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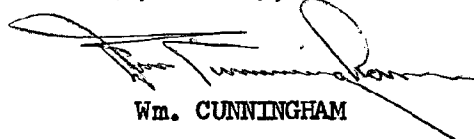
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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, MAG-16,
1-31 March 1969

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol William CUNNINGHAM, Commanding Officer, 1-31Mar69
 Maj John C. ARCHBOLD, Executive Officer, 1-31Mar69
 Maj Barry F. SKINNER, Commanding Officer, Zulu Company, 1-31Mar69
 Maj Jay "M" DAVIS, Base Operations Officer, 17-31Mar69
 Capt Thomas L. JONES, Executive Officer, Zulu Company, 1-31Mar69
 Capt Telford C. BROCK JR., TAFDS Officer, 1-3Mar69, Food Services
 Officer, 4-31Mar69
 Capt George W. BAKER, Clubs Officer, 1-31Mar69
 Capt Thomas M. HADDOCK, Provost Marshal, 1-31Mar69
 Capt Ronald MOSS, Civil Affairs Officer, 1-31Mar69
 Capt Wayne L. TREECE, Ordnance Officer, 1-31Mar69
 Capt Michael J. GILDEA, Administrative Officer, 1-31Mar69
 1stLt Marshall G. HODGES, Legal Officer, 1-31Mar69
 1stLt James M. DOYLE, Communications Officer, 1-31Mar69
 1stLt Jeffery ERNST, Base Services Officer, 1-31Mar69
 1stLt Loyce M. TACKITT, Motor Transport Officer, 1-31Mar69
 1stLt Ralph E. KELLY, Materiel Officer, 1-31Mar69
 1stLt Henry L. WATSON, Weather Officer, 1-31Mar69
 1stLt Jerald D. HOPFER, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-31Mar69
 1stLt Michael A. STABILE, Billeting Officer, 1-31Mar69
 1stLt Walter R. HOLTON, Assistant TAFDS Officer, 1-3Mar69, TAFDS
 Officer, 4-31Mar69
 1stLt Robert L. DAVIS, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 10-31Mar69
 1stLt John E. JOURNEY, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 10-31Mar69
 2ndLt Timothy F. SHEA, Assistant Motor Transport Officer, 1-31Mar69
 Lt. Joseph N. SESTITO, Catholic Chaplain, 1-31Mar69
 Lt. Gordon B. SCHUMACHER, Protestant Chaplain, 1-31Mar69
 Lt. Harold R. BASS, Group Medical Officer, 1-6Mar69
 Lt. Michael A. NEWHOUSE, Group Medical Officer, 22-31Mar69
2. Marine Officers - 23 Marine Enlisted - 645
 Navy Officers - 3 Navy Enlisted - 23

PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31 March 1969. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility and An Hoa Airfield.

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Three (3) Marine Officers, Eighty-two (82) Marine Enlisted, One Navy Officer and Three (3) Navy Enlisted were joined. One (1) Marine Officer, Seventy-one (71) Marine Enlisted, One (1) Navy Officer and Three (3) Navy Enlisted were dropped. There were the following promotions; Eighteen (18) to Sergeant, Four (4) to Corporal, Seven (7) to Lance Corporal and One (1) to Private First Class.
2. Administration. On 1 March Captain M. J. GILDEA relieved First Lieutenant G. P. TETU as Squadron Administrative Officer. On 10 March First Lieutenant R. L. DAVIS and First Lieutenant J. E. JOURNEY were appointed as Assistant Base Operations Officers. On 17 March Major J. "M" DAVIS was appointed as Base Operations Officer. On 10 March Captain W. L. TREECE was appointed to permanent Chief Warrant Officer 2. On 10 March Captain T. L. JONES was appointed a permanent First Lieutenant. On 28 March Captain T. C. BROCK was appointed a permanent First Lieutenant.
3. Awards. During the month of March 1969, there was One (1) Purple Heart and Thirty (30) Air Medals awarded to MABS-16 personnel.
4. Casualties. The following casualties were reported during the month of March 1969.

