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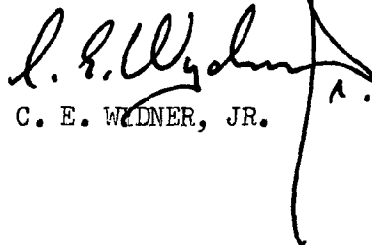
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(3) Command Chronology 1-31Mar67, MATCU-68

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosures(1), (2) and (3) are hereby forwarded.


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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, VIETNAM, MABS-16, 1-31Mar67

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Charles E. WYDNER, JR. Commanding Officer, 1-31Mar67
 Major Raymond A. JASICA, Executive Officer, 1-31Mar67
 Capt Milton B. ROGERS, Communications Officer, 1-21Mar67
 Capt Gerald A. ENOS, Communications Officer, 29-31Mar67
 Capt Sidney B. WARNER, Base Operations Officer, 1-11Mar67
 Capt Larry L. BAKER, Base Operations Officer, 12-31Mar67
 Capt Clarence B. SMITH, Motor Transport Officer, 1-17Mar67
 Capt John R. WATTS, Food Services Officer, 1-26Mar67
 Capt Dennis C. BEYMA, Commanding Officer Zulu Co., 1-15Mar67
 Capt Harold C. JOHNSTON, Commanding Officer Zulu Co., 16-31Mar67
 1stLt Michael S. FERNEAU, Material Officer, 1Mar67
 1stLt Michael D. WALKER, Clubs Officer, Phu Bai, 1-31Mar67
 1stLt Gerald C. SMITH, Awaiting Assignment, 1-31Mar67
 2ndLt Jerry C. BLACK, Base Services Officer, 1-31Mar67
 2ndLt Robert F. PRICE, Administrative Officer, 1-31Mar67
 2ndLt James J. CASEY, Asst. Communications Officer, 1-21Mar67
 Communications Officer, 22-28Mar67
 Asst. Communications Officer, 29-31Mar67
 2ndLt Avron J. WATTS, Legal Officer, 1-31Mar67
 2ndLt Thomas M. ERETH, Clubs Officer, 1-4Mar67
 2ndLt Gary G. MEYERS, Aerology Officer, 1-31Mar67
 TAFDS Officer, 1-31Mar67
 Crash Crew Officer, 1-4Mar67
 Asst. Base Operations Officer, 1-31Mar67
 2ndLt Delano C. WEATHERFORD, IRO, 1-31Mar67
 2ndLt James E. RAY, Asst. Communications Officer, 1-31Mar67
 2ndLt Oscar E. SPAN, Crash Crew Officer, 5-31Mar67
 2ndLt Jerry D. BENTHUL, Motor Transport Officer, Phu Bai, 11-31Mar67
 Asst. Motor Transport Officer, 11-17Mar67
 CWO-3 Charles H. DOWLING, Motor Transport Officer, 18-31Mar67
 Asst. Motor Transport Officer, 1-10Mar67
 CWO-2 George E. WALKER, Camp Maintenance Officer, Phu Bai, 1-31Mar67
 WO-1 Winfred B. HENSON, Clubs Officer, 1-31Mar67
 WO-1 James B. INGLET, Asst. Clubs Officer, Phu Bai Det., 1-3Mar67
 WO-1 Paul J. MANLEY, Asst. Material Officer, 1Mar67
 Material Officer, 2-31Mar67
 WO-1 Jean P. HALL, Base Services Officer, DongHa, 1-31Mar67
 LtCdr Jack D. GRAHAM, Protestant Chaplain, 1-31Mar67
 Lt James L. BABCOCK, Group Medical Officer, 1-31Mar67
 Lt Dennis B. DIERENFIELD, Dental Officer, 1-31Mar67
 Lt John W. WISHARD, Catholic Chaplain, 1-31Mar67
 Lt Jay N. ROSENBERGER, Dental Officer, 1-31Mar67
 Lt Lawrence J. BENTLEY, Catholic Chaplain, Phu Bai, 1-31Mar67
2. Marine Officers - 21 Marine Enlisted - 819
 Navy Officers - 6 Navy Enlisted - 10

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PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31 March 1967. 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 the aforementioned bases were not changed significantly.

PART THREE

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Six Marine Officers, 91 Marine Enlisted and 9 Navy Enlisted were joined. Eight Marine Officers, 35 Marine Enlisted and 10 Navy Enlisted were dropped.

2. Awards. The following awards were presented:

- a. 10th Air Medal; HM1 Richard F. PHILLIPS 57231146
- b. 2nd Air Medal; HM2 Michael L. MITCHELL 5401926
- c. 2nd Air Medal; HM2 Melvin K. SAATHOFF 11456678
- d. Purple Heart; Cpl Gary B. WILLIAMS 2029766
- e. Good Conduct Medal; 5th Award, GySgt Ted A. YBARRA 1128236
- f. Good Conduct Medal; 1st Award, Cpl Gary B. WILLIAMS 2029766
- g. Certificate of Commendation; Capt Dennis C. BEYMA 085975
- h. Meritorious Mast; SSgt T. F. CLEMENTS 1137288
- i. Meritorious Mast; LCpl G. G. GARCIA 2112376
- j. Meritorious Mast; LCpl N. D. MCNEIL 2262917

3. Civic Action. The Med-Cap held a total of 16 sick calls between Hoa Lung Village and the Sacred Heart Orphanage. The following number of patients were treated.

