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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, VIETNAM, MABS-16, 1-31 AUGUST 1968

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Robert F. RICK, Commanding Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 LtCol Lowell W. PARRISH, Executive Officer, 26-31Aug68  
 Maj Faustin E. WIRKUS Jr., Executive Officer, 1-25Aug68, Squadron Pilot, 26-31Aug68  
 Maj James P. KIZER, TAD to Task Force Hotel, 1-31Aug68  
 Maj Casey R. NIX, Communications Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 Maj Duwain E. BJERKE, Commanding Officer, Zulu Company/Provost Marshal, 1-2Aug68  
 Capt George J. HOFFMAN, Weather Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 Capt Ronald L. GREGSTON, Clubs Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 Capt Henry C. TURNER III, NBC Officer & Billeting Officer, 1-15Aug68  
 Capt Robert A. JONES, Training Officer & Legal Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 Capt Thomas C. PACK, Assistant Group Ground Defense Officer, 1-2Aug68  
 Commanding Officer, Zulu Company/Provost Marshal 3-31Aug68  
 1stLt David C. BENNETT, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 1stLt Gerard P. TETU, Administrative Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 1stLt James M. DOYLE, Assistant Communications Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 1stLt Leon E. CEDERLIND, Food Services Officer & Air Freight Officer 1-31Aug68  
 1stLt Ralph A. MILTON, Motor Transport Officer, 1-22Aug68  
 1stLt John M. WEATHERSEY, TAFDS Officer & Crash Crew Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 1stLt Larry L. HUNT, Assistant Motor Transport Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 1stLt James H. WEBB, Engineer Equipment Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 1stLt Ronald T. TAUNT, Materiel Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 1stLt Wayne L. TREECE, Ordnance Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 1stLt John E. JOURNEY, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 1stLt Michael N. BRYANT, Civil Affairs Officer, 1-31Aug68  
 1stLt Kenneth H. REISERER, Executive Officer, Zulu Company, 1-6Aug68  
 1stLt William C. CURLY, Billeting Officer, 13-31Aug68  
 1stLt Loyce M. TACKITT, Assistant Motor Transport Officer, 12-22Aug68, Motor Transport Officer, 23-31Aug68  
 1stLt Jeffery ERNST, Base Services Officer, 4-31Aug68  
 CWO-2 Ralph PALMER, Base Services Officer, 1-3Aug68, Assistant Base Services Officer, 4-31Aug68  
 LtCmdr George E. HAROLDSON, Protestant Chaplain, 1-25Aug68  
 Lt Norvell E. KNIGHT, Protestant Chaplain, 13-31Aug68  
 Lt Benjamin R. WALKER, Catholic Chaplain, 1-12Aug68  
 Lt Russell A. JONES, Group Medical Officer, 1-31Aug68
2. Marine Officers - 24                      Marine Enlisted - 676  
 Navy Officer - 2                          Navy Enlisted - 19

## PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31 August 1968. During this period, MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility and An Hoa Airfield.

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Four (4) Marine Officers, one hundred and four (104) Marine Enlisted, one (1) Navy Officer and three (3) Navy Enlisted were joined. Four (4) Marine Officers, sixty-four Marine Enlisted, two (2) Navy Officers and six (6) Navy Enlisted were dropped. There was one (1) promoted to SSgt, five (5) to Cpl, five (5) to LCpl and eleven (11) to PFC.

2. Administration. On 26 August 1968, Lieutenant Colonel L. W. PARRISH relieved Major F. E. WIRKUS Jr., as the Squadron Executive Officer.

3. Awards. During the month of August 1968, there was fifteen (15) Good Conduct Medals, one (1) Purple Heart and forty-six (46) Air Medals awarded to MABS-16 personnel.

