H Jan70. 3 mls. south of Hill 55, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. While flying on CH-46D A/C enroute to landing zone, A/C came under small arms fire. SCOTT suffered gun shot wound to right upper arm. HART received shrapnel abrasion to right leg. VANCE also received shrapnel abrasions to right leg.

Cpl	WOLF, T. A.	2316893/6242	VMO-2	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 211400H Jan70. 5 mls. south of Danang, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. CH-46D approaching landing zone and came under small arms fire. WOLF suffered gun shot wound to left leg.

Cpl	WESTABY, D. E.	2349288/6112	HMM-263	Crew-Chief
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HOSTILE: 211400H Jan70. 5 mls. south of Thuong Duc, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. CH-46D A/C came under small arms fire while approaching landing zone. WESTABY suffered gun shot wound to right lower leg.

LCpl	REICHERT, J. P.	2472023/6511	HML-167	Gunner
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HOSTILE: 230845H Jan70. 3 mls. southeast of Hill 55, Quang Nam Prov., RVN. While on Mission #3, UH-1E A/C came under small arms fire. REICHERT received gun shot wound to right leg.

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FPO San Francisco, 96602

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05750  
Ser: 02A03570  
4 February 1970

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 January 1970 is submitted herein.

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

4 January - 6 rounds of 122mm rockets - light damage

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire Incidents

a. 246 fire incidents were reported during the period, up 120 from the previous month; 48 of which resulted in aircraft hit, up 6 from the previous month.

b. Out of a total of 246 fire incidents, 14 of these were reported to be .50 caliber, up 9 from the previous month.

4. Intelligence Information

a. 95 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is an increase of 45 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: 46.8 down 32.9 from the previous month.

b. Flight Hours per Aircraft Hit: 240.7 up 1.7 from the previous month.

c. Flight Hours per Aircraft Spot Report: 121.3 down 79.4 from the previous month.

6. Enemy Casualties and Damage inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 59 KBMA (conf), 12 KBMA (poss), 7 hooches destroyed, 5 hooches damaged, 1 boat destroyed, 1 bridge damaged, 7 trucks destroyed, 15 bunkers destroyed, 19 bunkers damaged.

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 5750  
 7 Feb 1970

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

Subj: Command Chronology; submission of

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1C

1. In accordance with reference (a), significant events within the logistics field for the period 1 January through 31 January 1970 were as follows:

a. Construction completed:

- (1) 95 yards of concrete poured completing the Command Post sidewalks, Officer's mess pad, Port-A-Kamp snackbar pad, bunker pad for the medical facilities, communications pad and a generator pad.
- (2) MCB-121 completed the COC bunker.
- (3) Addition to SNCO/Enlisted messhall completed and accepted.
- (4) Bus stop shelter in VMO area completed.
- (5) Bald Eagle stand-by crew huts were completed.
- (6) SEA hut repairs for HMH-161 office spaces completed.
- (7) SEA hut for officer quarters completed.
- (8) S & C and court room renovation completed.
- (9) Public Works completed repairs on the west ramp revetments damaged by the rocket attack on 4 January 1970.

b. On 10 January, CWO-2 C. A. McCULLOUGH assumed the duties of Base Development Officer from Major R. E. STOFFEY.

c. During this period Marine Aircraft Group 16 Air Freight handled 682 passengers, 9,601 cubic feet of cargo and 178,118 pounds of cargo.

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d. Motor Transport traveled 90,365 miles, hauling 530 tons of cargo, and 25,506 passengers during this period.

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10:JCM:dfs  
5 Feb 1970

From: Communications Officer  
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, January 1970

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

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COMMUNICATIONS:

RADIO SECTION: The Radio Section processed 119 incoming messages and 36 outgoing messages for the month of January. There was thirty minutes of transmit time on the Nestor Circuit, checks were made in the covered mode. Radio monitored HF frequency in the COC Bunker, which was to be used for communications with VM0-2, no contact for the whole month of January. The Radio Section continues to operate and maintain all of the assigned radio circuits.

MAINTENANCE: The Maintenance Section operated with a total strength of 16, of this two men were assigned to Zulu Co., 1 man to Wire Section, 1 man to Message Center and one man as gunner for HMM-263. This left an effective strength for January of 11, which is considered sufficient. There have been no major problems encountered this month.

Listed below is an account of what was performed by Maintenance.

1. 205 pieces of equipment turned in for repair.
2. 177 pieces of gear repaired.
3. 14 pieces of gear evacuated.
4. 5 pieces returned from higher echelon.
5. 97 requisitions were processed.

MESSAGE CENTER SECTION: The Message Center processed a total of 5,237 on line messages and 0 off line messages for the month of January 1970. 49 hours and 30 minutes of down time was experienced during the past month due to minor equipment, power and preventive maintenance. Cpl Stoeckle attended the KW-7 Crypto School at Tahn Son Nhut. LCpl Rasmussen attended the Teletype Repair School in the Philipines. SSgt Bantos joined the Communications Section and will replace SSgt Harger who is due to rotate in February.

WIRE SECTION: Wire Section had the following trouble calls for the month of January.

Negative Troubles	32
Cut Lines	43
Relocate Phones	40
Dial Telephone Troubles	35
Replaced Broken Phones	2
Work Request Submitted to DCO:	
For Phone Relocations	21
Replaced Terminal Boxes	4

This section repaired break in 200 pr cable and installed 850 feet of 25 pair cable. Public Works department installed a 400 pair cable from the present frame to the new switchboard location.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION: MAG-16 Detachment at Phu Bai continues to provide services for MAG-16 units located there. Personnel assigned to MAG-16 are sufficient to operate and maintain all required communications for this Group. MAG-16 Communications was requested to assist in the installation of radio equipment in helicopter assigned to CG 1st Marine Division.

