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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, VIETNAM, MABS-16 1-30Jun67

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Charles E. WYDNER, JR., Commanding Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 Major Francis R. MURRAY, Executive Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 Capt Gerald A. EWOS, Communications Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 Capt William G. SEYMOUR, Base Operations Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 Capt Bennett CHAPPEL, Clubs Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 Capt Gerald C. SMITH, Post Exchange Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 Capt Harvey L. BELL, Awaiting Assignment, 20-30Jun67  
 Capt Robert D. KEBLER, Commanding Officer, Zulu Company, 1-30Jun67  
 1stLt William M. MURPHY, Clubs Officer, Phu Bai, 1-30Jun67  
 1stLt Robert F. PRICE, Administrative Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 1stLt Gary G. MEYERS, Weather Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 1stLt Jerry D. BENTHUL, Motor Transport Officer, Phu Bai, 1-30Jun67  
 2ndLt Jerry C. BLACK, Base Services Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 2ndLt Michael L. SCHOTT, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 2ndLt Delano C. WEATHERFORD, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 2ndLt James J. CASEY, Assistant Communications Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 2ndLt James F. RAY, Assistant Communications Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 2ndLt Oscar E. SHAW, Crash Crew Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 2ndLt John B. GOGULSKI, Awaiting Assignment, 13-30Jun67  
 CWO-3 Charles F. DOWLING, Motor Transport Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 CWO-2 George E. WALKER, Carp Maintenance Officer, Phu Bai, 1-30Jun67  
 WO Winfred B. HENSON, Maintenance Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 WO Arthur W. BARKER JR., Materiel Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 WO Jean B. HALL, Base Services Officer, Dong Ha, 1-30Jun67  
 LtCdr Jack D. GRAHAM, Protestant Chaplain, 1-30Jun67  
 Lt Dennis L. RANDALL, Group Medical Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 Lt Dennis P. DIERENFIELD, Dental Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 Lt Jay M. ROSENBERGER, Dental Officer, 1-30Jun67  
 Lt John W. WISEHARD, Catholic Chaplain, 1-30Jun67  
 Lt Lawrence J. BENTLEY, Catholic Chaplain, Phu Bai, 1-30Jun67

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| 2. Marine Officers - 24 | Marine Enlisted - 861 |
| Navy Officers - 6       | Navy Enlisted - 36    |

PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-30 June 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.

## PART THREE

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Two Marine Officers, 126 Marine Enlisted, and 9 Navy Enlisted were joined. 72 Marine Enlisted and 5 Navy Enlisted were dropped.

2. Awards. The following awards were presented:

- a. 6th 7th 8th Air Medal, Maj Francis R. MURRAY 061832
- b. 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th Air Medal, 1stLt William M. MURPHY 091946
- c. 2nd Air Medal, LCpl James M. MARTINESS III 2126172
- d. 1st Air Medal, Cpl Raymond G. HOLLISS 2202978
- e. 1st Air Medal, LCpl Bobby R. GOWEN 2182615
- f. 1st Air Medal, Cpl Charles R. RAUGHTON 2186036
- g. 1st Air Medal, LCpl Stanley C. BRECHHAUER 2160198
- h. 5th Air Medal, HW3 Kenneth L. WIGHT 3747717
- i. 16th Air Medal, Capt Bennett CHAPPLE III 080372
- j. 5th Air Medal, HW1 John W. PORTWOOD 5161385
- k. 2nd Air Medal, LCpl Steven C. JOHNSTON 2129331
- l. 2nd Air Medal, LCpl Paul R. MILLER 2160215
- m. 4th Air Medal, SSgt Charles E. MILLER 662143
- n. Purple Heart, LCpl Roger I. DUFFETT 2090807
- o. Purple Heart, LCpl Mike W. ANOTTE 2029766
- p. 2nd Purple Heart, HW3 Russell J. GIULIANO 6868017
- q. 2nd Purple Heart, Chief Roy D. STEGALL 4319908
- r. Purple Heart, GvSgt Charles F. BRADLEY 1462247
- s. Purple Heart, PFC Bradley S. MADFOX 2212047
- t. Purple Heart, PFC Willie J. SANDERS 2279979
- u. Purple Heart, PFC Alvino G. CLOVE 2279863
- v. Purple Heart, 2dLt James J. CASEY 096354
- w. Purple Heart, PFC Don E. WIRTH 2131727
- x. Purple Heart, Cpl Kenneth K. JOHNSON 2093952
- y. Purple Heart, WO Jean B. HALL 098769
- z. Good Conduct Medal
  - (1) Sgt Jon R. WILLS, 204413, 1st Awd
  - (2) Sgt Morris C. WATT 2090234, 1st Awd
  - (3) Sgt Clarence E. WILLARDSON 1198481, 5th Awd
  - (4) GvSgt Robert L. STROCKER 530867, 6th Awd
  - (5) Sgt Clyde E. STAKES 2101843, 1st Awd
  - (6) Sgt Reginald W. SKELTON, 2094198, 1st Awd
  - (7) LCpl William J. SIKES 2097889, 1st Awd
  - (8) GvSgt Cecil L. JACOBSON 1274333, 5th Awd
  - (9) Sgt Clarence W. LEWIS 2089233, 1st Awd
  - (10) Sgt Edgar W. SHAW 1934576, 2nd Awd
  - (11) GvSgt William C. DUTHAN 1246770, 5th Awd
  - (12) SSgt Arland D. TIDWELL 663172, 6th Awd
  - (13) Sgt Linford V. GASTIN 1876454, 2nd Awd
  - (14) SSgt Earl HAFWOOD 1241719, 4th Awd

