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1. In compliance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded herewith.


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By direction

Appendix 6

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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, VIETNAM, MABS-16, 1-30SEP66

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Rodney D. MC KITRICK - Commanding Officer (1-30Sep66)
 Major Lewis I. ZEIGLER - Executive Officer (1-7Sep66)
 Major James H. COFFIN, - Executive Officer (18-30Sep66)
 Major John R. YATES - Base Services Officer (1-25Sep66)
 Capt Roy G. CORBETT - Commanding Officer, Zulu Co (1-30Sep66)
 Capt Michael E. PACHOLEK - Administrative Officer (1-3Sep66)
 Capt Milton B. ROGERS - Communications Officer (1-30Sep66)
 1stLt John P. FLYNN - Administrative Officer (1-30Sep66)
 1stLt Robert W. FORSYTH - IRO (1-26Sep66)
 1stLt Richard R. HILL - Intelligence Officer (Phu Bai 1-30Sep66)
 1stLt Chester J. PATRAITIS - Food Services Officer (1-30Sep66)
 1stLt John I. SCILEPPI - PMO (1-30Sep66)
 1stLt Clarence D. SMITH - MTO (1-30Sep66)
 2ndLt Jerry C. BLACK - AsstBaseSerO (1-25Sep66) BaseSerO (26-30Sep66)
 2ndLt Richard M. BROWN - Asst Food Serv Off (1-30Sep66)
 2ndLt James J. CASEY - Asst Comm Officer (22-30Sep66)
 2ndLt James M. DUFRIEND - OIC/Camp Cmdr Dong Ha (1-30Sep66)
 2ndLt Abie R. GREGORY - Food Serv Off (Phu Bai 1-30Sep66)
 2ndLt William W. KENNER - Base Operations Off (1-30Sep66)
 2ndLt James MORT - Material Officer (1-25Sep66)
 2ndLt Avron J. WATTS - Aerology Officer (1-30Sep66)
 2ndLt George H. WITTHOEFT - AsstMatO (1-25Sep66) MatO (26-30Sep66)
 2ndLt Floyd C. WULFECK - TAFDS Officer (1-30Sep66)
 WO Jean B. HALL - Utilities Officer (22-30Sep66)
 WO Paul J. MANLEY - Clubs Officer (1-30Sep66)
 WO James E. INGLET - Clubs Officer Phu Bai (1-30Sep66)
 LtCdr William W. BARTLETT - Protestant Chaplain (1-30Sep66)
 LT Howard L. BABCOCK - Group Med Officer (1-30Sep66)
 LT David C. BUTTERFIELD - Dental Officer (1-30Sep66)
 LT Donald T. MC GROGAN - Catholic Chaplain (1-30Sep66)
2. Marine Officers - 22 Marine enlisted - 431
 Navy Officers - 04 Navy enlisted - 05

PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-30 September 1966. During this period Marine Air Base Squadron 16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility, Phu Bai and Dong Ha. New construction and improvements to existing facilities are continually in progress at Marble Mountain Air Facility and Phu Bai. Construction at the Dong Ha facility consisted of providing strongback tents to replace existing GP tents, wiring and rewiring of tents and facilities for electricity, and comprehensive planning for enlargement of the present camp. Largest single construction project now in progress at Marble Mountain Air Facility is the construction of a base chapel.

PART THREE

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Marine Air Base Squadron 16 joined 03 officers and 32 enlisted during September 1966. The following number of personnel were promoted during the reporting period: To GySgt - 1; to SSgt - 5; to Sgt - 21; to Cpl - 60; to LCpl - 93; to PFC - 1. Five officers and 62 enlisted were detached during September 1966.

2. Awards. The following awards were presented to MABS-16 personnel on the dates indicated:

a. Air Medal, 8th and 9th award - 1stLt Robert W. FORSYTH 088687 USMC 16 September 1966.

b. Good Conduct Medal, 1st Award - Harold W. SIGMON 2064664, Corporal, USMC - 28 September 1966.

3. Civic Action. On 22 September, 2ndLt J. J. CASEY was assigned duties as Squadron Civil Affairs Officer vice 1stLt FORSYTH, transferred. Weekly village sick call was held at Son Thuy village during the month.

4. Ground Defense. No probes were experienced during the month. However, small arms fire was received periodically which could not be attributed to friendly action and therefore is assumed to have been sniper fire. No pattern of such fire was noted. Illumination of the perimeter in the event of attack has become an increasing problem due to the lack of such items as hand flares and trip flares at the ASP. Due to the anticipated delay in receiving supporting arms illumination, it is anticipated that all hand illumination flares would be expended in one attack. Continuous modification of the perimeter has been accomplished in order to permit the completion of construction projects by the RMK construction firm, which includes a 10 foot high chain link fence around the base perimeter.