CPL C. L. FROST 228 84 23/1345, USMC, WIA, 8 March 1969, An Hoa
LCPL C. MELENDEZ 234 15 80/6372, USMC, WIA, MMAF, 20 March 1969
CPL R. M. FULGIUM 225 92 48/2841, USMC, 30 March 1969, An Hoa, Fractured Right Leg while passenger on mule that over turned.
5. Civic Action. The MAG-16 Med-Cap team went to the following places on a weekly basis: Hoa Long Dispensary and the Catholic Orphanage. A total of 2126 patients were rendered medical assistance and 83 villagers and orphans were rendered dental treatment. Five villagers were MEDEVACED to different civilian and military hospitals. To help ward off any saboteurs during MEDCAPS and to keep out trespassers, MAG-16 constructed a barb-wire and stake barrier around the village dispensary. With the new fence around the dispensary, it is easy for Civic Action personnel to provide adequate security during MEDCAPS. For this reason, Zulu Company no longer accompanies this command's MEDCAPS.

6. Ground Defense. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of March 1969 was One (1) rocket/mortar attack on 6 March, One (1) mortar attack on 20 March, One (1) rocket attack 21 March and One (1) rocket attack on 27 March. All platoons continue to rebuild/refurbish existing bunkers with particular emphasis on relocation of the majority of the western perimeter bunkers. Approximately 800 meters of new tactical wire was laid on the western and southwestern perimeter.

a. Morale/Welfare. Since the February "Shooting Match" was so well received and participated in by the troops, it has been decided to hold all future FAM Fire details in the manner of a shooting match. Winners of future matches will receive awards as incentive from the company recreation committee funds. A volley ball tournament will be held (intramural) within the company starting in April. Procurement of bunks, mattresses and mattress covers during the month has contributed greatly to the overall welfare and morale of the troops. In general, troop morale has appeared to stabilize at a high level.

b. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence. The MAG-16 Intelligence Officer has been contacted to give a weekly intelligence briefing.

c. Logistics. Concertina wire was delivered early this month.

d. Supply. Received materials and began to rebuild the Zulu Company shower.

e. Communication/Electronics. To ensure effective communications under all conditions and to provide for rapid response in the event of communications loss through enemy action or accidental damage, the following items of Comm equipment was requested.

- (1) 5 SB-22 Switchboards (1 for Company CP, 1 each for the 4 platoon CP's).
- (2) 35 EE-8 for the tower and bunker link-up around the MMAF perimeter.
- (3) 5 - 25 pair terminal strips.
- (4) 4 splicing kits.
- (5) 3 reels of slash wire (a one and one half mile per reel).
- (6) 3 Donut Reels Slash wire (a one and one half mile per reel).
- (7) 5 backup operator packs for SB-22.

f. Base Development/Military Construction. Site locations for all Four (4) platoon command posts have been approved.

7. Supply/Materiel. The following occurred in the Materiel Section during the month of March 1969:

a. Requested AIK funds to purchase one hundred sixty-five (165) female and sixty (60) male mess uniforms.

b. 5 Mar 1969; Commenced Annual Inventory (Navy).

c. Completed a billet turnover file in compliance with the new WgO P4400.16E.

d. Received one (1) Royal 21 inch typewriter.

e. Submitted requests for labor saving devices.

f. Transferred stored material and weapons to our new warehouse.

g. Received an emergency grant of \$20,000 to purchase materials for the Utilities Section.

h. Made a transfer of scrap to U.S. Army salvage.

i. Sent a pack-up to the MAG-16 detachment at Hill 55 consisting of a tent, cots, and mattresses.

j. Received and issued to the Squadron Office one hundred eighty (180) identification necklaces.

k. Completed paperwork for the receipt of the following vehicles:

(1) Truck, cargo, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	M35A2C	2 EA
(2) Truck, tank, utility, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	M49A2C	3 EA
(3) Truck, utility, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ T	M715	4 EA
(4) Truck, ambulance, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ T	M725	2 EA

l. Completed paperwork for the disposal of the following vehicles:

(1) Truck, cargo, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ T	M676	1 EA
(2) Truck, cargo, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	M35A1	2 EA
(3) Truck, utility, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ T	M38A1	1 EA

m. Initiated surveys on equipment destroyed during recent attacks against An Hoa Combat Base.

n. 31 Mar 1969; Completed Annual Inventory (Navy).

o. Initiated survey action on stolen Trailer, tank, water, M107.

p. Submitted for approval SqdnO 4440.2, Inventory Control.