4. Casualties. The following casualties were reported during the month of August 1968:

HN Dennis W. WHITMER, B705677, USN, WIA, 29 Aug 1968, An Hoa

5. Civic Action. The MAG-16 Med-Cap Team went to the following places on a weekly basis: Stella Maris Orphanage/Dispensary, Protestant Orphanage, Boys Town Orphanage and the Hoa Long Village Dispensary. A total of 1,464 patients were rendered medical assistance. A vietnamese nurse working aboard MAG-16 assists in the Med-Caps. Every Thursday Vietnamese employees of MAG-16 receive medical check-ups.

6. Ground Defense. During the month of August 1968, at Marble Mountain Air Facility, additional bunkers and defense positions were constantly worked on and improved.

7. Supply/Materiel. The following occurred in the Materiel Section during the month of August 1968:

a. The Navy Section of this office has started various projects. They have begun typing new Custody Control Cards, which when completed will ensure accurate control of all custody items. They have also sent out many requisitions for gear submitted by sections of this command. This section has also submitted many follow-up documents to check on the status of outstanding requisitions.

b. The Marine Corps Section has rearranged the MABS warehouse and have taken an inventory of all gear on hand. Many requisitions were submitted for gear for the Mess Hall and Utilities. Follow-ups on requisitions were submitted as required.

8. Motor Transport. During the month of August 1968, the Motor Transport Section traveled 63,891 miles, transported 36,721 passengers, hauled 852,600 gallons of water, hauled 18,578 gallons of LOGAS, hauled 21,851 gallons of Diesel Fuel, hauled 2,145 gallons of A/C oil and hauled 1,983 short tons of cargo.

9. TAFDS. During the month of August 1968, this section issued the following amount of fuel at the locations indicated:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain	158,227 Gal	704,991 Gal
An Hoa	7,623 Gal	194,327 Gal
Hill 55		106,756 Gal
TOTAL	165,850 Gal	1,006,574 Gal

On 21 August 1968, An Hoa increased its capacity of JP-4 Fuel from 30,000 gallons to 40,000 gallons.

10. Base Operations. During the month of August 1968, the following has been accomplished:

- a. A TSN-1 operation shelter has been installed at the GCA site.
- b. A new SOP has been written for the Crash, Fire, Rescue and Structural Fire Section (Group Order P11320.2).
- c. The TAFDS storage area has been reveted with sand filled barrels.
- d. Runway distance markers have been installed along the side of the runway at 1,000' intervals.
- e. Signs have been installed on the shoulder of the road which runs by the north end of the runway and reads "Slow Down, Beware of Low Flying Aircraft".
- f. The GCA unit has been in operation for three weeks and practice runs have been made by helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.
- g. A RAPCON line between MIAF GCA and Danang GCA became operational on 8 August 1968. Also a FE-8 telephone hook-up between MIAF control tower and GCA unit.
- h. A new windsock was installed on the north end of the field.
- i. Letters of Agreement between Danang Air Base and MIAF have been signed for special VFR, IFR procedures and Airspace requirements.

#### Other Projects Pending Completion

- a. The Crash Crew Barn is still under construction and may be completed some time this month. A road from the Crash Barn to the runway will also have to be completed prior to occupancy by the crash vehicles and personnel.

b. It is desirous that a southeast Asia hut be obtained and positioned at the GCA site for the personnel living area. This will enable the GCA unit to be manned on a 24 hour basis.

#### Damages.

a. On 23 August 1968, at 0245, MAF received approximately 15 4.2 illumination cannister rounds. They damaged 1 UH-1E, 1 CH-46 and 1 OV-10. Numerous Cannister rounds landed on the west parking apron. Where these rounds came from no one knows. MAF also received 82mm mortars with no apparent damage.

b. On 31 August 1968, at approximately 0200, MAF received approximately 10-15 60mm mortar rounds. Minor damage was done to the PSP matting. No damage was done to Marine aircraft, but the Army had 3 aircraft that received shrapnel damage.