5. Supply/Material. Two Navy Supply Clerks were assigned to the Marine Air Base Squadron 16 Materiel Section for duty during the month of September. 2ndLt G. H. WITTHOEFT assumed duties as Officer in Charge, Supply/Materiel Section on 27 September 1966.

6. Motor Transport. The MABS-16 motor transport section provided the following services during the month of September 1966: Transportation of potable and raw water; road grading throughout MMAF and transportation for command and individual road movement for a combined total of 30,004 miles. At the close of the month 11 prime movers out of a total of 65 were on deadline.

7. TAFDS. The MABS-16 TAFDS Section continued to fulfill MAG-16's fuel needs during the month of September. The quantity of fuel dispensed at Marble Mountain Air Facility, Phu Bai and Dong Ha during September was as follows:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AVGAS 115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	235,429	216,622
Phu Bai	113,952	200,670
Dong Ha	198,251	149,691
Total gallons	547,632	566,983

TAFDS support was provided for Operations Prairie and Deckhouse 4.

8. Crash Crew. On 13 September 1966, a CH-46A crashed and burned in the surf approximately 100 yards north of the MMAF perimeter. Despite heavy surf conditions, the fire was extinguished by members of the Crash Crew using four 30 pound "PKP" fire bottles. A crash truck was not used due to perimeter defenses which blocked entry onto the beach. There were no personnel injuries. In addition to support of MMAF, continued support was provided for the Phu Bai and Dong Ha facilities.

9. Base Operations/Weather. During the month of September, a Mercurial Barometer was received but not installed due to lack of mounting brackets. As soon as brackets are available, the barometer will be operable. Base Operations were maintained during September at MMAF, Phu Bai and Dong Ha.

10. Base Development/Utilities.

a. Construction

(1) Construction was started on the MMAF Chapel during the month and has progressed to include supporting beams, rafters and internal structures not affected by weather.

(2) MMAF Construction for September: Moved and relocated 5 pram tents during period 1-3 September; re-roofed the MMAF amphi-theater; ^{green} construction of two 1-hole heads; construction completed on battery shop for motor transport section; constructed approximately 75 doors for quarters and officers facilities; constructed and installed 2 generator shacks; constructed entranceways for CP bunker; rafter construction for conversion from strongback to tin roofs as required; shutter construction and repair for quarters and office facilities as required; Normal repair and upkeep for all facilities and buildings was accomplished as required.

(3) Phu Bai Construction: 8'X10' concrete slab laid and super-structure completed for pump house; 20'X20' concrete slab laid and super-structure completed for messhall additions; 16'X4' addition completed on motor transport building; constructed 24'X6' head; converted 12 strongback tents to tin roofs.

(4) Dong Ha Construction: Constructed 12 Strongback tents; constructed 5 pallets for air drops; construction on a continuing basis for strongback tents and repair of existing buildings and facilities; constructed strongback tent to be used as C.P.

b. Sign Shop. The sign shop made and painted 42 signs of various sizes for use in the MMAF cantonment.

c. Refrigeration Shop. During September the refrigeration section made minor repairs, performed preventative maintenance and serviced refrigeration units within the Group. The ice house produced 27,550 pounds of ice during the month.

d. Electric Shop. The following work repairs and installation of services were completed during September: Buried 2000' of #6 wire for OLC Detachment; wiring of OLC Detachment Offices completed; normal maintenance and repair during month.

e. Plumbing Shop. The following work and repairs were completed by the plumbing shop during the month of September 1966: Installed showers for HMM-265 flight line; assembled water heater for messhall; bath unit put into operation to heat all shower points; numerous other repair and maintenance jobs throughout the month as required.

f. Water Point. The water point produced 770,579 gallons of potable water during the month.

g. Laundry Section. The laundry processed 30,050 pounds of clothing during the month.

h. Generator Section. The generator section maintained 440 KW daily with no electric down time or power loss in the billeting areas.

i. Exchange Service. The services of James S. LEE and Sons, Ltd, Tailors of Hong Kong, BCC, were added to the exchange facilities on 15 Sep 1966 with sales of \$1214.75 through 30 September. Exchange sales exclusive of tailor shop were \$31,740.00 for the month.

PART FOUR

Documentation: None.