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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, MAG-16,  
1-30 June 1969

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. Maj John C. ARCBOLD, Commanding Officer, 1-7Jun69  
 LtCol Joseph R. DONALDSON, Commanding Officer, 8-30Jun69  
 Maj Ernest C. CUNNINGHAM, Executive Officer, 1-30Jun69 -  
 Maj Barry F. SKINNER, Commanding Officer, Zulu Company, 1-23Jun69  
 Maj Jay "M" DAVIS, Base Operations Officer, 1-30Jun69 -  
 Capt Thomas L. JONES, Executive Officer, Zulu Company, 1-23Jun69,  
 Commanding Officer, Zulu Company, 24-30Jun69  
 Capt George W. BAKER, Clubs Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 Capt Thomas M. HADDOCK, Provost Marshal, 1-22Jun69  
 Capt Ronald MOSS, Civil Affairs Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 Capt Wayne L. TREECE, Ordnance Officer, 1-7Jun69 -  
 Capt Michael J. GILDEA, Administrative Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 Capt Ralph E. KELLY, Materiel Officer, 1-30Jun69 -  
 Capt Jerald D. WOPFER, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 Capt Roger R. BURK, Assistant Industrial Relations Officer, 2-30Jun69  
 Capt Henry L. WATSON, Weather Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 Capt Robert L. DAVIS, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 1stLt Marshall G. HODGES, Legal Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 1stLt James M. DOYLE, Communication Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 1stLt Jeffery ERNST, Base Services Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 1stLt Loyce M. TACKITT, Motor Transport Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 1stLt Michael A. STABILE, Billeting Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 1stLt Walter R. HOLTON, TAFDS Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 1stLt John E. JOURNEY, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 1-11Jun69  
 1stLt Timothy F. SHEA, Assistant Motor Transport Officer, 1-30Jun69  
 1stLt Wallace E. VANDENBERG, Provost Marshal, 23-30Jun69  
 CW0-3 Edward A. G. DOWNES, Assistant Ordnance Officer, 1-7Jun69,  
 Ordnance Officer, 8-30Jun69  
 CW0-2 Ervin E. WILES, Assistant Clubs Officer, 27-30Jun69 -  
 2ndLt John B. CHAMPEAU, Assistant Base Services Officer, 29-30Jun69  
 Lt Joseph N. SESTITO, Catholic Chaplain, 1-30Jun69  
 Lt Gordon B. SCHUMACHER, Protestant Chaplain, 1-30Jun69  
 Lt Kelsey C. PETERSON, Group Medical Officer, 1-30Jun69
2. Marine Officers - 23                      Marine Enlisted - 696  
 Navy Officers - 3                          Navy Enlisted - 21

## PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-30 June 1969. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility and An Hoa Airfield.

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Five (5) Marine Officers, eighty-one (81) Marine Enlisted and three (3) Navy Enlisted were joined. Five (5) Marine Officers, fifty-three (53) Marine Enlisted and two (2) Navy Enlisted were dropped. There were the following promotions; twelve (12) to Sergeant, thirty (30) to Corporal, six (6) to Lance Corporal and three (3) to Private First Class.

2. Administration. On 7 June 1969 Major J. C. ARCHBOLD, Commanding Officer, was Killed In Action. On 8 June 1969 Lieutenant Colonel J. R. DONALDSON assumed command of Marine Air Base Squadron 16. On 13 June 1969 Captain H. L. WATSON was appointed to his present rank. On 16 June 1969 Captain R. L. DAVIS was appointed to his present rank. On 22 June 1969 Captain J. A. CAPISTRAN was appointed to his present rank.

3. Awards. During the month of June 1969, there was one (1) Distinguished Flying Medal, one (1) Navy Marine Corps Medal, fifteen (15) Air Medals and one (1) Purple Heart Medal awarded to MABS-16 personnel.