#### Crash Crew.

##### a. Personnel

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility	34
(2) U. S. Army Augmentation	4
(3) An Hoa Detachment	8

##### b. Equipment

(1) Equipment assigned this section consists of:

- 1 - MB-1 Crash Fire Truck
- 5 - MB-5 Crash Fire Trucks
- 3 - M530 Pumpers 1 - out for REHAB
- 1 - USMC Otter
- 1 - 6X6 Cargo Truck
- 1 - Navy Airlift Ansul Unit (P-K-P)
- 2 - TAU (light water P-K-P units)
- 1 - M530 Pumper, U. S. Army augmentation

(2) Of the above listed equipment the following is assigned to the An Hoa Detachment:

- 2 - MB-5 Crash Fire Trucks
- 1 - M530 Pumper
- 1 - 6X6 Cargo Truck
- 1 - TAU (light water P-K-P unit)

c. No vehicle accidents involving personnel or vehicles this reporting period.

## d. Emergency Response

## (1) Marble Mountain Air Facility

<u>A/C Emergency Response</u>	<u>A/C Fires</u>	<u>Structural Response</u>	<u>Structural Fires</u>
16	0	2	2

## (2) An Hoa Detachment

<u>A/C Emergency Response</u>	<u>A/C Fires</u>	<u>Structural Response</u>	<u>Structural Fires</u>
5	0	0	0

(3) MMAF - 2Aug68, 1100, Crash Crew responded to a call from the MAG-16 Mess Hall. A water heating unit was on fire in the rear of the Mess Hall. Fuel in heating unit spilled over and ignited. Fire was extinguished by messmen prior to Crash Crew arrival.

(4) MMAF - 23Aug68, 0245, Marble Mountain Air Facility came under hostile mortar attack, no injury to Crash Crew personnel or equipment.

(5) MMAF - 24Aug68, 1230, Crash Crew responded to a call from the 245th Aviation Unit, U. S. Army regarding a fire in a truck load of trash in the 245th area. The fire was immediately extinguished. Approximately 100 gallons of water was used. No damage to property.

(6) MMAF - 31Aug68, 0200, Marble Mountain Air Facility came under hostile mortar attack. No injury to Crash Crew personnel or equipment.

Air Freight and Passenger Section

a. The report of the Air Freight and Passenger Section for the month of August 1968, is as follows:

<u>Marble Mountain to</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>
Phu Bai	253	137,918	9,016
Dong Ha	5	350	20
Quang Tri	124	29,956	1,542
Chu Lai	22	16,242	1,029
An Hoa	283	25,252	1,744
Miscellaneous	80	78,478	3,125
TOTAL	767	288,196	16,476

Weather

a. During the month of August 1968, this section continued to support all Marine Aircraft Group 16 aircraft operations in the An Hoa and MMAF areas.

b. A new absolute maximum temperature was recorded on 23 & 24 August 1968 at this station. The new absolute maximum temperature was 104°F. The previous high temperature was 102°F set on 21 June 1967 and later equaled on 5 & 6 July of the same year.

Tower

a. The total operations conducted at Marble Mountain Air Facility during August are as follows:

Fixed Wing Operations	4,841
Helicopter Operations	23,669
Total Operations	28,510
IFR Operations	43
VER GCA	126

11. Food Services

a. There were approximately 222,829 meals fed at the MMAF Messhalls during the month of August. Bread for the month of August was issued from the Red Beach Bakery. The messhall, in addition, used 12,000 pounds of flour for the preparation of breakfast pastry, pie, cake, etc.

b. Public Works is still in the process of re-wiring the Enlisted Messhall. A new 36 gallon hot water heater was hooked up at the Enlisted Messhall. Remodeling of the Staff Mess is still underway. Wooden racks were built and placed in the storeroom to stack dry stores on. Bunker was completed for the cooks at the Officers Mess.

