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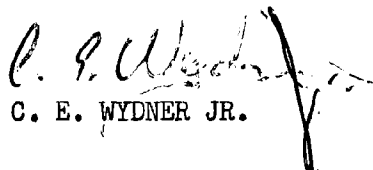
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1. In compliance with reference (a) and (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded herewith.

  
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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, VIETNAM, MABS-16, 1-31Dec66

## PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Rodney D. MC KITRICK - Commanding Officer (1-31Dec66)  
 Major Raymond A. JASICA - Executive Officer (1-31Dec66)  
 Major James H. COFFIN - Camp Commander, Dong Ha (1-31Dec66)  
 Major Roy G. CORBETT - Commanding Officer, Zulu Co. (1-6Dec66)  
 Capt Milton B. ROGERS - Communications Officer (1-31Dec66)  
 Capt John P. FLYNN - Administrative Officer (1-17Dec66)  
 Capt John I. SCILEPPI - IRO (1-2Dec66) PMO (1-6Dec66) CO Zulu Co. (7-31Dec66)  
 Capt Clarence D. SMITH - MTO (1-31Dec66)  
 Capt John R. WATTS - Food Services Officer (19-31Dec66)  
 1stLt Michael S. FERNEAU - AsstMatO (1-14Dec66) MatO (15-31Dec66)  
 2ndLt Jerry C. BLACK - Base Services Officer (1-31Dec66)  
 2ndLt Robert F. PRICE - AsstAdminO (1-17Dec66) AdminO (18-31Dec66)  
 2ndLt James J. CASEY - AsstCommO (1-31Dec66)  
 2ndLt James M. DUFRIEND - OIC MABS-16 Detachment Dong Ha (1-31Dec66)  
 2ndLt Abie R. GREGORY - Food Services Officer (1-18Dec66)  
 2ndLt William W. KENNER - BaseOpsO (1-5Dec66) AsstBaseOpsO (6-31Dec66)  
 2ndLt Avron J. WATTS - Aerology Officer (1-31Dec66)  
 2ndLt George H. WITTHOEFT - Material Officer (1-14Dec66)  
 2ndLt Thomas M. ERETH - Clubs Officer (1-31Dec66)  
 2ndLt Gary G. MEYERS - Base Operations Officer (6-31Dec66)  
 2ndLt Delano C. WEATHERFORD - IRO (3-31Dec66)  
 CWO-2 George E. WALKER - Camp Maint O Phu Bai Det (1-31Dec66)  
 WO-1 James B. INGLETT - Clubs Officer Phu Bai (1-31Dec66)  
 WO-1 Paul J. MANLEY - Asst Material Officer (1-31Dec66)  
 WO-1 Jean P. HALL - Utilities Officer (1-31Dec66)  
 LtCdr William W. BARTLETT - Protestant Chaplain (1-27Dec66)  
 Lt Howard L. BABCOCK - Group Medical Officer (1-31Dec66)  
 Lt Dennis B. DIERENFIELD - Dental Officer (1-31Dec66)  
 Lt Donald T. MCGROGAN - Catholic Chaplain (1-27Dec66)  
 Lt John W. WISHARD - Protestant Chaplain (28-31Dec66)  
 Lt Jack D. GRAHM - Catholic Chaplain (28-31Dec66)  
 Lt Jay N. ROSENBERGER - Dental Officer (19-31Dec66)
2. Marine Officers -25                      Marine Enlisted -724  
     Navy Officers - 7                      Navy Enlisted - 9

## PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31 December 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. Although a provisional T/O has not been formally approved, a substantial increase in personnel strength has occurred during the month. The increase in personnel is required to provide support for the four airfields. A large portion of the increase of 03 personnel will provide ground defense and base security, releasing avia-

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tion personnel to perform aviation duties.

### PART THREE

#### Significant Events

1. Personnel. Six officers and 214 enlisted were joined. There were 183 enlisted promotion. Six officers and 26 enlisted were detached.

2. Awards. The following awards were presented:

- a. Purple Heart; Cpl C. N. PARKER 2172079 - 1st Award
- b. Air Medal; HM2 W. H. HARDMAN 3704324 - 1st Award
- c. CC, CG, FMAW; Sgt. R. W. RABIDEAU 1654849
- d. CC, CG, FMAW; Cpl J. V. ROSE 2098709
- e. Good Conduct Medal; Cpl D. F. LAWTON 2043989 - 1st Award

3. Civic Action. The Med-Cap mission held a total of 17 sick calls between Son Thuy Village and the Catholic Convent. The following number of patients were treated:

Men	308
Women	795
Children	2460
Total	3,583

4. Ground Defense. No probes were experienced during the month. A rehabilitation program of the defensive perimeter bunkers was initiated. Zulu Company and PMO personnel began to rehabilitate the living spaces formerly occupied by the Force Recon Company. All ground defense personnel will be billeted in this area early in January.