4. Casualties. The following casualties were reported during the month of June 1969.

Maj J. C. ARCHBOLD, 06 37 06/7501, USMC, KIA, 7Jun69, 5 mi. WNW Da Nang  
Capt R. MOSS, 09 49 39/7561, USMC, WIA, 8Jun69, Kom Son Thuy Village  
Gysgt M. R. ESPINOSA, 110 41 87/7141, USMC, WIA, 8Jun69, Kom Son Thuy Village  
Sgt M. H. NUNEZ, 222 28 02/3261, USMC, WIA, 8Jun69, Kom Son Thuy Village

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 1472 persons were rendered medical assistance and 80 villagers and orphans were rendered dental treatment. This command's Civic Action gave out 800\$VN in Gen. Walt Scholarships to worthy students of Hoa Long Village School and to dependents of employees on board. In the early part of this reporting period, Kom Son Thuy villagers completed a temple venerating a local fish-god. Since MAG-16 Civic Action had furnished most of the building materials for the temple, the village leaders invited the Civic Action team to the opening ceremonies on June 8. While the Civic Action team was witnessing the opening rituals, a C-4 Charge was planted inside the Civic Action vehicle. The explosion wounded all three Civic Action personnel. Two were treated and

released the same day while the third was released eighteen days later. To create two classrooms, MAG-16 Civic Action gave Hoa Long School Principal used lumber to make a partition in the new schoolroom. On June 12, NVA/VC forces ran through Dong Hai Hamlet, killing seven friendly troops and demolishing the village chief's general store. Since the village chief greatly assists friendly forces in fighting the enemy, MAG-16 Civic Action gave him five bags of cement and used lumber to help him rebuild his store. For added security, two Zulu Company guards accompany the Med-Caps held twice weekly. During this reporting period, MAG-16 Civic Action conducted one tour to Marble Mountain for fifteen Marines; and three tours to Da Nang City for fifty-seven Marines. Tours to Marble Mountain have been temporarily suspended but Da Nang City tours will continue to run every Sunday.

6 Ground Defense. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of June 1969 was one (1) mortar attack on 7 June with negative casualty/damage and one (1) mortar attack on 19 June with negative casualty/damage. All hands briefed by Current Situation Reports and Intelligence Summarys. Provided fire team security for Med-Cap patrol to Nui Kim San. Third Platoon began building new Command Post bunker.

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

a. The Marine Corps Section received (1) Radiac Meter IM-174PD and (1) Radiac Meter PDR/275.

b. Received (40) Plastic Wrist Watches.

c. Provided Mess Hall with (180) Dz. Glasses, (32) Dz. Bowls, and (48) Dz. Cups.

- d. Turned in (3) ME-10 Refrigeration Units for repair and issued (1) ME-10 Refrigeration Unit to Utilities.

e. Issued (1) 3,000 Gallon Water Tank to Utilities.

f. Provided E.M. Club with (2,000) Knives, Forks, Spoons, Paper Cups and Plates.

g. Received (16) new Mount Out Boxes to replace old ones and started inspecting General Purpose Tents for servicability.

h. Completed a complete Reconciliation of all Marine Corps Documents.

- i. The Navy Section turned in (1) Truck Cargo M676, (1) Truck Cargo C-120, and (1) 350 GPM Filter Separator to Salvage.

j. Received (1) Truck Cargo M35A2, (1) Truck Fuel M49A2C and (2) Truck Water M50A2.

-k. Transferred (1) Generator PU590, (1) Trailer Amphibious M100 to MAG-36.

1. Turned in (1) Forklift Art 30, (1) Decon Trailer Unit E-15, (1) Generator MB-20 and (1) Generator Set PU590 for repair.

8. Motor Transport. During the month of June 1969, the Motor Transport Section traveled 77,106 miles, transported 28,767 passengers, hauled 120,000 gallons of water, hauled 17,737 gallons of MEGAS, hauled 20,137 gallons of Diesel Fuel, hauled 110,191 gallons of JP-4, hauled 0 gallons of Av-Oil, hauled 3,593 gallons of 115/145, hauled 472 Tons of cargo.

