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Appendix #6

MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, VIETNAM, MABS-16, 1-30Nov66

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Rodney D. MC KITRICK - Commanding Officer (1-30Nov66)
 Major Raymond A. JASICA - Executive Officer, (5-30Nov66)
 Major James H. COFFIN - Camp Commander, Dong Ha (1-30Nov66)
 Major Roy G. CORBETT - Commanding Officer, Zulu Co. (1-30Nov66)
 Capt Milton B. ROGERS - Communications Officer (1-30Nov66)
 Capt John P. FLYNN - Administrative Officer (1-30Nov66)
 Capt John I. SCILEPPI - PMO (1-30Nov66)
 Capt Clarence D. SMITH - MTO (1-30Nov66)
 2ndLt Jerry C. BLACK - Base Services Officer (1-30Nov66)
 2ndLt Robert F. PRICE - Asst Administrative Officer (8-30Nov66)
 2ndLt Richard M. BROWN - Asst Food Services Officer (1-7Nov66)
 2ndLt James J. CASEY - Asst Communications Officer (1-30Nov66)
 2ndLt James M. DUFRIEND - OIC MABS-16 Detachment Dong Ha (1-30Nov66)
 2ndLt Abie R. GREGORY - Food Services Officer (1-30Nov66)
 2ndLt William W. KENNER - Base Operations Officer (1-30Nov66)
 2ndLt Avron J. WATTS - Aerology Officer (1-30Nov66)
 2ndLt Floyd C. WULFECK - TAFDS Officer (1-25Nov66)
 2ndLt George H. WITTHOFT - Material Officer (1-30Nov66)
 2ndLt Thomas M. ERETH - Waiting Assignment (27-30Nov66)
 2ndLt Michael S. FERNEAU - Asst Material Officer (10-30Nov66)
 CWO-2 George E. WALKER - Camp Maintenance Officer, Phu Bai Det. (2-30Nov66)
 WO-1 James B. INGLET - Clubs Officer Phu Bai (1-30Nov66)
 WO-1 Paul J. MANLEY - Clubs Officer (1-30Nov66)
 WO-1 Jean B. HALL - Utilities Officer (1-30Nov66)
 LtCdr William W. BARTLETT - Protestant Chaplin (1-30Nov66)
 LT Howard L. BABCOCK - Group Medical Officer (1-30Nov66)
 LT David C. BUTTERFIELD - Dental Officer (1-14Nov66)
 Lt Dennis B. DIERENFIELD - Dental Officer (7-30Nov66)
 LT Donald T. MC GROGAN - Catholic Chaplin (1-30Nov66)
2. Marine Officers - 24 Marine enlisted - 495
 Navy Officers -04 Navy enlisted - 09

PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-30 November 1966. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain, Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sanh. New construction and improvements to existing facilities are continually in progress at each of the four sites. Personnel and equipment assigned to support Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sanh were not changed significantly. MABS-16 supported personnel participating in Operation Prairie during November.

PART THREE

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Five officer and ninety enlisted were joined. Promotions were; one Major, one Captain, and one meritorious Lance Corporal. Three officers and twenty-four enlisted were detached.

2. Awards. The following awards were presented:

a. Ltr of Commendation from CG, FMAV; Cpl L. D. WOODALL

b. Good Conduct Awards

(1) SSgt J. C. JOHNSON 1493191 - 4th Award

(2) Cpl C. V. MATTHEWS 2069018 - 1st Award

(3) Gysgt C. A. MCNEILL 613576 - 6th Award

(4) Sgt R. A. ZAYLE 2074687 - 1st Award

(5) Sgt C. L. DEVOE 1995862 - 1st Award

3. Civic Action. The Med-Cap mission held it's sick call at the village of Don Thuy each Friday during the month. One SWCO is sponsoring a Vietnamese student.

4. Ground Defense. No probes were experienced during the month. A revision of the ground defense organization was effected on 17 November 1966. A ground defense officer for the Marble Mountain Air Facility has been assigned as a special staff officer. He will coordinate ground defense functions for the air facility and advise the single manager, Marble Mountain Air Facility concerning ground defense problems. A provisional rifle company, and an internal security section provide the ground defense requirements for the ~~air~~ ^{air} facility under the staff of the ground defense officer. Continued emphasis has been placed upon the coordination between ground defense and the construction program.

5. Supply/Material. 2ndLt FERNLEAU became Responsible Officer vice 2ndLt G. H. WITTHOEFT. Joined three Marine Corps Supply Clerks. Compiled list of garrison equipment and weapons for individual issue per squadron order.

6. Motor Transport. Support was provided in the form of road improvement, transportation ~~to~~ ^{for} water, men and materials and for command and administrative liaison for a combined total of 39,315 miles. Twenty-five (25) vehicles are deployed at the outlying sites and a total of ten (10) vehicles are presently on deadline.