c. Technical Training and On the Job Training was conducted for all mess personnel and properly recorded. The messhall has been sprayed weekly for flies and roaches. Insecticide Bombs have been ordered through Supply so that the messhalls can be sprayed daily for flies. The Clubs were furnished night snacks during the month.

d. The civilian personnel are not getting to the messhall early enough in the morning to be of use for the breakfast meal. This matter has been brought to the attention of the IRO Officer and Motor Transport. The Mess is short about 15 civilian personnel that are required to fill the billet of Marine messmen at the rate of 1 per 40, instead of 1 per 30. This has been a problem since October 1967. The messhall has been unable to get soap and other items of cleaning gear to keep the messhall in a sanitary condition. Three steam lines are out of order, which makes it impossible to keep hot chow for the troops. Public Works has been called and they do not have parts to repair them. The new 630 Reefer is in bad need of a shelter, each time that it rains the reefer fills with water and the food is greatly damaged.

12. Base Services/Utilities

a. During the month of August 1968, the Utilities Section joined eleven (11) personnel. There were six (6) personnel rotated back to CONUS. Two (2) men returned from thirty day leave. Three (3) men returned from TAD to Quang Tri. There were no new cases of VD in the section. One (1) man was granted out-of-country R&R. During the month of August one (1) LCpl was promoted to Cpl and one (1) PFC was promoted to LCpl. One (1) man was transferred to HML-167. One person went on thirty day leave and three (3) men returned from Emergency Leave. There were seven (7) personnel participating in the 10% Savings Program and 83% of the section had U. S. Savings Bonds.

b. Water Point. During the month of August the Water Point personnel processed a total of 3,380,800 gallons of potable water. Of this total, 641,000 gallons were issued to other units outside of MAG-16. Well #2 is still pumping bad water. To date there are two (2) wells in proper operation. All Equipment at the Water Point was exercised during the month.

c. Paint Shop. During the month of August the Paint Shop Personnel completed sixteen (16) work orders. Stencils were made for the heads. A new OIC sign was painted for Utilities. A sign was painted for Legal. Signs were painted for the Dog Pound. A sign was painted for the Career Advisor. Number signs were painted for POL. New signs were painted for Sick Bay. The Mess Hall had a sign painted. The Water Tower had a sign painted. The OIC's name sign for Group Supply was changed. Signs were painted for the Group Billeting Officer. Two signs were painted for Motor Transport.

d. Electric Shop. The Electric Shop personnel completed sixty-four (64) work orders during the month of August. Lights and outlets were installed in the VMO-2 area. The emergency power switch at Comm was checked during the month. The power failure at the PX was corrected. The short at hut 503 was repaired. The light switch at the Laundry was moved. A 220 volt line at the Laundry was relocated. The voltage reading was taken at the Chapel. Three light fixtures were installed at Sick Bay. The light at the M. T. dispatchers shack was repaired. Blown fuses at Disbursing were repaired. New male plugs were installed at the Sgt's Club. The line at Air Freight was put up. A fuse at hut 100 was replaced. Light switch at hut 134 was relocated. The bar lights at the Staff Club were repaired. A fan at the Officer's Club was installed. A receptacle was installed for the clock at the Sgt's Club. The power at huts 608, 628 and 638 was repaired. Lights at hut 23B were repaired. The 220 volt line at the Press Center was extended. Lights and outlets were installed at the Police Shed. A female plug at 164 was repaired. The lights at the P. X. were repaired. A 220 volt outlet at H&MS-16 was installed. An outlet at Warehouse #4 was installed. Power at VMO-2 Ground Support was installed. The fuse box at the Staff Club was replaced. The light switch at hut 500 was replaced. The light for the HMH-463 ready room was hooked up. Wall receptacles at the Officers Club were installed. Electricity was installed in Hut 139. The burned out wire at the Staff Club for the air conditioner was replaced. The lights at the Group XO's officer were repaired. The vent fans at the Officers Club were reinstalled. The lights at the end of the runway were adjusted. A new breaker box at Zulu was installed. In addition to this, the perimeter lights were replaced when and where necessary throughout the month. Also there were many work orders completed throughout the month of a minor nature and too numerous to mention.

