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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, VIETNAM, MABS-16, 1-31Oct66

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Rodney D. MC KITRICK - Commanding Officer (1-31Oct66)
 LtCol Lucius O. DAVIS - Executive Officer (13-31Oct66)
 Major James H. COFFIN - Executive Officer (1-13Oct66)
 Major Roy G. CORBETT - Commanding Officer, Zulu Co (1-31Oct66)
 Capt Milton B. ROGERS - Communications Officer (1-31Oct66)
 Capt John P. FLYNN - Administrative Officer (1-31Oct66)
 Capt John I. SCILEPPI - PMO (1-31Oct66)
 1stLt Richard R. HILL - Intelligence Officer Dong Ha (1-4Oct66)
 1stLt Chester J. PATRAITIS - Food Service Officer (1-18Oct66)
 1stLt Clarence D. SMITH - MTO (1-31Oct66)
 2ndLt Jerry C. BLACK - Base Services Officer (1-31Oct66)
 2ndLt Richard M. BROWN - Asst Food Service Officer (1-31Oct66)
 2ndLt James J. CASEY - Asst Communications Officer (1-31Oct66)
 2ndLt James M. DUFRIEND - OIC MABS Detachment Dong Ha (1-31Oct66)
 2ndLt Abie R. GREGORY - Mess Officer Phu Bai (1-17Oct66) MessO (18-31Oct66)
 2ndLt William W. KENNER - Base Operation Officer (1-31Oct66)
 2ndLt Avron J. WATTS - Aerology Officer (1-31Oct66)
 2ndLt Floyd C. WULFECK - TAFDS Officer (1-31Oct66)
 2ndLt George H. WITTHOEFT - Material Officer (1-31Oct66)
 WO Jean B. HALL - Utilities Officer (1-31Oct66)
 WO Paul J. MANLEY - Clubs Officer (1-31Oct66)
 WO James B. INGLETT - Clubs Officer Phu Bai (1-31Oct66)
 LtCdr William W. BARTLETT - Protestant Chaplin (1-31Oct66)
 LT Howard L. BABCOCK - Group Medical Officer (1-31Oct66)
 LT David C. BUTTERFIELD - Dental Officer (1-31Oct66)
 LT Donald T. MC GROGAN - Catholic Chaplin (1-31Oct66)
2. Marine Officers - 20 Marine enlisted -480
 Navy Officers - 04 Navy enlisted -005

PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31 October 1966. During this period Marine Air Base Squadron 16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility, Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sanh. New construction and improvements to existing facilities are continually in progress at these four facilities. Construction at Dong Ha consisted of building new tropical huts and replacing GP tents with tin roofs. In addition comprehensive planning for enlargement of the present camp continued. Largest single construction project in progress at Marble Mountain Air Facility is the continued construction of a base chapel. New construction and improvements also began

at Khe Sanh; airfield lighting was installed, and crash crew/fire protection is now available. Air traffic control personnel have also been assigned to Khe Sanh to man the control tower and to control local air traffic around the field.

PART THREE

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Marine Air Base Squadron 16 joined 2 officers and 69 enlisted. The following number of personnel were promoted to the grades indicated: MSGT - 1; GYSGT - 1 ; SSGT - 5; SGT - 1; PFC - 19. Major - 1; Capt - 2. Three Officers and 50 enlisted were detached.

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

a. Purple Heart, SGT. Gerald F. PERRONE 2065484 USMC 25 October 1966.

b. Air Medal, HN Thomas L. WINEY 7717972 USN, 6 October 1966.

3. Civic Action. Weekly village sick call was held at Son Thuy village. During one Med-Cap mission a member of the security force protecting the medical team was wounded in action by VC sniper fire.

4. Ground Defense. No probes were experienced during the month. Maintaining the perimeter on a non-interference basis with the construction program has become an increasing problem. Ground Defense and the construction program are not complementary. Therefore, each new construction project causes a temporary decrease in perimeter security. An increased emphasis is being placed upon coordination of the two areas so as to maintain an adequate ground defense.