5. Supply/Material. Primary emphasis was placed on providing increased numbers of personnel with garrison equipment and weapons. Most ground units transfer personnel to the Wing without bringing individual clothing up to the required allowance. The Group Supply Section is adjusting to accommodate these personnel.

6. Motor Transport. The Heavy Equipment Section was used extensively to provide fill for low areas, and for cutting drainage canals for excess water caused by the monsoons. Constant road maintenance is also required due to the monsoons. Transportation of water, men and materials and for command and administrative liaison was provided for a combined total of 40,699 miles. Twenty-five vehicles are deployed to outlying sites and a total of fourteen vehicles are presently on deadline.

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7. TAFDS. The TAFDS continued to support Operation Prairie and local operations from Marble Mountain, Phu Bai and Dong Ha.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AVGAS 115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	36,427	74,554
Phu Bai	218,538	109,702
Dong Ha	<u>142,153</u>	<u>78,771</u>
Total gallons	397,118	263,027

8. Crash Crew. A total of forty-six personnel (one officer, and forty-five enlisted) were on hand during this reported period. Of this total, three enlisted were TAD to this section from Marine Air Base Squadron 11 for a special detail, eight 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 (three of which were down for engines and one for survey) one one M-530B structural fire truck, as well as two dry chemical air-lift (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 structural fire truck.

(2) Phu Bai Airport. Two MB-5 trucks ( one operational)

(3) Dong Ha Airport. One MB-5 truck (not operational) and one ansul unit, M-35A1 mounted.

(4) Special Detail. One ansul unit, M-35A1 mounted.

Due to widespread commitments, additional vehicles and equipment have been requested. There were nineteen alerts to assist aircraft in distress. There were three calls to stand-by for controlled burning and defueling. There were no injuries to personnel or serious damage to property or equipment.

9. Base Operations/Weather. A weather observer was assigned to Khe Sanh Airfield. Traffic control and weather service support is now being provided at each of the four sites.

10. Food Services . The Marble Mountain mess served 199,905 regular meals and 9,920 night rations. The 500 man mess hall at Dong Ha opened on schedule. A new wing to the Phu Bai mess hall was also opened. The Food Services Section at Marble Mountain was the subject of a letter of appreciation from the Commanding Officer, HMM-263 for the quality of the food and services rendered during Christmas and New Year's Eve.

11. Base Development/Utilities. Thirty-four new personnel were joined and seven were detached.

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- a. Generator Shop. Minor repairs and maintenance were carried out daily. One 60KW and one 75KW generator were serviced and prepared for shipment to Japan rehabilitation. The section was inspected by the Wing Inspection Team with very favorable results.
- b. Laundry. The laundry processed 22,350 pounds of clothing. Two new dryers and two new washers were received. Adequate power is not presently available to put them into use. The concrete floor for the new laundry building is now 70% complete.
- c. Water Point. The water point processed 805,260 gallons of water. A new water tower was serviced and put into operation in the Zulu Company area. Assistance was provided to several outlying commands during periods of water shortage.
- d. Paint Shop. Constructed and painted 110 miscellaneous signs. Staining and painting of the new Chapel was completed. Painting was begun on the officer and SNCO shower.
- e. Refrigeration Shop. Repairs were made to two ice machines at the Officers Club and to an ME-10 and an MQ-51E unit in the mess hall. Preventive maintenance was conducted daily on all units. The ice plant produced 23,500 pounds of ice.
- f. Electric Shop. Seventy trouble calls were handled during this period. A pole line was installed between the barber shop and the Chapel. Wiring was completed in the Chapel. Ten new huts were wired. The Zulu Company billeting area was re-wired.
- g. Carpenter Shop. Forms were set and construction was began on a wash rack for Motor Transport. A four unit garage is being constructed for VMO-2 and HMM-263. Twenty-three new huts were constructed. Three new heads were constructed. Construction of the Chapel has been completed. Renovation of living quarters in the Zulu Company area was begun. Construction project lumber was cut and shipped to Dong Ha and Phu Bai. Doors and steps are being replaced in living quarters throughout the camp.
12. Exchange. Gross sales at the exchange totaled \$53,810.00. The concessionaire, James S. LEE Tailor's gross sales totaled \$4,623.50.
13. MATCU-62. During this period, the balance of MATCU-62 personnel arrived in country. The unit displaced to Dong Ha and commenced operations. Their command chronology will be submitted as a separate enclosure, commencing next month.

PART FOUR

Documentation: None