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

1 - M-62	1 - JEM-1
1 - M35A2C	15 - M-151A1
1 - M-49A2C	7 - M-715
2 - M-50A2	

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

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain	39,507 Gal	785,219 Gal
An Hoa	10,692 Gal	177,862 Gal
Hill 55	<u>N/A</u>	<u>129,699 Gal</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	50,199 Gal	1,092,780 Gal

a. The Fuel Farms 1 & 2 at MMAF have had their Fueling points reduced from four to three to lessen the confusion of Air Traffic at those locations.

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

a. The Naval Support Activities' Public Works sealed all hairline cracks on both runways at the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

b. At 0035 on 7 June 1969 Marble Mountain Air Facility was hit with approximately thirty enemy mortars resulting in minor damage to the West mat.

c. At 0110 on 12 June 1969 Marble Mountain Air Facility was hit by 8 to 12 enemy mortars resulting in negative damage to facilities.

d. The hover pad construction was completed the 16th of June on the Northwest corner of the Air Facility and was opened to traffic the 25th of June thus adding a much needed and long awaited project to the Air Facility.

e. The cross-wing runway at the south end of the Air Facility was opened to traffic on the 24th of June thus allowing light fixed wing traffic to operate on a full schedule. Prior to this addition approximately 20% of the missions flown by light fixed wing aircraft were cancelled due to excessive cross-winds encountered in the afternoons and early evenings.

#### Crash Crew

##### a. Personnel

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility	21
(2) U. S. Army Augmentation	7
(3) An Hoa Detachment	10

##### b. Equipment

(1) Equipment assigned this section consists of:

One (1) MB-1 Crash Fire Truck  
 Eleven (11) MB-5 Crash Fire Trucks  
 Three (3) M530 Pumpers, Two (2) out for REHAB  
 Three (3) Twinned Agent Units  
 Three (3) M116A1  
 One (1) Ansul Airlift Unit (PKP)  
 One (1) M530C Pumper (U. S. Army Augmentation)

(2) Of the above listed equipment the following is assigned to the 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) 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>
18	0	11	11
<u>Standby A/C Hover Checks</u>	<u>Standby Defuels</u>	<u>Standby Fuel Wash downs</u>	
0	43	4	

AIRCRAFT FIRES

No Aircraft Fires reported for this month.

STRUCTURAL FIRES

- (1) MMAF 1 June 69 Crash Crew responded on a fire in the head at the EM Club. Approximately 15 gallons of water used.
- (2) MMAF 1 June 69 Crash Crew responded on a fire in the same head at the EM Club. Approximately 200 gallons of water used.
- (3) MMAF 8 June 69 Crash Crew responded on a fire in a dipsey dumpster on the Army side of the field. Approximately 800 gallons of water used.
- (4) MMAF 9 June 69 Crash Crew responded on a fire, rubbish, by the Officers Club. Approximately 30 gallons of water used.
- (5) MMAF 16 June 69 Crash Crew responded on a fire in the 500 block, Approximately 30 gallons of water used.
- (6) MMAF 21 June 69 Crash Crew responded on a fire at Group Supply. Approximately 30 gallons of water used.
- (7) MMAF 23 June 69 Crash Crew responded on a fire in a trash barrel. Approximately 5 gallons of water used.
- (8) MMAF 26 June 69 Crash Crew responded on a fire at the 165 flight line. Approximately 1 30 lb. CO2 extinguisher used.
- (9) MMAF 28 June 69 Crash Crew responded on a fire at 282 area, dumpster fire, Approximately 250 gallons of water used.

- (10) MMAF 29 June 69 Crash Crew responded on a trash fire across road, behind Korean Hanger. Approximately 1000 gallons of water used.
- (11) MMAF 29 June 69 Crash Crew responded on a trash barrel fire. Approximately 5 gallons of water used.

