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3d Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 15-30 April 1971

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for Marine Aircraft Group 16

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>15-30 Apr 71</u>
CO, MAG-16	Col STREET, L. C. III	15-30 Apr 71
XO, MAG-16	LtCol GILLIS, J. E.	15-30 Apr 71

Subordinate Units

H&MS-16	Maj SILARD, C. D. Jr.	15-30 Apr 71
MABS-16	LtCol DEAN, J. M.	15-20 Apr 71
	LtCol SPURLOCK, D. A.	20-30 Apr 71
HML-167	LtCol BLANC, R. J.	15-30 Apr 71
HMM-262	LtCol WEST, F. K.	15-30 Apr 71
HFM-263	Maj ANDERSON, D. N.	15-30 Apr 71
HML-367	LtCol REESE, C. L.	15-30 Apr 71
HMH-463	LtCol REAP, T. S.	15-30 Apr 71

2. Location

15-30 April 1971: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	LtCol GILLIS, J. E.	15-30 Apr 71
Adjutant	Capt FEASELMAN, C. H.	15-30 Apr 71
S-1	Maj BARRY, J. A.	15-30 Apr 71
S-2	Capt GARCIA, A. J.	15-30 Apr 71
S-3	LtCol STEADMAN, H. W.	15-30 Apr 71
S-4	LtCol LEISY, R. R.	15-30 Apr 71

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
331	1,556	7	23

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MAG-16 continued its support of Free World Military Assistance Forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone. MAG-16 flew a total of 2,673.2 hours and 7,575 sorties while supporting the First Marine Division, First Marine Aircraft Wing, the United States Army, the Republic of Korea Marines and the Army of the Republic of Viet Nam.

Air activity remained high during the reporting period despite the increased tempo of preparation for redeployment. Golden Dragon 14-2, probably the last large scale ROK Marine tactical operation to be supported by MAG-16, commenced on 24 April using the majority of our helicopter assets. Support continued while the ROK Marine units remained in the field. Ceremonies commemorating the ARVN Lam Son 719 operation were conducted at Hue Phu Bai on 17 April 1971. Dimmer CH-53D and Scarface AH-1G/J aircraft participated in a massive joint service fly-over during the program in which HMM-463 was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

As of 15 April 1971 the Comprise UH-1E was required to fly virtually all rocket belt visual reconnaissance mission when the Army LOH-6 ceased to be tasked. HML-167 and HML-367 commenced intensively employing CBU-55 Fuel-Air-Explosive (FAE) ordnance in support of the 1st Marines and 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

On 24 April 1971 intelligence sources reported an increase of enemy activity against the Danang vital area. The Air Group responded with activation of the Mobile Alert and was ready when MMAF received two (2) 122mm rockets at 0300H 26 April 1971.

In the interest of troop morale and spirit "Comprise" and "Scarface" mustered maximum availability for a 18 and 24 aircraft fly-over respectively at MMAF and adjacent areas. Interestingly, each copilot seat in the "Cobra" was filled by a deserving squadron enlisted Marine. On 18 April 1971 an impressive Cobra and UH-1E fire power demonstration was also conducted to show the non-flying MAG-16 personnel the lethal effect of the aircraft they faithfully supported.

Change of command ceremonies were held on 20 April 1971 as LtCol J. M. DEAN relinquished command of Marine Air Base Squadron-16 to LtCol D. A. SPURLOCK. That evening the Group suffered the loss of a HMM-262 CH-46D and three of its crew when it crashed on the beach 1/2 mile north of MMAF.

The reporting period closed out with HMM-263 flying its last combat mission prior to the 1 May stand down. While in the combat zone, the "Blue Eagles" logged 30,169 flight hours.

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PART IIISequential Listing Of Significant Events

1. Awards. 108 Strike/Flight Air Medals were awarded during the second half of April 1971.

2. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 1 KBMA (Confirmed), 41 KBMA (Probable), 6 Hootches destroyed, 7 Bunkers destroyed, 8 Bunkers damaged, 1 Truck damaged, 9 Secondary Explosions.

3. Intelligence. 1 aircrew spot report of intelligence value was received from aircrews and other sources.

4. Sequential Listing of Significant Events by Date.

15 April 1971: Two Cobras from HML-367 were credited with five (5) KBMA (probable), and destroying four (4) Hootches.

15 April 1971: During mission 91, two (2) Bunkers were destroyed with one (1) secondary explosion and unknown KBMA. These were credited to HML-367.

15 April 1971: HML-167 assumed all rocket belt VR missions previously flown by U. S. Army LOH-6's.

16 April 1971: HML-167 and HML-367 commenced extensive employment of CBU-55 (FAE) weapons in support of 1st Marines and 2d ROK Marine Brigade.