3. Civic Action. The Med-Cap held a total of 18 sick calls between the Catholic Orphanage, The Catholic Dispensary and Son Thuy Village. The following number of patients were treated.

Men	19
Women	186
Children	1247
Total	1452

4. Ground Defense. Command posts and bunkers have been rebuilt and repositioned. Additional concertina wire has been strung along the perimeter at MAF. Defense positions are constantly being worked on and improved on at Phu Bai, Khe Sanh and Dong Ha. Khe Sanh made (3) three contacts with the enemy, no other contacts were made during the month of June.

5. Supply/Material. This section continued to support the airfields at MAF, Khe Sanh, Dong Ha and Phu Bai.

6. Motor Transport. The section traveled 95,649 miles during the month of June. The section hauled 1,093,300 gallons of water, 76,600 gallons of diesel fuel, 14,400 gallons of mogas and 56,694 gallons of JP-4 fuel working on an around the clock schedule. There were 25 vehicles deadlined at the end of this period.

7. TAFDS. During the month of June 1967, this section supported operations Crockett, Cimarron, Choctaw, Bear Bite, Union II, Cumberland, Colgate, Butler, Arizona, Adair, Calhoun and Beacon Torch.

a. The following is the amount of fuel which was issued during this period:

<u>Location</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain	177,401	422,123
Phu Bai	192,978	386,780
Dong Ha	98,854	197,577
Total	469,233	1,006,480

8. Base Operations. Base Operations continued to support tenant Squadrons and visiting aircraft utilizing MAC-16 Airfields at Khe Sanh, Dong Ha, Phu Bai, An Hoa and Marble Mountain. Facilities at Marble Mountain were improved by striping the runway and taxiways, sand bagging shoulders of taxiways to prevent erosion from rotar wash, and building revitments for aircraft. On June 9th, Base Operations moved into a permanent building from various temporary structures. This consolidation of the section heads proved most beneficial to efficient running of the airfield.

a. The MACV-60 Detachment at MAF recorded 15,276 operations for the month; at An Hoa the detachment recorded 3,971 operations up until 22 June when MAC-36 took over responsibility for the field.

b. The Air Freight and Passenger Section loaded freight and passengers as follows:

<u>Field</u>	<u>Freight in lbs</u>	<u>Passengers</u>
ITAF	609,613	1722
Phu Bai	336,980	1755
Dong Ha	53,083	730
Total	999,706	4207

c. The Crash Crew Section responded as follows:

<u>Field</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>AC Standbys</u>	<u>Structural</u>	<u>Grass Fires</u>	<u>AC Crash</u>
ITAF		22	2		
Phu Bai	203	34		4	
Dong Ha	60	10	3		1
Khe Sanh	30	9	3		1
Total	293	75	8	4	2

d. The Weather Section supported operations at all MAG-16 Airfields and also supplied winds aloft information to Devastate Delta at Dong Ha. These winds were supplied four times daily by the Weather Section Radiosonde Team.