e. Plumbing Shop. The Plumbing Shop personnel completed some eight (8) work orders during the month of August. A shower was installed at the Mess Hall. A drain was installed at the Mess Hall. A sink at the Officers Mess was repaired. Drains at the Enlisted Club were installed. A stopped up drain at the Mess Hall was unplugged. The drain at the Staff Mess was repaired. Dental was hooked up to the new water system. Both the Enlisted showers and the Staff showers were hooked up for hot water. The new water supply system is now completed. In addition to this, there were many work orders completed to minor to mention.



f. Base Laundry. The Base Laundry processed 57,300 pounds of clothing during the month of August. There were 3,640 bundles of clothing processed. The individual bundle service is continued to be available to all ranks.

g. Refrigeration Shop. The Refrigeration Shop personnel completed some forty-one (41) work orders during the month of August. The air conditioner in hut 34A was repaired. A water cooler for WMO-2 was repaired. The ice machine at the Staff Club was repaired. The air conditioner at hut 100 was repaired. The Water cooler for Base Operations was repaired. The reefer at the Sgt's Club was repaired. The air conditioner at the Officers Club was repaired. The air conditioner at hut 29 was repaired. The air conditioner at the Enlisted Club was repaired. The air conditioner at Disbursing was repaired. The reefer for Warehouse #2 was repaired. The air conditioner for Comm was repaired. The air conditioner for the HMM-463 ready room was repaired. The air conditioner for the Chaplain was repaired. A reefer for HMM-463 was repaired. The reefer for Dental was repaired. A reefer for Zulu was repaired. The new air conditioners for the Enlisted Club were put in operation. Weekly PM's were pulled on all refrigeration units in the Mess Hall throughout the month and a constant check was kept on air conditioner units at MMAF.

h. Carpenter Shop. During the month of August the Carpenter Shop personnel completed about fifty-three (53) work orders. The new water tower at the water point was constructed. Eight (8) huts were moved in by the Laundry. The leak in the roof of hut 16D was repaired. Picture frames for Heavy Equipment were made. The door and floor at S-3 was repaired. The door at HML-167 was repaired. The leak at hut 107 was repaired. The leak at hut 19D was repaired. An insignia for MAG-16 was made. The floor at hut 645 was repaired. Eight (8) mount out boxes were constructed for Marine Corps Property. Stakes to hold up shutters for Group Training were constructed. The steps for Group Supply were repaired. The screen for the CO was repaired. Rotor Blade racks for HMM-463 were constructed. HMM-167 had seventeen (17) embarkation boxes constructed. A hole for the Officers Club fan was cut. Leaks in hut 506 were repaired. The door on hut 639 was repaired. The door on head #21 was repaired. A mail box for the HMM-164 ready room was constructed. The screen and shutters for the barber shop were repaired. The leak at the Officers Galley was repaired. Four (4) picture frames for WMO-2 were constructed. The leak at hut 16A was repaired. Mount out boxes for HMM-16 were constructed. The leak in the roof at 18B was repaired. The door at the Enlisted Club was rehung. The door at hut 100 was repaired. Concret for OV-10 test pad, tennis court, Officers Club, Enlsited Club and the Engine test was poured. Also there were many work orders of a minor nature completed. (One work order on Special Leave)

### 13. Heavy Equipment.

a. Administration. During the month of August two men rotated back to CONUS. For details, there were two men on mobile alert, one man on guard and one man returned from mess duty. There were two men who were TAD this month. One man attended five days of training at Generator School that was being held at Wing Headquarters. The other man was TAD to HMM-163. One man went on Special Leave and four men on R&R. There were no reported cases of VD this month and nobody was placed in confinement or the hospital. No equipment was turned into REHAB or Fourth Echelon. Currently there is one officer and twenty-three enlisted men assigned to this section.