- q. Revised desk procedures in compliance with WgO P4400.16E.
- r. Began preparation of a Sqdn S.O.P. for supply/material.
- s. MAG-16 Garrison Property records were transferred from MABS-16 to MAG-16 Marine Corps Property.
- t. Furnished three hundred twenty (320) rolls of concertina tape to Zulu Company (Prov.).
- u. Surveyed clothing for MABS-16 personnel stationed at An Hoa Combat Base.

8. Motor Transport. During the month of March 1969, the Motor Transport Section traveled 78,592 miles, transported 49,571 passengers, hauled 207,000 gallons of water, hauled 23,191 gallons of MOGAS, hauled 18,101 gallons of diesel fuel, hauled 145,514 gallons of JP-4, hauled 245 gallons of Av-oil, hauled 0 gallons of 115/145, hauled 589 Tons of cargo.

a. The following is a list of vehicles received during the month of March by number received and type.

- 4 - M-715 $1\frac{1}{4}$ ton cargo trucks
- 3 - M49A2 $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton refuelers
- 3 - M-725 $1\frac{1}{4}$ ton ambulances
- 2 - M-35A2C $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton cargo trucks
- 1 - M116 Cargo carrier, Amphib.

9. TAFDS. During the month of March 1969, TAFDS Section issued the following amount of fuel at the locations indicated:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain	60,214 Gal	737,406 Gal
An Hoa	2,259 Gal	208,877 Gal
Hill 55	<u>N/A</u>	<u>41,720 Gal</u>
TOTAL	62,473 Gal	988,003 Gal

10. Base Operations. During the month of March 1969 the following events took place:

a. On 7, 20, and 27 March the airfield came under mortar and rocket attacks. Negligible damage was done to the airstrip and parking aprons. No equipment nor buildings under the cognizance of Base Operations received any damage.

b. Fifteen (15) new parking revetments with taxiways were completed on the west side of the field also a taxiway joining the apron to the runway.

c. Work on the crosswind runway shoulders and taxiways have progressed steadily through the month of March.

d. The antenna platform for the control tower has been completed. The radio room within Base Operations has been insulated and air conditioners installed in preparation for the radio equipment for the control tower.

e. The GCA unit was flight checked and both FPN-36's and controllers were given an excellent rating.

f. The Base Operations Officer has made two inspection trips to An Hoa Airfield and to Hill 55 during March.

Crash Crew

a. Personnel

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility	25
(2) U. S. Army Augumentation	9
(3) An Hoa Detachment	12
(4) Hill 55 Detachment	4

b. Equipment

(1) Equipment assigned this section consists of:

One (1) MB-1 Crash Fire Truck
 Seven (7) MB-5 Crash Fire Trucks
 Three (3) M530 Pumpers, Two (2) out for REHAB
 Four (4) Twinned Agent Units
 Three (3) M116A1
 One (1) Ansul Airlift Unit (P-K-P)
 One (1) M530 Pumper, (U. S. Army Augumentation)

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

Two (2) Twinned Agent Units, One (1) mounted on 6X6,
 One (1) mounted on a M116A1
 Two (2) MB-5 Crash Fire Trucks
 One (1) M530 Pumper

(3) Hill 55 Detachment Equipment.

One (1) M116A1 with TAU

(4) No vehicle accidents involving personnel or vehicles during this reporting period.

c. Emergency Responses:

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility

<u>Aircraft Emergency Responses</u>	<u>Aircraft Fires</u>	<u>Structural Responses</u>	<u>Structural Fires</u>
24	0	5	5
<u>Standby A/C Hover Checks</u>	<u>Standby Defuels</u>	<u>Standby Fuel Wash downs</u>	
1	26	10	

2. MMAF-7 Mar 69-1502H Crash Crew responded to a trash fire in front of the Zulu Company rifle range gate, fire extinguished, approximately 100 gals of water used.

3. MMAF-7 Mar 69-1635H Crash Crew responded to Zulu Company for reflash of trash fire, fire extinguished, approximately 100 gals of water used.

4. MMAF-9 Mar 69-2235H Crash Crew responded to a grass fire on MMAF perimeter near main gate, fire extinguished from inside of gate, approximately 50 gals of water used.