#### Air Freight and Passenger Section

a. The total monthly operations conducted by Marble Mountain Air Facility Air Freight Section during the month of June 1969 is as follows:

Marble Mountain to:

	<u>PAX</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>CUFT</u>
An Hoa	175	43,367	1,737
Phu Bai	310	31,790	1,976
Others	<u>164</u>	<u>23,860</u>	<u>1,537</u>
TOTAL	649	99,017	5,250

#### Tower

a. The total monthly operations conducted by Marble Mountain Air Facility during the month of June 1969 are as follows:

Fixed Wing Operations	4,773
Helicopter Operations	21,783
Total Operations	26,556
IFR Departures	21
GCA Operations	527
SVFR Operations	61

#### Weather

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

#### 11. Food Service

a. There were approximately 235,300 meals fed at the Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhall during the month of June 1969 which includes all normal meals and party rations. Bread and donuts for the month of June were issued from the Red Beach Bakery. The Messhall is required to pick up the bread and donuts each day. The Marble Mountain Messhall used



approximately 1,800 pounds of flour for the preparation of breakfast pastries and pies. Fresh and Dry Stores were procured from NSA.

b. New screen has been placed around part of the Messhall. A shed has been built over the ice house in order to keep some of the heat off and preserve most of the ice.

c. On the job training and technical training were conducted for all Mess personnel and properly recorded. Night snacks were furnished for all Enlisted Clubs for the month of June. Due to the ice shortage at NSA, the Messhall is unable to furnish ice for the parties.

## 12. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. During the month of June the Water Point distributed a total of 4,830,790 gallons of potable water. Of this amount 319,000 was distributed to other units outside of MAG-16. During the month of June the well pump on well #1 was replaced and the well motor was replaced. To this date there are two well pumps in operation.

b. Paint Shop. During the month of June the Paint Shop completed a total of 12 work orders. In addition to these many other small jobs were completed. The Paint Shop consists mainly of sign painting.

c. Electric Shop. During the month of June the Electric Shop completed a total of 87 work orders. These consisted mainly of repairing shorts, switches, receptacles and light fixtures throughout the base. The generator shop is contained within the Electric Shop. RMs were pulled on the generators as required and daily maintenance was completed. The Electric Shop is supplying one man to An Hoa in support of the MAG-16 detachment there.

d. Plumbing Shop. During the month of June the Plumbing Shop completed a total of 14 work orders. They unstopped drains at the base showers and the messhall, replaced 12 water fixtures at the EM shower, repaired the Officers showers, and replaced 3 valves at the O' Mess. The Plumbing Shop personnel also maintain the Water Point.

e. Refrigeration Shop. The Refrigeration-Air Conditioner Repair Shop completed a total of 26 work orders during the month of June. These included repair as well as cleaning of air-conditioners in the Officers living quarters. Water coolers as well as refrigerators were repaired.

f. Carpenter Shop. During the month of June the Carpenter Shop completed 17 work orders. The majority of these were embark boxes. An Armory was built for HML-167, and a lean-to was constructed at the HML-167

g. Base Laundry. The Base Laundry processed a total of 2,672 bundles of clothing during June and an additional 4,000 pounds of organized gear was processed. This amounted to a total of 44,080 pounds of clothing pounds of clothing processed during June. The individual bundle service remains open to all ranks.

### 13. Heavy Equipment

a. Maintenance. For the month of June 1969 the Maintenance Section opened twelve (12) work orders, out of this number eight (8) were completed and four (4) are still open. Three (3) work orders still remain opened from the month of May 1969.

b. Operations. The Operations Section completed 907 equipment requests. Of this total the following break down is submitted:

ART-30	3,000 lb forklift	90
C-40	4,000 lb forklift	70
RFF -	6,000 lb forklift	273
H-150-C	15,000 lb forklift	80
72-31M	Scooploader	370
M-12	Grader	5
Wabco	Grader	11
M-60	Crane, Anthony	2
M-180	Crane, Bay City	0
325-TC	R&H Crane	0
D-4	Dozer	6
Total		907

14. Ordinance. During the month of June 1969 the MABS-16 Ordnance Section issued a total of 16,140 White Phosphorus and High Explosive 2.75" rockets, 785,687 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 19,955 pounds of assorted smoke and chemical agents to the squadrons at MAG-16. Also 584 2.75" rockets were issued to An Hoa.

