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C. E. WYDNER, JR.

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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, VIETNAM, MABS-16 1-31 August 1967

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Charles E. WYDNER, JR., Commanding Officer, 1-31Aug67
 Maj Francis R. MURRAY, Executive Officer, 1-31Aug67
 Maj Casey R. NIX, Awaiting Assignment, 17-31Aug67
 Capt Gerald A. ENOS, Communications Officer, 1-31Aug67
 Capt William G. SEYMOUR, Base Operations Officer, 1-31Aug67
 Capt Bennett CHAPPEL, Clubs Officer, 1-31Aug67
 Capt Harvey L. BELL, Clubs Officer, Phu Bai, 1-13Aug67
 Capt Robert D. KEELER, Commanding Officer, Zulu Company, 1-20Aug67
 Capt William E. EVERETT, Provost Marshal, 1-31Aug67
 Capt Richard L. PHILLIPS, Commanding Officer, Zulu Company, 21-31Aug67
 Capt Charles M. HAVICAN, JR., Clubs Officer, Phu Bai, 14-31Aug67
 Capt Gerald C. SMITH, Post Exchange Officer, 1-31Aug67
 1stLt Jerry D. BENTHUL, Motor Transport Officer, Phu Bai, 1-30Aug67
 1stLt Gary G. MEYERS, Weather Officer, 1-31Aug67
 1stLt Ralph A. MILTON, Awaiting Assignment, 7-31Aug67
 1stLt Charles R. WILEMAN, Ordnance Officer, 1-31Aug67
 1stLt Robert C. ANDERSON, JR., Assistant Communications Officer, 10-31Aug67
 2ndLt Michael L. SCHOTT, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 1-31Aug67
 2ndLt Delano C. WEATHERFORD, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-31Aug67
 2ndLt James J. CASEY, Assistant Communications Officer, 1-21Aug67
 2ndLt James F. RAY, Assistant Communications Officer, 1-31Aug67
 2ndLt Oscar E. SHAW, Base Services Officer, 1-31Aug67
 2ndLt John B. GOGULSKI, Crash Crew Officer, 1-31Aug67
 2ndLt Richard J. KERCH, Administrative Officer, 1-31Aug67
 CWO-3 Charles H. DOWLING, Motor Transport Officer, 1-31Aug67
 CWO-2 George E. WALKER, Camp Maintenance Officer, Phu Bai, 1-31Aug67
 WO Jean B. HALL, Base Services Officer, Dong Ha, 1-31Aug67
 WO Arthur W. BARKER, JR., Materiel Officer, 1-31Aug67
 WO Winfred B. HENSON, Maintenance Officer, 1-31Aug67
 LtCdr Jack D. GRAHAM, Protestant Chaplain, 1-29Aug67
 LtCdr George E. HAROLDSEN, Protestant Chaplain, 30-31Aug67
 Lt Dennis L. RANDALL, Group Medical Officer, 1-31Aug67
 Lt Dennis B. DIERENFIELD, Dental Officer, 1-31Aug67
 Lt Jay N. ROSENBERGER, Dental Officer, 1-31Aug67
 Lt Cecil D. HARPER, Catholic Chaplain, 11-31Aug67
 Lt John W. WISHARD, Catholic Chaplain, 1-31Aug67
2. Marine Officers - 25 Marine Enlisted - 860
 Navy Officers - 7 Navy Enlisted - 36

PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31Aug67. During the 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. Five Marine Officers, 77 Marine Enlisted, 2 Navy Officers, and 9 Navy Enlisted were joined. Five Marine Officers, 88 Marine Enlisted, 1 Navy Officer, and 10 Navy Enlisted were dropped.

2. Awards. The following awards were presented:

a. Air Medal

- (1) 7th through 9th Awards, Captain Richard L. PHILLIPS, 082374
- (2) 2nd Award, Lance Corporal James T. COSGROVE, 2271010
- (3) 1st Award, Lance Corporal James D. FLOOD, 2138814

b. Purple Heart

- (1) 1st Award, Corporal Howard L. BOYER, 2147406
- (2) 2nd Award, Second Lieutenant, Richard J. KERCH, 099669

c. Good Conduct Medal

- (1) 3rd Award, Staff Sergeant Thomas R. GORALSKI, 1845657
- (2) 3rd Award, Staff Sergeant Larry W. TENNYSON, 1820044
- (3) 1st Award, Oren L. HANEY, Corporal, 2085608
- (4) 1st Award, Sergeant Timothy W. LAUER, 2115222
- (5) 1st Award, Sergeant Terry L. COURTER, 2121916
- (6) 1st Award, Sergeant Gary W. BOWLING, 2090421

3. Civic Action. The Med-Cap held a total of 34 sick calls between the Catholic Orphanage, the Catholic Dispensary and Stella Maris Dispensary. The following number of patients were treated:

Men	111
Women	223
Children	<u>1427</u>
Total	1761

4. Ground Defense. During the month of August the command posts and bunkers were rebuilt and repositioned at MMAF. Perimeter lighting was installed along the entire MMAF perimeter. At Phu Bai the outer perimeter has been extended 300 meters also new bunkers and fighting holes have been erected. Defense positions are constantly being worked on and improved at Dong Ha and Khe Sanh. Enemy contacts were as follows:

MMAF: (1)
 Phu Bai: (2)
 Dong Ha: Daily contact during the month
 Khe Sanh: None

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

6. Motor Transport. The MMAF Section traveled 84,040 miles, during the month of August, the section hauled 1,853,200 gallons of water, 28,800 gallons of mogas, 44,400 gallons of diesel fuel, 51,833 passengers, 3,030 gallons of A/C oil and 106,214 gallons of Jp-4 fuel. The Phu Bai/Dong Ha Section of MABS Motor Transport traveled 62,161 miles. The section hauled 443,400 gallons of water, 42,351 gallons of diesel fuel, 2,750 gallons of A/C oil and 11,597 passengers.

7. TAFDS. During the month of August 1967, this section issued the following amounts of fuel at the locations listed.

	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain	205,071	609,322
Phu Bai	197,104	386,110
Dong Ha	<u>117,898</u>	<u>158,067</u>
Total	520,073	1,153,499

On 12 August, the #2 JP-4 tank farm was lost when an OLC aircraft crashed in the fuel pits. This tank farm was set up and in operation by the following day. On 28 August, the complete tank farm at Dong Ha was destroyed by enemy action. Equipment was flown in, and the fuel farm was back in operation within 48 hours.

8. Base Operations. During the month of August this section continued to support all operations of MAG-16. The eastern taxiways were repaired in preparation for the winter monsoons.

a. The MATCU-68 Detachment at MMAF recorded 4,342 fixed wing operations and 17,878 helicopter operations during the month of August.

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

	<u>Field</u>	<u>Freight in lbs</u>	<u>Passengers</u>
MMAF		468,009	2401
Phu Bai		339,819	2580
Dong Ha		<u>46,505</u>	<u>1081</u>
Total		854,333	6,062

c. The Crash Crew 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>	<u>Aircraft Fire</u>
MMAF		32	2		1	4
Phu Bai	216	15	7			
Dong Ha		18	7			
Khe Sanh	16	4	1		1	

d. The weather section supported all tactical flights of MAG-16 aircraft in the I Corps Area during the month of August.

9. Food Services

a. MMAF. There were approximately 210,000 meals fed during the month of August. Bakery products utilized approximately 24,000 lbs of flour.

b. Phu Bai. There were approximately 81,500 A-Ration meals and 5,090 B-Ration meals served during this period. Bakery products utilized approximately 2,700 lbs of flour.

c. Dong Ha. There were approximately 27,500 A-Ration meals and 35,000 B-Ration meals served during the month. Bakery products utilized approximately 2,500 lbs of flour.

10 Base Development/Utilities

a. Water Point. The water point personnel processed 1,785,100 gallons of potable water and 68,100 gallons of non potable water during the month of August. Other various units were issued 228,950 gallons of potable water during this period.

b. Paint Shop. A total of sixty (60) signs were painted during the month of August. In addition the paint shop personnel repainted the messhall and three (3) newly constructed storehouses.

c. Electric Shop. The Electric Shop completed forty-four (44) projects and numerous trouble calls during the month of August.

d. Plumbing Shop. During the month of August four (4) work requests and numerous trouble calls were completed.

e. Refrigeration Shop. Refrigeration personnel answered fifteen (15) trouble calls during the month of August. A close watch was held on units located at sick bay and the messhall.

f. Generator Shop. During the month of August the generator shop personnel performed all first and second echelon maintenance with a minimum of breakdown. A total of six (6) generators were hit by shrapnel on 28 August 1967.

g. Carpenter Shop. Approximately fifty (50) trouble calls and work assignments were completed by the carpenter shop personnel.

h. Laundry. During the month of August the base laundry processed 26,198 lbs of clothing.

i. Progress Report for Phu Bai and Dong Ha. The Utility Sections at both Phu Bai and Dong Ha were supported and supplied by Marble Mountain. Continuous improvement and development of both airfields prevailed.

11. Exchange. During the month of August the exchange sales were \$54,363.00. Sales for James S. LEE were \$3,205.50. Sales for Seahan Photo Service were \$1,650.30. Sales for Kim Young Portrait Section were \$355.00.

12. Ordnance. During the month of August the ordnance section issued 280,972 rounds for small arms, 3,058-2.75 rockets were issued, and slightly over three (3) tons of assorted smoke grenades, rocket launchers, and chemical agents. During this period 786-2.75 rockets were destroyed by fire at the ammunition supply point at Phu Bai.

Documentation: None