5. MMAF-18 Mar 69-1550H One MB-5 crew responded to a Dempster Dumpster fire at VMO-2, fire extinguished, approximately 200 gals water used.

6. MMAF-20 Mar 69-Crash Crew responded to a Navy Tar Truck (Vehicle # 25-01271) on fire on the North-West side of field, fire extinguished, two (2) PKP Fire Extinguishers used.

7. MMAF-26 Mar 69-1120H Crash Crew responded to a Dempster Dumpster fire at HMM-364 hanger, fire extinguished, approximately 250 gals of water used.

Air Freight and Passenger Section

a. The report of Air Freight Operations at this Facility during the month of March 1969 is as follows:

Marble Mountain to:

	<u>PAX</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>CUFT</u>
Phu Bai	354	32,826	3,526
An Hoa	259	124,332	3,187
Quang Tri	21	5,322	244
Others	<u>105</u>	<u>35,921</u>	<u>2,800</u>
TOTAL	739	198,401	9,757

Weather

a. During the month of March 1969, the Weather Section continued to support all Marine Aircraft Group 16 aircraft operations in the An Hoa and Marble Mountain areas.

b. Lt BARE USN, METLO engineer for Fleet Weather Facility, Sangley Point calibrated the Aneroid Barometers at Marble Mountain Air Facility and An Hoa. Due to local conditions at An Hoa the Aneroid Barometer there has a constant correction of One (1) millibar.

Tower

a. The total monthly operations conducted by Marble Mountain Air Facility during the month of March are as follows:

Fixed Wing Operations	4,070
Helicopter Operations	21,841
Total Operations	25,911
IFR Departures	62
GCA Operations	436
SVFR Operations	619

11. Food Services

a. There were approximately 241,800 meals fed at Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhalls, (which does not) include all normal meals and party rations. Bread and Cake Donuts were issued from the Red Beach Bakery. The Messhall, in addition, used 7,000 pounds of flour for preparation of breakfast pastries, cakes, french bread, etc. Fresh and Dry Stores were procured from NSA. Marble Mountain Messhall lost approximately 6,300 lbs. of meat during the month of March. This happened because the refer unit automatic defrost and freezing control went bad. Refer Mechanics from NSA China Beach were called in. Each time they came out they would start the unit to freezing, but when it started to automatically defrost, the unit would blow the hot air back into the freezer which would thaw out all the frozen meat inside. After the unit had been repaired and back in full operation, Corpsmen from Marble Mountain Dispensary were in to inspect all the meat that was in the refer at the time the unit went bad. Upon the Corpsmen's recommendation all of the meat and fish that had thawed out was disposed of. None of this meat which was inspected by the Corpsmen was served in the Messhall before or after their inspection. There was a Corpsman present at the time the meat left the Messhall until it was disposed of.

b. The drainage system for the Messhall has been completed. The front door in front of the Enlisted Mess has been relocated to help cut down on the fly problem. The back dock and scullery at both messes will be screened in as soon as utilities gets the necessary material to do the job. A three (3)

inch concrete dock is being layed in the Galley at the Enlisted Mess. A new back door for the Officer's Mess has been built and installed.

c. On the job training and Technical Training was conducted for all Mess personnel and properly recorded. The Messhall is being sprayed twice weekly for flies. The Mess System is hiring civilian personnel to replace Marine Messmen. An addition of thirty (30) civilian personnel were hired for the Messhall. There were no snacks furnished for the Enlisted personnel, clubs for the month of March. A Sewer System is needed in the back of the Enlisted Mess so the water will not flow onto the road. The water that is used to wash down the back dock of the Messhall has no place to flow but on the road in back of the Messhall. This has created an unsanitary condition, and an unfavorable odor. It also creates a breeding place for flies.

12. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. During the month of March the Water Point personnel distributed a total of 4,526,650 gallons of potable water. Of this 318,295 gallons were distributed to other units outside of MAG-16. To this date there are two (2) well pumps in operation.

b. Paint Shop. During the month of March the paint shop completed seven (7) work orders. In addition to this many other smaller jobs were completed. The Paint Shop consists mainly of sign painting.

c. Electric Shop. During the month of March the Electric Shop completed eighty-three (83) work orders. These included, but were not confined to, mostly rewiring hooches, installing switches and receptacles and repairing and installing florescent lights, and wiring the M.T. "M" building. The Electric Shop took over from Heavy Equipment, all generators at MAG-16. The Electric Shop is also supplying two (2) generator men at An Hoa in support of the MAG-16 detachment there.

d. Plumbing Shop. The plumbing shop completed four (4) work orders during the month of March. They repaired the New Expando Trailer, the drain line at the Officers Club, the hot water heaters at the Officers Club, hot water heaters at the BOQ, Staff and Enlisted showers, repaired the drain line at the E-5 Club, and the 5" drain line at the Enlisted showers.

e. Refrigeration Shop. The refrigeration and air conditioner repair shop made 21 trouble calls during the month of March. The majority of these were faulty units, but water coolers and refrigeration units were also repaired. Weekly PM's were pulled on all units at the messhalls.

f. Carpenter Shop. During the month of March the Carpenter Shop completed twenty (20) work orders. The majority of these were embarkation boxes and crates. A new addition to the Carpenter Shop is near completion. In addition hooches were constructed at Hill 55 for our MAG-16 detachment there. In addition many other smaller jobs were done. The Carpenter Shop is now in the process of tearing down the old Transit Facility in Danang and moving several hooches on base.

g. Base Laundry. The Base Laundry processed 3,936 bundles of clothing for a total of 65,370 pounds. In addition 5,397 pounds of organized gear were done. The individual bundle service remains open to all ranks.

13. Heavy Equipment.

a. Maintenance. For the month of March 1969, the Maintenance Section opened fourteen (14) work orders, out of this number eleven(11) were completed and five (5) were brought forward from January 1969 and seven (7) were brought forward from February 1969.

b. Operations. The Operations section completed 546 equipment requests. Of this total the following breakdown is submitted:

ART-30 3,000lb forklift	74
C-40, 4,000lb forklift	58
RTF 060, 6,000lb forklift	211
H-150-C, 15,000lb forklift	56
72-31M, Scooploader	85
M-12 Grader	12
M-60 Crane, Anthony	25
325TC, R&H Crane	23
D-4, Dozer	<u>2</u>
Total	546

14. Ordnance. During the month of March 1969 the MABS-16 Ordnance Section issued a total of 10,173 White Phosphorus and High Explosive 2.75" rockets, 465,585 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 1,564 pounds of assorted smoke and chemical agents to the squadrons at MAG-16. Also 1,296 2.75" rockets and 80,000 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition was issued to An Hoa, and 1,108 2.75" rockets and 64,600 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition was issued to Hill 55.

15. Exchange. During the month of March 1969 the Exchange and Facilities sales totaled as listed below:

Exchange	\$76,548.78
James S. LEE	2,403.55
Saehan Laboratories	2,946.35
Huynh PHUNG Laundry & Gift Shop	5,150.10
LOC SVP LTD Barber Shops	1,357.85
SAX Tailor	11,792.00
Photo & Ingravng	1,503.45
Kong YONG Laundry	5,233.85
Kim YONG Portrait	<u>625.00</u>
TOTAL	\$107,560.93

a. As indicated on the Army Air Force Weekly Exchange Bulletin during the accounting period 11Feb69-10Mar69 the MAG16 Exchange total volume of sales was third highest out of 8 outlets in the 1st Marine Air Wing. Two of the outlets are very large stores with direct access to Army-Air Force exchange warehouses.

An Hoa Airfield Command Chronology Month of March 1969

1. During the reporting period the An Hoa Airfield facilities, supported all transient aircraft with Crash, Fire and Rescue services, Weather information, communications from An Hoa to the Marine Aircraft Group 16 Command Post, refueling services of 115/145 Av Gas, and JP-4 type fuel and Air Traffic Control services provided by MATCU-67 Det "A".
2. During the reporting period the An Hoa Combat Base was under enemy attack using 82MM mortars, 60MM mortars, 120MM rockets RPG's and small arms fire fifteen times. One dud struck the runway approximately 500ft. from the approach end of 06, EOD was notified and the dud removed, one other dud struck the TAU 6X6 fire truck which was removed by EOD. One 122MM rocket struck the SW corner of the main parking apron causing a four foot crater which has been repaired by the Seabees. A 10X24 ft. standby bunker for the MAG-16 Med-Evac crew has been completed except for sandbagging.
3. A resume of each airfield activity as follows:
 - a. Weather. The weather section consisting of three Marines made climatology observations on the hour each hour of the day when not under enemy fire. The weather section provided existing weather to the control tower, An Hoa DASC (until 7Mar69), Danang RAPCON, and MAG-16 weather office.
 - b. Communications. The communications consisting of three Marines until 25Mar69 then reduced to two, provided communications between the An Hoa Combat Base and Marine Aircraft Group 16 Command Post utilizing a PRC-47 radio. Contact is made each hour to pass weather information and general message traffic.
 - c. Crash Crew. Consisting of twelve men performed their function of providing crash, fire and rescue and structural fire protection for the airfield, parking area, TAFDS area, and the 5th Marine Regiment. The Crash Crew maintains three crews of three men each, a section leader and fire inspector. The night crew is on duty in a standby status.