Men	101
Women	220
Children	588
Total	909

4. Ground Defense. No enemy contact or incidents occurred during the month. Improvement and relocation of ground defenses were continued. Familiarization firing of M-60, M-14, M5 Cal. Pistol, M-79 and shotguns were conducted in addition to a demonstration of arming and detonating the Claymore Mine.

5. Supply/Material. Warrant Officer MANLEY became officer in charge vice 1st Lt FERNEAU. Joined 1 Marine Corps Supply Man.

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6. Motor Transport. The section traveled 64,427 miles during the month of March. The section hauled 968,300 gallons of water working on an around the clock schedule. There were 22 vehicles deadlined at the completion of this period.

7. TAFDS. During the month TAFDS section supported operations Prairie III, Beacon Hill, and Chinook II. Support of Marble Mountain, Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sanh was continued.

<u>Location</u>	<u>JP-4</u>	<u>115/115</u>
Marble Mountain	295904	213430
Phu Bai	289409	111553
Dong Ha	220120	166996
Total	805433	494979

8. Crash Crew. A total of seventy five personnel (one officer and seventy four enlisted) were assigned during this reporting period. Of this total, fourteen enlisted were assigned to the Phu Bai Airfield, fourteen enlisted were assigned to the Dong Ha Airfield and four enlisted were assigned to the Khe Sanh Airfield. A total of one officer and forty two enlisted were assigned to the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

a. Marble Mountain Air Facility Crash Crew responded to a total of (20) emergencies during the reporting period, including two generator fires. One at the Mess Hall and one at the Control Tower.

b. The Phu Bai Section of the MMAF Crash Crew responded to a total of (25) emergencies.

c. The Dong Ha Section of the MMAF Crash Crew responded to a total of (71) emergencies including one fire in the Mess Hall.

9. Base Operations/Weather. During the month of March 1967, MAG-16 weather units located at Dong Ha, Phu Bai and Marble Mountain supported all counterinsurgency operations against the Viet Cong Forces conducted from those airfields.

10. Food Services. The Marble Mountain Mess served approximately 21,400 meals during the month of March. Bakery products utilized 26,350 pounds of flour. Ice cream is now being served every other day. 2ndLt SHAW became responsible officer vice Capt WATTS. Seven enlisted personnel were joined.

11. Base Development/Utilities. During the month of March four enlisted personnel were joined. The total Utility strength is now 111 enlisted and three officers.

a. Water Point. The Water Point processed 871,440 gallons of potable water and approximately 60,925 gallons of raw water during the month of March. Well pump number 1 and number 2 have been deadlined on different occasions during this period.

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b. Paint Shop. The Paint Shop completed some 27 projects. A total of 133 signs and 200 stakes were painted during this month.

c. Electric Shop. The Electric Shop personnel completed 75 projects and trouble calls. Several huts were rewired throughout the base, the power line in the 500 block was raised, disconnected the electric machinery at the old position of H&MS Air Maintenance and rewired this machinery in the new hanger, and rewired the P. X.

d. Plumbing Shop. The Plumbing Shop personnel answered 12 trouble calls. A water tower, water drum, and plumbing was installed at H&MS Avionics. All equipment was kept in a satisfactory condition. Plumbing was installed in the new laundry.

e. Refrigeration Shop. The Refrigeration Shop answered three trouble calls during the month. A close watch was kept on each of the units operating in the messhall.

f. Carpenter Shop. During the month of March the Carpenter Shop completed 146 trouble calls and work assignments. Completed new Motor Transport Building, tiled the chapel floor, constructed new Avionics Building and 23 living quarters were retined. A new laundry was constructed, constructed two (2) towers for wind sock bases, enlarged the Group Post Office, constructed and painted anchors and floats for the safety of swimmers, built a water tower for Special Services, constructed 4' x 16' loading platform for Material, and built a new 20' x 40' building to handle the supplies for the messhall.

g. Generator Shop. During the month of March, the Generator Shop performed a total of five third echelon jobs. All first and second echelon maintenance was performed with a minimum amount of breakdown.

h. Laundry. During the month of March, the laundry processed 11,600 pounds of clothing, and collected organizational gear to turn over to the civilian laundry service.

i. Progress Report for Phu Bai. During the month of March, the Phu Bai Utilities Section pumped approximately 6,000 gallons of water daily for laundry and shower purposes. The shower water was heated daily and the pump and shower units were P.M.'d daily. One 55 GPM pump was overhauled during the month. Ten huts were wired during this period, an ice machine was installed in the Staff NCO Club and three milk machines were put in service. A new hut was constructed to replace the store room that burned down at the messhall.

j. Progress Report for Dong Ha. During the month of March, the Dong Ha Utility Section poured one 15'x40' concrete slab for the messhall wash pads, poured one 16'x16' building (GI House), constructed one 20'x40' messhall store room, rewired officers mess and rebuilt doors and rear wall of messhall. All camp power lines were reworked. Constructed and wired one 16'x64' building, performed major repairs to water pump and installed four additional power poles and relocated two others and constructed an oil spreader and oiled all streets and helicopter landing pads.

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12. Exchange. Monthly sales for the exchange during the month of March were \$56,980.00. Monthly sales for James S. LEE totaled \$5,028.65. During the month the exchange underwent new structural alterations.

PART FOUR

Documentation: None