5. Supply/Material. Two Supply Clerks were detached and returned to CONUS. Material received one Bath Unit from 3rd FSR for use at Dong Ha.

6. Motor Transport. The MABS-16 Motor Transport Section provided for the transportation of potable and raw water; road grading throughout Marble Mountain Air Facility and transportation for command and individual road movement for a combined total of 37,215 miles. Twenty-five pieces of assorted motor transport equipment are deployed at the three out lying air fields; Dong Ha, Phu Bai, and Khe Sanh.

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

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AVGAS 115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	167,712	253,405
Phu Bai	113,982	195,775
Dong Ha	<u>175,727</u>	<u>226,449</u>
Total gallons	457,421	675,620

TAFDS support was provided for Operation Prairie.

8. Crash Crew. A total of 37 men, (1 officer and 36 enlisted) were assigned during the month of October 1966. Of this total, five men were assigned to Phu Bai Airport and four men to Dong Ha Airport. Three men were assigned TAD from MWSG-17 to MABS-16 for duty at Khe Sanh. One MB-5 Crash Truck and one Ansul Dry Chemical Airlift Crash Fire Fighting Unit, mounted on a "6 X 6" are assigned to Dong Ha Airport. An additional MB-5 Crash Fire Fighting Truck has been received from Wing to support the Phu Bai Airport. The Fire Fighting Equipment at Marble Mountain Air Facility Crash Crew consists of four MB-5's, one of which is deadlined at the Group Motor Pool, and three in commission at the Crash Crew. One Structural Fire Fighting Truck, a 530-B is in commission at MMAF.

9. Base Operations/Weather. Base Operations and Weather facilities were maintained during the month at MMAF, Phu Bai and Dong Ha. Tower, Crash Crew and field lighting facilities were installed at Khe Sanh. During the month 28" of rain fell at MMAF. Equipment and personnel have been assigned to established photo lab for use by MAG-16 units.

10. Base Development/Utilities. New construction, repair and upkeep was accomplished by the following respective sections:

a. Electric Shop. The electric shop answered 41 trouble calls of various descriptions throughout the MMAF cantonment. Florescent lighting was installed in the Communications Center, VMO-2 SATS hanger, and over serving lines in the Officer's and Staff messes. The material section, H&MS Avionics and the paraloft were rewired, with new service entrances and improved lighting. Services in five Officers, two Staff tents, and three enlisted tents were improved. A class "A" electrical distribution system to the waterpoint complex was completed.

b. Plumbing Shop. All leach beds at the mess hall were cleaned 24 times during the period. All showers were heated 23 days. The unit was deadlined for about 8 days. The Officer shower was rebuilt. Construction of a new drainage system at mess hall was started. A shower kit was manufactured and delivered to Dong Ha for erection.

c. Reefer Shop. During the month of October the refrigeration shop made minor repairs, performed preventative maintenance and serviced various refrigeration units within the Group. The ice house produced 28,150 pounds of ice during the month.

d. Generator Shop. The generator section maintained generators in the Group area producing a daily output of 440 KW, with no down time or power loss in the billeting area.

e. Water Point. The water point processed 618,350 gallons of potable water during the month. In addition 62,100 gallons of raw water was pumped and colorinated for use in the shower.

f. Laundry. The laundry processed 24,350 pounds of clothing during the period.

g. Sign Shop. The sign shop made and painted 82 signs of various sizes for use in the four cantonments.

h. Carpenter Shop. Through-out the period numerous shutters and doors for the billeting area were manufactured. A total of nine tin buildings were pre-frabricated. Four were installed in the MMAF cantonment. The remainder were transported to Dong Ha for use in that cantonment. Four heads, two generator sheds and various shelves and cabinets for use within the group were constructed. The Group Disbursing Office, the officers shower and the Operating Room at the Dispensary were repaired and improved. Twenty conversion kits were cut, 13 were installed at MMAF, 4 were sent to Dong Ha.

i. Exchange. Gross sales at the exchange totaled \$28,629.53. The concessionair, James S. LEE Tailor's from Hong Kong gross sales totaled \$1960.75.

PART FOUR

Documentation: None.