The Crash Crew responded to the following:

- Mar 3 - Responded to CH-46 with wounded and battle damage. No agent used.
HMM-165 MODEX - 3 BUNO # 156433.
- Responded to fire in Dump with 530/B tanker fire was not extinguished but contained.
- Mar 6 - UH-1E declared emergency, no hydraulic pressure, all crews standing by. No agent used. VMO-2 MODEX - 13 BUNO # 152420
- Mar 7 - One crew responded to grounded Air Force C-130 that was hit by incoming mortar during enemy attack. Fire extinguished with 700 gal water, 30 gal foam, and two 30 lb. PKP bottles.

Mar 9 - One Crew responded to trash fire in 1/5 living area. Fire extinguished with 200 gal. of water.

Mar 10 - UH-34 declared emergency with control trouble, all crews standing by. No agent used.

The UH-34 hit a UH-1E while taxing, crash crew responded, no fire, minor damage to each aircraft. HMM-362 MODEX-10 BUNO 150573
VMO-2 MODEX-4 BUNO 153752

Two crews responded to hootch (5th Marines, S-5) that was hit by enemy mortars, fire was extinguished with 800 gal. of water.

Mar 15 - One crew responded to a fire outside the dump area. Fire extinguished with 200 gal. of water.

Mar 19 - One crew responded to grass fire, fire discovered to be outside the perimeter and could not be reached.

Mar 22 - Two crews responded to a fire at the dump. Each truck made two shuttles of water, but was unable to extinguish the fire. Fire was left to burn itself out after 1600 gal. of water was expelled in a futile attempt to extinguish it.

Mar 24 - One crew responded to shower heater fire at the mess hall. (1) 20 lb. PKP bottle and 5 gal. of water was expended.

Mar 26 - One crew responded to a tent fire in the 1st Engineers area, 30 gal. of water was used to extinguish the fire.

One crew standing by on a smoldering (live) 155 round at Alpha Battery, no agent used.

Mar 28 - Two crews responded to the Ammo dump, a round exploded while being removed by EOD. One (1) Marine killed, three Marines wounded, 300 gal. of water was used to extinguish the fire.

d. TAFDS Section. Consisting of four men maintains the main TAFDS re-fueling pits 24 hours a day. Both JP-4 and 115/145 Av Gas are available. The refuelers and the defueler have been returned to the MAG-16 area. All aircraft are now being refueled at the main TAFDS area. The BAS unit has been secured due to shortage of personnel. Fuel is received from Blue Beach via 5000 gallons tanker each day. TAFDS accomplishments as shown below:

	<u>115/145 AV GAS</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
NO. GALLONS REC'D	10,000	247,000
NO. GALLONS ISSUED	2,259	208,877
NO. GALLONS ON HAND	9,623	74,970

e. Ordnance. The An Hoa ordnance section consists of one man which maintains the ordnance area. Building rockets and assisting aircraft in loading and arming of ordnance. Ordnance status as shown below:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>ON HAND</u>
WP WARHEADS	0	144
H-519 Rockets	520	678
H-490 Rockets	1,062	403
A131 7.62 link	90,000	96,000 rds
A551 50 Cal	0	2½ pallets
MK-115 Trap wpns	14	72
Red Smoke Grenades	0	106
Green Smoke Grenades	0	16
Incendiary Grenades	0	64

f. Radio Relay (MWCS-1). Consisting of two Marines, the radio relay section provided telephone communications relay between the An Hoa MAG-16 Detachment and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

g. MATCU-67 "A". The MATCU consisting of one officer and twelve enlisted Marines, has planned to move the control tower to the north side of the runway, thus giving the controller a better view of airfield and traffic. The TACAN is still not operational due to parts and a USM-140 "O" scope. The MATCU continues to provide a UHF and LF homer as navaid facilities and a 24 hour a day Control Tower and GCA services. Air Traffic operations for the reporting period as follows:

<u>FIXED WING OPERATIONS</u>	<u>HELICOPTER OPERATIONS</u>
C-130 <u>11</u> C-123 <u>0</u>	H-1 <u>1264</u> H-46 <u>4146</u> H-53 <u>178</u> H-54 <u>214</u>
C-7A <u> </u> C1C <u>8</u> O2 <u>0</u>	H-34 <u>400</u> USA H-1 <u>128</u> H-6 <u>14</u> H-47 <u>60</u>
OV10 <u>30</u> RVN Cessna <u>136</u>	H-13 <u>10</u> Air America <u>58</u>
Air America <u>6</u>	

TOTAL FIXED WING OPS 191TOTAL HELICOPTER OPS 6282RADAR APPROACHES

	ASR	PAR	TOTAL	TOTAL TO DATE
IFR	10	0	10	29
VFR	0	0	0	28
W/O	1	0	1	8
<u>TOTAL</u>	11	0	11	65

INSTRUMENT OPERATIONS

	MONTH	TOTAL TO DATE
Radar Climbs	0	4
Radar Vectors	0	16
Flights Followings	11	54
TACAN Approaches	0	17
TOTAL	11	91

MABS-16 Self Help Program

During the month of March 1969, the Self Help program completed 25 individual projects.

On 3 March, the new basketball court concrete forms were installed in the Special Service area. More grading of the newly sited athletic field was completed to the extent that two thirds of the field has now received some treatment in regards to fill and grading.

A parking lot was constructed for the new Exchange building from salvaged steel matting. There is now enough parking for ten vehicles.

The old crash crew site located between the runway and the helicopter parking apron south of the tower was cleared and the usable building and materials salvaged. This project was completed on 7 March.

Two reclaimed SEA huts were moved to the HML-167 squadron area on 8 March to expand the facilities of their Ready Room and their Administration Department. The huts required moderate rehabilitation but were definitely worth recovery.

On 10 March, a request was received to aid the ROKMC on the west side of MMAF. Their new operations area was in need of grading and hard surfacing. A plastic membrane was spread in the area and steel matting was interlocked on top. This provided a most satisfactory interim fix. This project was completed on the evening of 11 March.

A new front gate was constructed on 12 March which consisted of removing the bunker on the north side of the gate, enlarging and repainting the gate house, installing new and larger STOP signs and painting a white line to indicate the positions for vehicular stoppage.

On 13 March, it became apparent that the position of the Motor Transport work and storage sheds on the west side of the field were too close to the newly constructed taxiway in that area. Five buildings, an enormous amount of motor transport repair equipment and one command bunker had to be moved further west into the motor transport area. This was accomplished on 19 March.

On 20 March, an additional Expando trailer became available and was installed in the officer living area to house additional Lieutenant Colonels.

On 21 March, the rehabilitation of the sheds and buildings in the heavy equipment area was begun. This will allow the personnel to be shifted closer to their work and thus allow more readiness to emergency situations by having the operators sleeping in that position.

On 24 March, the Self Help program moved to the HML-167 enlisted living area to improve the serious erosion in that area that has occurred. A drainage ditch was constructed and the immediate living area was reinforced by the implanting of 55 gallon drums to form a solid wall.

On 26 March, a steel matting runway was completed in the H&MS-16 Avionics area that would allow for the movement of avionic equipment vans to the proper storage area behind the Avionics area proper. Exterior lights were also installed in the H&MS-16 Materiel open-air storage area.

An 8 man bunker was constructed for the use of the occupants of the Expando trailers on 27 March.

On 28 March, MAG-16 requested and received permission to move 10 SEA huts from the abandoned III MAF Transient Facility at DANANG Air Base to MMAF. The remainder of the month was spent preparing these buildings for the move, plus recovering all salvagable materiel and lumber. The huts were moved each evening after 2000 to preclude traffic tie-up on the main arterial road from Danang to Marble Mountain.