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19:ELG:dld  
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3 Feb. 1970

From: Group Chaplain  
To: Commanding Officer  
Subj: Command Chronology  
Ref: (a) WgO 5730.1C  
(b) GpO 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 January.

Part I. Organizational Data:

Group Catholic Chaplain: LCDR E. L. Gallagher, 1-31 January  
Group Protestant Chaplain: LT H. G. Cook, 1-31 January  
Catholic Chaplain, Phu-Bai: LT P. J. Cary, 1-31 January  
Chaplain's Clerk: SGT D. L. Davis, 1-31 January  
Chaplain's Clerk: LCpl D. D. King, 1-31 January  
Chaplain's Clerk: LCpl A. Gonzales, 1-31 January

Part II. Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights:

During the month of January 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. Protestant Chaplain, Phu-Bai, LT D. C. Page was transferred from MAG-16 to MAG-13, Chu-Lai on 15 January 1970.

2. Civic Action:

Gave 150lbs. of clothes to Libang School.  
Gave 500lbs. of clothes to Fr. Phu's Boy's Home.  
Gave 30lbs. of food to Lybrng Orphanage.  
Gave 30lbs. of dairy foods to Tin Lank Orphanage.  
Gave 75lbs. of food and dairy products to An Kahn Orphanage.

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Gave pump organ to seminary, Hue.  
 Gave \$50.00 to medical mission, Hue.  
 Gave \$50.00 to An Kahn Orphanage.  
 Gave \$100.00 to Danang nursing school.  
 Gave \$250.00 to Tin Lank Church.  
 Gave \$100.00 to American Bible Society.  
 Gave \$100.00 to Medical Assitance Program.  
 Helped Cheu Hoi Camp dismantle an abandoned chapel at XXIV Corps.  
 Gave Cheu Hoi Camp 30 bags of cement, 4 truck loads of scrap lumber and tin, 10 pews, 1 altar, 1 pulpit and \$100.00 for Mr. Thoung.  
 Gave 200 bars of soap and 100 tubes of toothpaste to boy's home.  
 Gave 50lbs. of soap, candy, and toothpaste to Luong Van Orphanage.  
 Gave 100lbs. of rice to boy's home.  
 Gave 50lbs. of candy and school supplies to An Kahn Orphanage.  
 Gave 9 truck loads of dirt to Cheu Hoi Chapel.  
 Gave 460lbs. of clothes, food and toys to China Beach Orphanage and Sacred Hearts Orphanage.  
 Gave 800 gifts for "TET" to Nui Kim Son Village.  
 Gave 500 gifts for "TET" to Binh Ky Village.  
 Made one MEDCAP to Binh Ky, also one field service for CAP at Binh Ky.  
 Gave \$10.00 to China Beach Orphanage for chickens.  
 Gave \$90.00 for individual orphan support.  
 Gave 2 divans and 2 chairs to Sacred Hearts Orphanage.  
 Gave 250 books for use at the base library.  
 Set-up MEDCAP 3 times weekly for China Beach Orphanage.  
 Gave \$100.00 to Stella Maris Convent and \$100.00 to Sacred Hearts Orphanage.

Part IV. Supporting Documents:1. Statistics:

A. Activities	Sunday/Att.	Weekday/Att.	TOTAL
Protestant Worship	18/384	—	18/384
Communion	6/95	—	6/95
Catholic Worship	20/695	58/333	78/1028
Communion	16/254	26/119	42/373
Latter-Day Saints	3/22	3/7	6/29
Assembly of God	—	—	—
Memorial Services	1/43	3/302	4/345
Band Concert	—	1/45	1/45
Baptism Instruction	—	—	—
Baptism	—	—	—
Movie	—	1/13	1/13
Choir Rehearsal	—	5/50	5/50

## B. Other Services:

Catholic:

5th Comm. 6/89

101st Admin. 7/368

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Episcopal:  
1stMAW 4/36, comm. 4/36  
NSA Hospital 4/14, comm. 4/14

C. Miscellaneous:  
Counseling Cases -- 227  
Red Cross Messages - 53

2. Chaplain's Activities:

Covered NSA Hospital for 2 nights.  
Attended Human Relations Board meeting.  
Attended 2 Change of Command ceremonies.  
Attended indoctrination lecture.  
Made 8 visits to the brig.  
Attended CO's and Squadron meetings.  
Attended one T.V. meeting.  
Made 10 visits to the hospital.  
Attended drug inventory board.  
Attended 1 protestant conference (Episcopal).  
Attended Chaplain's meetings.  
Attended farewell dinner for Chaplain Sullivan.  
Attended Don Bosco celebration.  
Hosted Phu-Bai area chaplain's coffee.  
Conducted tour of Hue City.  
Visited working areas, enlisted clubs and officer's club.

  
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holes. 367 and 161 will also supply the school per pencils and books.

2. On the 26th of February MAG-16 Civic Action transported 100 students from Kim Son school to Red Beach for a two day student sonclave. Students were supplied with 15 cases of C-Rations.

3. Kim Son school received 10.000VN\$ for General Walt Scholarships.

C. Projects.

1. Khac Bac pig project is a continuing success. Our one mature sow was breed around the 6th of February; however, it will be 114 days before we know... for sure...

2. The market place at Binh Ky has been completed. It consists of three buildings, covering an area of 1200 sq. ft. The structures are composed of 173 2x4s, 128 sheets of tin and 30 bags of cement.



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