7. TAFDS. Continued to support Operation Prairie.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AVGAS 115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	188,942	233,188
Phu Bai	96,059	184,875
Dong Ha	130,698	197,138
Total gallons	415,699	615,201

8. Crash Crew. A total of forty-two (42) personnel (one officer, and forty (40) enlisted) were on hand during the reporting period. Of this total, three enlisted were TAD to this section from Marine Air Base Squadron 11, for Khe Sanh, five enlisted were assigned to Phu Bai Airport, and five enlisted were assigned to Dong Ha Airport. Because of the widespread commitments, additional personnel have been requested. Equipment assigned during the period consisted of seven MB-5 crash fire trucks (two of which were down for engines and one of which was down for survey) one M-530B structural fire truck, and two dry chemical airlift (Ansul) units mounted on M-35A1 trucks. Distribution of these vehicles was:

- (1) Marble Mountain Air Facility: Four MB-5 trucks (two operational) and one M-530B truck.
- (2) Phu Bai Airport: Two MB-5 trucks (one operational).
- (3) Dong Ha Airport: One MB-5 truck and one ansul unit, M-35A1 mounted.
- (4) Khe Sanh: One ansul unit, M-35A1 mounted.

Again due to the wide spread commitments, additional vehicles and equipment have been requested. There were six (6) minor incidents involving aircraft mishaps and two (2) minor vehicle/structure fires. There were no injuries to personnel or serious damage to equipment or property.

9. Base Operations/Weather: Continued to provide weather service at three sites. A teletype machine was installed at Phu Bai. Plans were made to provide weather service at Khe Sanh early in December 1966.

10. Food Services: The Marble Mountain Air Facility Mess served approximately 171,000 regular and 11,250 night ration meals. Early chow hours are 0300-0530 and late chow hours averaged 1900 to 2030. At the Marble Mountain Mess; the ceiling was completed; six (6) new ice machines, seven (7) cast-iron ranges, and four refrigerated salad lines were received. Taped music is now played over the sound system. Three (3) cooks were detached and fourteen (14) cooks joined. The 500 man mess hall at Dong Ha is scheduled to open on 9 December 1966. Plans have been made and construction started to expand the Phu Bai Mess to accommodate 500 men.

11. Base Development/Utilities: The following personnel were attached; two LCpl's, fourteen PFC's, and two PVT's. The following were detached; four Sgt's and two Cpl's

a. Generator Shop. The generator shop serviced and made minor and major repairs on the generators to maintain 470KW output for the Group, with little down time or power loss in any area. Lack of spare or back up generators necessitates the transfer of a generator from a less critical area to an area of higher priority when a generator does go down.

b. Laundry. The laundry processed 27,950 pounds of clothing during this period. Correspondence was initiated requesting a washer to immediately replace the washer which may break down at any time.

c. Water Point. The water point purified 703,180 gallons of potable water during the month. Also maintained their equipment in good working condition.

d. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of November the refrigeration shop made minor repairs, preventative maintenance and serviced various refrigeration units within the Group. The Ice House produced 24,400 pounds of ice during the month.

e. Sign Shop. The sign shop made and painted 111 signs of various sizes for use in the four cantonements. Also painted the Group Commander's hut and the Barber Shop.

f. Plumbing Shop. Plumbing shop pumped leach beds and ran the shower unit daily for 28 days. They answered 4 trouble calls and completed 13 work orders. They also ran new sewage lines and put plumbing in Officers/Staff shower and new Barber Shop. The Mess Hall leach beds have been condemned by the MMAF Medical Officer but 30th NCR cannot or will not upgrade our priority for constructing new leach beds. As an interim measure, sludge is being pumped by sand hog through approximately 200 yards of salvaged TAFDS hose out into the South China Sea.

g. Electric Shop. There were 50 trouble calls of various descriptions answered throughout the MMAF cantonement. Rewiring of the Officers shower, Barber Shop, Air Freight, Marine Supply, Special Services, CH-37 Motor Transport, Communication Officers office, 15 living quarters, and wiring of the Chapel was started. New panel boards were installed at the Officers/Staff generators and CH-37 Det.

h. Carpenter Shop. Throughout November numerous partitions, doors, and steps were manufactured and installed. There were fifteen office items constructed. The following structures were constructed or remodeled: Barber Shop, Group Commanding Officers living quarters, Officers shower, five tin huts, water and runway tower, gate house, extension on Special Services, and forms for extension on Officers Club. Relocated three huts and converted to tin. Construction continued on Base Chapel.

12. Exchange. Gross sales at the exchange totaled \$44,066.75. The concessionaire, James S. LEE Tailor's gross sales totaled \$4,107.15. Consolidating the enlisted and officers barber shops, doubled the size of the concessionaire's sales room.

13. MATCU-62. The advance party of MATCU-62 consisting of one officer and four enlisted, arrived RVN on 21 November 1966. The second echelon, two officers and 23 enlisted, arrived in RVN on 29 November 1966.

PART ~~FOUR~~

Documentation: None

ENCLOSURE (1)