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

Exchange	\$67,942.08
James S. LEE	2,334.90
Saehan Laboratories	3,114.15
Huynh PHUNG Laundry & Gift Shops	2,965.05
LOC SVP LTD Barber Shops	1,471.45
SAX Tailor	7,905.50
Photo & Engraving	1,496.10

Kong YONG Laundry  
Kim YONG Portrait  
Harilelas Tailors  
Packing & Wrapping

6,178.20  
249.00  
1,610.50  
267.40

TOTAL

\$95,534.33

AN HOA Airfield Command Chronology Month of June 1969

1. During the reporting period the MAG-16 An Hoa detachment supported all transient aircraft with Crash, Fire and Rescue service, Weather services refueling services consisting of 115/145 Av Gas and JP-4 fuel, Air Traffic Control services and communications from the An Hoa Combat Base to the Da Nang area.

2. During the reporting period the An Hoa Combat Base was under enemy fire once during the month, 7 June, using 60mm and 81mm mortars and 122mm rockets and small arms fire. The MAG-16 detachment had no casualties but one TAFDS bag was damaged, and repaired, and one mortar hit the runway, which was also repaired. The wall at the ordnance area has been completed.

3. A resume of each section is as follows:

a. Weather. The Weather Section provided daily weather services to the Control Tower, MAG-16 and the 5th Marine Regiment.

b. Communications. The Communication Section continues to provide radio link between the An Hoa Combat Base and MAG-16 to pass weather information and general message traffic.

c. Crash Crew. The Crash Crew provided its normal functions in providing crash, fire and rescue services to aircraft operating at the An Hoa Airfield. Two hot spots were maintained, one at BAS refueling area and the runway hot spot. A monthly fire inspection was held for the 5th Marines. The Crash Crew responded to the following emergencies:

9 June - Three trucks responded to a CH-46 with one engine on fire, aircraft landed at RAS and one PKP bottle was used to extinguish the engine fire, aircraft was towed to the center mat.

26 June - Three trucks responded to an Army U-1 with battle damage, pilot was wounded, aircraft had no brakes, crash crew helped to extract the pilot and stopped the fuel leak and towed aircraft to center mat.

d. TAFDS. The TAFDS Section provided services to all MAG-16 aircraft operating out of An Hoa. In addition TAFDS serviced Delta Force tankers for helicopters and serviced OV-2 and U-1 aircraft.

	<u>115/145 Av Gas</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
No. Gallons Rec'd	10,000	174,000
No. Gallons Issued	10,692	177,862
No. Gallons On Hand	7,011	72,106

e. MATCU-67A. Continued its normal functions as providing Control Tower services and maintaining radios for navigational aids such as the LF Homer, UHF Homer and TACAN. The GCA was removed from this position.

Aircraft Operations for Month of June

Fixed Wing

613

Helicopters

6696

GRAND TOTAL 7,309

## MABS-16 Self Help Program

During the month of June, 1969 the Self Help Program completed 5 individual projects.

On 2 June, the new Enlisted movie area was completed. This facility provides a widened movie screen, stage area, and dressing room facilities for performances.

On 3 June, a connecting room was completed in the HML-167 administrative area.

On 5 June, a roof was completed over the blade balancing facility at HML-167.

On 12 June, a shed was completed to house the generator at the Water Point.

During the month of June six new outdoor heads were constructed to replace the old outdoor heads which have become unserviceable. The program calls for a total of twenty six outdoor heads to be constructed.