b. Maintenance. For the month of August 1968, the Maintenance Section opened seventeen (17) work orders. Out of this number eleven (11) were completed. We now have a total of twelve (12) work orders open.

c. Operations. The Operations Section completed 638 equipment requests. Of this total the following breakdown is submitted:

ART 30 3,000 lb	91
C-40 4,000 lb	73
RTF 6,000 lb	307
H-150-8 15,000 lb	50
72-3LM Scooploader	79
M-12 Grader	3
M-60 Anthony Crane	<u>17</u>
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14. Ordinance. During the month of August 1968, the Ordnance Section issued a total of 9,526 2.75" White Phosphorus and High Explosive rockets, 658,390 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 2,120 pounds of assorted smoke and chemical agents. Also during the month the following personnel changes were in effect. Sgt T. C. MILLER rotated to CONUS.

15. Exchange. During the month of August the Exchange and Facilities sales totaled as listed below:

Exchange	\$52,049.46
James S. Lee	5,659.65
Saehan Laboratories	2,384.45
Huynh Phung Laundry & Gift Shop	7,518.20
LOC SVP LTD Barber Shops	1,753.00
Sax Tailor	<u>11,953.70</u>
TOTAL	\$81,318.46

AN HOA AIRFIELD COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1968

1. This report covers the period 1-31 August 1968. During this period the An Hoa Airfield Facilities, under the command of the Resident Officer in Charge, supported all transient aircraft with Crash, Fire and Rescue services, weather information, control tower facilities, air freight assistance and refueling services of aviation gas 115/145 and JP-4 fuel.

2. During the month of August the An Hoa Base was probed by enemy small arms fire and mortars nine different times. The alert condition of 100% was assumed by all tenants approximately 35% of the month whereby all personnel were required to sleep outside of their huts in vicinity of their bunkers. Living areas and the surrounding areas of the airfield were kept in good police daily by all hands and all equipment including generators were kept clean of dust and mud and preventative maintenance was performed weekly. During the period covered, CBMU-301A commenced work on the east turnaround with the present matting being replaced by new M8A1 matting. The runway is patrolled daily to inspect for broken and torn places in the runway matting and to pickup metal pieces broken and laying on the runway. The runway matting is constantly being welded back together in order to maintain fixed wing capability.

3. Highlights for specific days of the reporting period are as follows: On 1 August MABS-16 Detachment supported a detachment of the 9th Cavalry working out of the An Hoa area. On 2 August 2/5 was airlifted to the Arizona area by CH-46 helos. Approximately 700 troops were airlifted. ROIC of An Hoa went to MMAF to take monthly reports. 3 August ROIC returned from MMAF and airfield was inspected by Col LOWMAN. 4 August uneventful. 5 August Bn 1/5 was airlifted to the Antenna Valley by CH-46 helos. At 0130 received 10-15 rounds of 82MM mortars, no damage. 6 August a CH-53 rotor ~~was~~ blew the matting up in front of the tower. Closed the runway temporarily so that repairs could be completed. 7 August runway reopened at 0800 for fixed wing aircraft. Visit by Maj RANTA, 1st MarDiv Air Officer. 8 August uneventful. 9 August MABS-16 Detachment supported a detachment of the 9th Cavalry working out of the An Hoa area. 10 August uneventful. 11 August ROIC to MMAF. 12 August two CH-46D helos, YT-24 and YT-5 were shot up while on a resupply mission. Pilot received a leg wound and a gunner received a leg wound. Helo had a MedEvac aboard. Crash Crew responded, but no damage. All personnel were MedEvac out of An Hoa. 13 August uneventful. 14 August ROIC returned from MMAF. At 1010 there was an aircraft accident involving three CH-46 aircraft on the east portion of the parking apron. One helo, YT-20, was completely shut down and parked. Another helo, YT-2, was getting into position to park with blades still turning. A third helo, EP-3, attempted to go around the YT-2 helo that was parking, but instead of clearing the turning rotor blades, his front blades came in contact with YT-2 blades and continued rolling until he ran into the rear of YT-2. On initial contact, the rear pylon of EP-2 seemed to explode throwing it over the top of YT-2 and the pylon landed between YT-2 and YT-20. The blades then passed through the skin of YT-20 and came in contact with the crew chief. The only fire involved was when the aft pylon came off and it lasted approximately one minute. There was a total of four casualties. Two were crew members and two were MABS-16 Detachment personnel.