17 April 1971: Aircraft of HMH-463 and HML-367 participated in a joint-services fly-over commemorating Lam Son 719 at Hue Phu Bai. HMH-463 was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

17 April 1971: HML-167 mustered for a 18 aircraft fly-over at MMAF.

17 April 1971: Two AH-1J's from HML-367 were credited with twelve (12) KBMA's (probable) and destroying three (3) Bunkers during a strike mission.

17 April 1971: While supporting the ROKMC, two Cobras from HML-367 were credited with two (2) KBMA (probable) and one (1) Bunker destroyed.

18 April 1971: MAG-16 conducted a AH-1G/UH-1E fire power demonstration for non-flying support personnel.

19 April 1971: Two Cobras from HML-367 were credited with destroying one (1)

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- 19 April 1971: Bunker.
- 20 April 1971: During a strike mission, two Cobras from HML-367 were credited with eight (8) KBMA (probable) and damaging one (1) Truck.
- 20 April 1971: During mission 82, two Cobras from HML-367 were credited with damaging eight (8) Bunkers and one (1) secondary explosion.
- 20 April 1971: Three Cobras from HML-367 were credited with one (1) KBMA (confirmed) and four (4) KBMA (probable).
- 20 April 1971: Two UH-1E's from HML-167 were credited with four (4) secondary explosions.
- 20 April 1971: LtCol J. M. DEAN relinquished command of MABS-16 to LtCol D. A. SPURLOCK.
- 20 April 1971: A CH-46D of HMM-262 crashed 1/2 mile north of MMAF killing three (3) of its crew.
- 21 April 1971: Two Cobras from HML-367 were credited with one (1) KBMA (probable).
- 22 April 1971: On mission 91, two UH-1E's from HML-167 were credited with one (1) secondary explosion.
- 22 April 1971: Two Cobras from HML-367 were credited with two (2) secondary explosions.
- 24 April 1971: ROK Marines Operation Golden Dragon 14-2 commenced with a majority of MAG-16 transports in support.
- 24 April 1971: Activated Mobile Alert and set high enemy threat condition based on intelligence input.
- 26 April 1971: MMAF received 2x122mm enemy rockets at 0300H. No USMC casualties or damage sustained.
- 28 April 1971: HML-167 UH-1E's experienced a second engine failure of unknown cause. All aircraft were grounded pending investigation.
- 30 April 1971: During a resupply mission, two Cobras from HML-367 were credited with five (5) KBMA (probable).
- 30 April 1971: Two Cobras from HML-367 were credited with three (3) KBMA (probable) and destroying two (2) Hootches.
- 30 April 1971: Last operational flights conducted by HMM-263 prior to stand down.

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5. Air OperationsHML-167(UH-1E)

Hours 635.7
Sorties 1,563
KBA (Confirmed) Ø
Pax 829

HMM-262(CH-46D)

Hours 523.0
Sorties 2,098
Pax 2,294
Cargo (Tons) 51.4
Evacs 94

HMM-463(CH-53D)

Hours 284.0
Sorties 756
Pax 2,856
Cargo (Tons) 923.7
TAR's 2

MAG-16 TOTAL

Hours 2,673.2
Sorties 7,575
Cargo (Tons) 1,052.3
Pax 10,470
Evacs 126
KBA (Confirmed) 1
TAR's 2

HML-367(AH-1G/J)

765.7
1,458
1
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HMM-263(CH-46D)

452.5
1,691
4,491
77.2
32

HAMS-16(CH-46D)

12.3
9
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FY 71 TOTAL

76,316.4
262,899
46,427.8
454,638
9,052
360
71

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6. Hostile Fire Analysis

a. Enroute Fire Incident/Hit Chart

	OVER 500'	UNDER 500'	TOTAL
INCIDENTS	5	5	10
HITS	0	1	1

b. Fire Incident/Hit Chart

TYPE MSN.	FLT TIME		FIRE INCIDENTS		HITS	
	HR.	%	NUMBER	%	INCID	%
MEDEVAC	190	7	13	30	1	25
STRIKE	857	33	16	40	1	25
OTHER	1626	60	11	30	2	50
TOTAL	2673	100	41	100	4	100

c. Based on the above chart and prior compiled data, all flights below 1500 feet AGL are escorted by gunships.