#### 9. Food Services.

a. ITAF. There were approximately 205,800 meals fed at the ITAF messhall during the reporting period. Bakery Products utilized approximately 22,500 lbs of flour. Both storerooms have been completed. Much needed sewage system including additional drains throughout messhall is now under way.

b. Phu Bai. There were approximately 82,000 A-ration meals and 8,000 B-ration meals served at the Phu Bai Messhall. Bakery Products utilized approximately 2,050 lbs of flour. Wing Food Service Team spent seven days at this messhall offering suggestions and giving instructions to increase efficiency and improve sanitation.

c. Dong Ha. There were approximately 25,650 A-ration meals and 35,600 B-ration meals served at the Dong Ha Messhall. Bakery Products utilized 1100 lbs of flour and 37 cases of cake mix. During the month of June, an office was constructed, the bakeshop was remodeled and table cloths placed throughout the messhall.

10. Utility Section, Base Development. During the month 2 new men were joined. This section currently has 3 officers and 114 enlisted personnel assigned.

a. Water Point. The Water Point processed 1,061,450 gallons of potable water and 31,850 gallons of nonpotable water during the month of June. The various ground units were issued 4,200 gallons of potable water during this period. The Water Point has produced about 500,000 gallons of water more this month due to the warmer weather. A third well was placed into operation and is

producing around 120 gallons per minute.

b. Paint Shop. During the month of June the Paint Shop personnel completed some fourteen (14) projects. Many of these required much time and skill. A total of about sixty-five (65) signs were painted during the month of June. In addition to this, one Utility Section personnel's name was painted on each of twenty (20) baby cribs that were built for the local Catholic Orphanage.

c. Electric Shop. The Electric Shop personnel completed thirty-eight (38) projects and trouble calls during the month of June.

d. Plumbing Shop. The Plumbing Shop completed (8) eight projects and numerous trouble calls during the month of June.

e. Refrigeration Shop. The Refrigeration Shop personnel answered eleven (11) trouble calls during the month of June. A close watch was kept on each of the units operating in the messhall.

f. Generator Shop. During the month of June the Generator Shop personnel performed all first and second echelon maintenance with a minimum amount of breakdown.

g. Carpenter Shop. During the month of June the Carpenter Shop personnel completed some seventy-six (76) trouble calls and work assignments. During the month the Carpenter Shop personnel completed the new V.I.P. Beach House. The new Welding Shop at Heavy Equipment Section was completed. The 20' X 60' storage building for the messhall was completed. A cement floor was poured in the Heavy Equipment Maintenance Building. The Zulu Company Shower was modified to provide proper ventilation. Forty-seven (47) boxes were built for the Group Supply Officer. A shelter was built for arming and de-arming aircraft for WFO-2. A locker was built in the Communications Section to store a radio and tele-type. A wire cage was installed in the armory to provide security. Three (3) cradles were built for CH-46A helicopters. One (1) shelter 25' X 20' X 10' was constructed for the Communications Section.

h. Laundry. During the month of June the Base Laundry processed 24,243 pounds of clothing and collected organizational gear to turn over to the civilian laundry service.

i. Progress Report for Dong Ha.

a. The Carpenter Shop personnel constructed an enlisted club with bar and storeroom. A water tower was built for the Officers' Shower and one was also built for the Staff NCO Shower. An added storeroom was built onto the present messhall. All heads and urinals were rescreened.

b. The Plumbing Shop personnel added shower heads and hose bibs to the Officers' Shower. A new 6" drain line was installed from messhall. A new hot water heater was installed in the Officers' Mess. The messhall drain lines and trans were repaired. A water supply line was run to the G. I. House.

c. The Electrical Section personnel pulled general daily PM's on all generators. Power lines were doubled to the messhall. Five (5) sections of the base power lines were replaced.

j. Progress Report for Phu Bai.

a. During the month of June the Phu Bai Utilities Section maintained and operated a total of six (6) generators with a minimum of breakdowns. The carpenters were kept busy mostly on repair of huts, but also built fourteen (14) large boxes of various sizes. Six (6) power poles were built for the Communications Section. Three (3) heads were constructed and the messhall was rescreened. Refrigeration gear was operated with minimum trouble.

11. Exchange. During the month of June 1967 the exchange sales were \$61,568.05. The sales of James S. LEE were \$2,546.60. The sales for Sashan Photo Service were \$1,495.15.

Documentation: None