All but two, crew chief and co-pilot, were treated and released by the aid station. The crew chief and co-pilot were medevac out on a H-34 that had just come into the airfield with a fire warning light on. During the period 1020 and 1230, the field was closed to fixed wing aircraft due to parking of other helos on the runway. CBMU-301A commenced work on east turnaround. 15 August CH-53 commenced removing the three damaged CH-46 helos from An Hoa to MMAF. Airlift was completed by 0900. 16 August Bn 3/5 started moving into the An Hoa area at 1930 by CH-53s and CH-46s. Helo operations secured at 2210. During the helo move An Hoa received 2 rounds of 82MM mortars. No damage to aircraft or personnel. 17 August uneventful. 18 August received 4 rounds of 82MM mortars, no damage. 19 August lines were probed with small arms fire. 20 August a CH-53 blew the top off a building belonging to MAG-16 during an external lift. Damage was repaired by CBMU-301A. A meeting was conducted with the Commanding Officer, 5th Marines on additional matting that is going to be layed on the parking apron and also the helo parking apron. 21 August a Company of the 5th Marines were airlifted from the An Hoa area to Danang by KC-130F aircraft. An Hoa on 100% alert. 22 August Uneventful. 23 August An Hoa on 100% alert. Received 20 rounds of 60MM mortars and small arms fire. Lines were probed. 24 August An Hoa on 100% alert. 25 August An Hoa on 100% alert. Received 8-10 rounds of 82MM Mortars. 26 August An Hoa on 100% alert. Received 15-20 rounds of 60MM mortars and small arms fire. 27 August at 1030 a OLC aircraft, USAF 62616, pilot ANNILLO, C., 5th Special Forces, had a malfunction with one of his rocket pods and fired a WP rocket from the east parking apron. The rocket traveled over the camp area and hit a mountain to the south west with no damage to personnel or equipment. 28 August received 10 rounds of 82MM mortars. 29 August CH-46 YT-2 received 21 rounds of sniper fire while coming out of a zone with a medevac aboard. Helo landed safely but the hydraulics system was shot up, it had no radios and it received a round in the engine section. The medevac patient was airlifted out by another CH-46. Crash Crew responded, but no fire resulted. Refueled two H-34 medevac helos at 0210. 30 August CH-46 YT-6 was airlifted from An Hoa by a CH-53. 31 August 0610 received 4 rounds of 82MM mortars, no damage. 1415 received approximately 10 rounds of 82MM mortars, no damage. Had aircraft orbit overhead until mortars ceased coming in. 1830 received 2 rounds 82MM mortars, no damage or casualties.

4. Resume of each Airfield Facility for 1-31 August 1968, are as follows:

a. The Weather Section consisting of three men made climatology observations on the hour for each 24 hour period when not on 100% alert status. The Weather Section provided existing weather to the Control Tower and MMAF Weather Officer during all hours of operation.

b. One ground communications man provided radio administrative net with one PRC-47 radio between An Hoa Airfield and MMAF Communications Center giving weather observation information reports each hour during hours of operation and sending and receiving administrative reports and messages.

c. One Marine with a 3000lb forklift assisted the 15th Aerial Port Squadron Air Freight and Passenger Terminal personnel to accomplish the following:

## CARGO/MAIL (lbs)

<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>OFF LOAD CARGO</u>	<u>OFF LOAD MAIL</u>	<u>ON LOAD CARGO</u>	<u>ON LOAD MAIL</u>
C-130	143,337	4,215	23,000	705
C-123	33,700	79,133	1,500	28,157
KC-130F	9,000			
Other	54,000		23,000	
Helo	1,898,392		100,000	

PASSENGER HANDLING

<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>ON LOAD</u>	<u>OFF LOAD</u>
C-130	39	64
C-123	440	112
C-7A	42	0
Other	1,171	1,893
Helo	9,502	4,761

d. The Crash Crew consisting of eight personnel performed their function of providing Crash, Fire, Rescue and Structural Fire protection for both the airfield and the An Hoa Base during all hours of operation and structural fire protection 24 hours daily. The Crash Crew responded to and provided the following:

AIRCRAFT STANDBY EMERGENCYA/C FIRES    STRUCTURAL FIRES    CRASHES

2Aug68: Crash Crew notified by tower that a UH-1D landing with wounded pilot, no other damage. CH-46D started to land at An Hoa but dropped his troops off at about 3 feet while in a hover, he had one wheel missing and one bent. MABS-16 Det notified WMAF that he was inbound to their position with his status.

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12Aug68: Two CH-46Ds took sniper fire, both A/C landed safely, no agents used.

14Aug68: Crash Crew notified by tower that a H-34 was landing with a fire warning light on, A/C landed safely. CH-46D taxiing on mat ran into another CH-46 causing damage to a third CH-46. Agents used, 10 gallons of foam.

29Aug68: CH-46 took sniper fire, A/C landed safely, no agents used.

30Aug68: CH-46D landed with control problem, A/C landed safely, no agents used.

AF A/C DEFUELS

0

USMC A/C DEFUELS

4

AGENTS USED10 gals foam  
400 gals water

e. The TAFDS Section consisting of three personnel provided and maintained a hot refueling facility for all transient aircraft. The personnel replenished the fuel farm by defueling from Marine KC-130F aircraft and tanker trucks. During the period of this report the following was accomplished:

NO. GALLONS 115/145 AVGAS ISSUED  
6,774

NO. GALLONS JP-4 ISSUED  
165,316

NO. GALLONS 115/145 AVGAS RECEIVED  
7,935

NO GALLONS JP-4 RECEIVED  
198,071

NO. GALLONS 115/145 AVGAS ON HAND  
15,702

NO. GALLONS JP-4 ON HAND  
36,303

f. The Control Tower consisting of two tower controllers and one radio technician performed their function of providing control tower communications with all inbound and out bound aircraft during all hours of operation. The following aircraft operations for this reporting period are as follows:

NO. FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

C-130	64
C-123	44
C-7A	4
OLC	4
RVN CESSNA	110
AIR AMERICA	72
TOTAL	298

NO. HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

UH-1E	1,230
CH-46	3,834
CH-53	390
H-34	384
Viet H-34	16
ARMY HELO	1,300
TOTAL	7,154

GRAND TOTAL ALL AIRCRAFT 7,452

MEDEVAC'S 131

g. During the past month An Hoa issued the following ordnance:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ON HAND</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>
2.75 HE	1,440	350
2.75 WP	98	150
7.62 Belt	15,000	13,344

## 5. Problems encountered:

a. Tower communications were down for approximately 12 days and of this date they are still being worked on. Solution: Put in a new tower. MATCU-67 is aware of this problem.

b. Runway matting still requires welding by CBMU-301A after fixed wing landings and takeoff. Solution: Replace present matting with AM-2 matting.

## 6. Organization

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 Weather Observer  
 Weather Observer  
 Tower Controller  
 Radio Tech  
 Bulk Fuel  
 Bulk Fuel  
 Radio Operator  
 Forklift Driver  
 Mess Duty