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PART IVSupporting DocumentsMAG-16 Control Number/
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Command Chronology of HMM-262

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Command Chronology of HMM-263

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sep Command Chronology of HML-367

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Command Chronology of HMM-463

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Command Chronology of H&MS-16

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Command Chronology of MABS-16

CO, MABS-16 ltr of 3 May 71

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Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4

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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	HMM-262	MMAF, RVN
MABS-16	MMAF, RVN	HMM-263	MMAF, RVN
HML-167	MMAF, RVN	HMH-463	MMAF, RVN
HML-367	MMAF, RVN		

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSURE

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO, MAG-16	STREET, L. C. III	Col.	15 - 30 Apr 71
XO, MAG-16	GILLIS, J. E.	LtCol	15 - 30 Apr 71
S-1	BARRY, J. A.	Maj	15 - 30 Apr 71
S-2	GARCIA, A. J.	Capt	15 - 30 Apr 71
S-3	STEADMAN, H. W.	LtCol	15 - 30 Apr 71
S-4	LEISY, R. R.	LtCol	15 - 30 Apr 71
CO, H&MS-16	BILARD, C. C.	Maj	15 - 30 Apr 71
CO, MABS-16	DEAN, J. M.	LtCol	15 - 20 Apr 71
	SPURLOCK, D. A.	LtCol	21 - 30 Apr 71
CO, HML-167	BLANC, R. J.	LtCol	15 - 30 Apr 71
CO, HMM-262	WEST, F. K.	LtCol	15 - 30 Apr 71
CO, HMM-263	ANDERSON, D. N.	Maj	15 - 30 Apr 71
CO, HML-367	REESE, C. L.	LtCol	15 - 30 Apr 71
CO, HMH-463	REAP, T. S.	LtCol	15 - 30 Apr 71

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		NAVY	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&MS-16	52	365	0	0
MABS-16	26	591	3	23
HML-167	49	103	0	0
HML-367	60	118	1	0
HMH-463	47	141	1	0
HMM-262	47	103	1	0
HMM-263	50	135	1	0

S-1, MAG-16

15-30 Apr 71

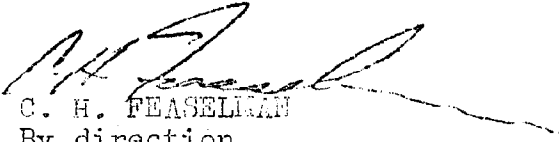
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Following Personal Changes 1-14 April 1971

- a. Number of Joins: 77
- b. Number of Drops: 26
- c. Promotions: E-2 to E-3, 3

CASUALTIES

None Reported.


C. H. FEASELMAN
By direction

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From: Intelligence Officer
To: Operations Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16
Subj: Intelligence Input for the Command Chronology (U)
Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D
Encl: (1) Narrative Summary

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), the intelligence input for the MAG-16 Command Chronology for 15 thru 30 April 1971 is hereby submitted.

2. This letter is unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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A. J. GARCIA

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Intelligence Section, MAG-16, MFAW, FMFPac, FPO San Francisco 96602
Captain Anthony J. GARCIA 089404/7562 USMC has filled the billet of
Intelligence Officer from 16 January 1971 to Present.

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Ground Activity. During the period 15-30 April the enemy conducted the following attack against Marble Mountain Air Facility:

26 March-2 X 122MM rockets within the perimeter. 5 WIA (USA); 3 EVAC, 2 minor. 1 bunker damaged, 1 hooch damaged.

2. Anti-Aircraft Activity

a. 41 fire incidents were reported during this period; 4 of which resulted in aircraft hits.

b. There were no .50 caliber incidents for this reporting period.

c. Enemy AA fire caused the following casualties during this reporting period: 1 USMC WIA (M) Crew Chief

3. Intelligence Information

a. 1 aircrew spot report of intelligence value was received from aircrews and other sources.

b. No reports of intelligence value were received from indigenous sources.

4. Statistical Data

a. Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 63.8

b. Flight Hours per Hit: 653.9

c. Flight Hours per Spot Report: 2615.5

5. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted: 1 KBMA (conf), 41 KBMA (prob), 6 Hooches destroyed, 7 Bunkers destroyed, 8 Bunkers damaged, 1 Truck damaged, 9 Secondary Explosions.

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

Subj: Command Chronology; submission of

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1D

1. In accordance with reference (a), significant events within the logistics field for the period of 16 April through 30 April were as follows:

a. 16-30 April. MAG-16 received seven (7) D100 and two (2) D200 trucks from Marine Wing Headquarters Group One.

b. Continual planning with USA representatives pertaining to MMAF facilities turn over was conducted through the period of 16-30 April.

c. Embarkation Posture Analysis for each squadron was published on 30 April.

d. 26 April. A Battle Damage Report was submitted after the rocket attack of 260304. Two (2) 122 MM rockets hit MMAF. USA tenant (212th AVN. CO.) reported; three (3) WIA (minor), one (1) enlisted barracks damaged and one (1) bunker partially damaged.

e. Pre-rotation A&M Embarkation Inspections conducted as follows: HML-167 - 27 April and, HML-367 - 29 April.

f. Continued embarkation planning for the retrograde of all MAG-16 units was conducted during this period.


R. R. LEISY