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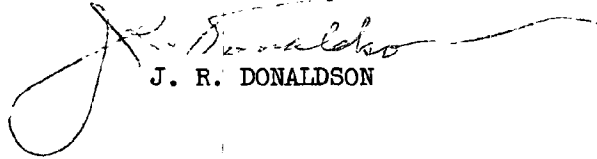
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology 1-31 July 1969

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 July 1969

## PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Joseph R. DONALDSON, Commanding Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 Maj Ernest C. CUNNINGHAM, Executive Officer, 1-20Jul69  
 Maj Robert D. SCHREIBER, Squadron Officer, 11-20Jul69, Executive  
 Officer, 21-31Jul69  
 Maj Jay "M" DAVIS, Base Operations Officer, 1-18Jul69  
 Maj David C. CORBETT, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 10-18Jul69,  
 Base Operations Officer, 19-31Jul69  
 Capt Thomas L. JONES, Commanding Officer, Zulu Company, 1-31Jul69  
 Capt Michael J. GILDEA, Administrative Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 Capt Ralph E. KELLY, Materiel Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 Capt Jerald D. HOPPER, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-7Jul69  
 Capt Roger R. BURK, Assistant Industrial Relations Officer, 1-7Jul69,  
 Industrial Relations Officer, 8-31Jul69  
 Capt Henry L. WATSON, Weather Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 Capt Robert L. DAVIS, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 Capt Ronald MOSS, Civil Affairs Officer, 1-14Jul69  
 1stLt Marshall G. HODGES, Legal Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 1stLt James M. DOYLE, Communication Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 1stLt Jeffery ERNST, Base Services Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 1stLt Loyce M. TACKITT, Motor Transport Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 1stLt Walter R. HOLTON, TAFDS Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 1stLt Michael A. STABILE, Billeting Officer, 1-11Jul69  
 1stLt Timothy F. SHEA, Assistant Motor Transport Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 1stLt Joseph C. MATTE, Assistant Communication Officer, 30-31Jul69  
 1stLt Wallace E. VANDENBERG, Provost Marshal, 1-31Jul69  
 1stLt Louis F. ALT, Civil Affairs Officer, 15Jul69-31Jul69  
 2ndLt John B. CHAMPEAU, Assistant Base Services Officer, 1-31Jul69  
 2ndLt William FOWLER, Assistant Motor Transport Officer, 21-31Jul69  
 Lt Joseph N. SESTITO, Catholic Chaplain, 1-31Jul69  
 Lt Gordon B. SCHUMACHER, Protestant Chaplain, 1-31Jul69  
 Lt Kelsey C. PETERSON, Group Medical Officer, 1-20Jul69  
 Lt Paul H. DUMDEY, Assistant Group Medical Officer, 15-20Jul69,  
 Group Medical Officer, 21-31Jul69
  
2. Marine Officers - 22                      Marine Enlisted - 697  
    Navy Officers - 3                        Navy Enlisted - 21

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## PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31 July 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, sixty-five (65) Marine Enlisted, one (1) Navy Officer and two (2) Navy Enlisted were joined. Five (5) Marine Officers, sixty-four (64) Marine Enlisted, one (1) Navy Officer and two (2) Navy Enlisted were dropped. There were the following promotions; two (2) to Corporal and fifty-four (54) to Lance Corporal.

2. Administration. On 21 July 1969 Major R. D. SCHREIBER assumed duties as Executive Officer, relieving Major E. C. CUNNINGHAM.

3. Awards. During the month of July 1969, there were two (2) Navy Commendation Medals and eighteen (18) Air Medals awarded to MABS-16 personnel.

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

LCpl T. J. D. CAMPBELL 217 13 91/1141, USMC, KIA, An Hoa, 5Jul69

Sgt J. E. LINCOLN 209 82 83/7051, USMC, WIA, An Hoa 5Jul69

PFC A. E. GOMEZ 241 19 61/3531, USMC, MMAF, 11Jul69, Gun Shot wound right fore arm, accidental discharge .45 caliber pistol.

HMI C. L. HACKWORTH 350 38 66/8404, USN, KIA, 17 miles SW of Da Nang, 27Jul69

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. For added security, two Zulu Company guards accompany the Med-Caps held twice weekly.

6. Ground Defense. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of July 1969 was one (1) mortar attack on 16 July with negative casualty/damage. Work has commenced on a recreation area and is expected to be completed within the next 30 days.

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

a. The Marine Corps Section received (1) MQ 51 E Refrigeration Unit.

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- b. Turned in (1) M1-22 Mount Tripod and issued (2) M1-22 Mount Tripods to Zulu Company.
- c. Provided the Mess Hall with (50) Dz. Spoons.
- d. Completed a complete Reconciliation of all Marine Corps Documents.
- e. The Navy Section transferred (1) 10DW Generator Set to NSA Utilities Division.
- f. Received (15) M-151A1's and (7) M-715's Truck, Utility.
- g. Transferred (2) MB-20 Generator Sets and (2) PU-590 Generator Sets to FY-70 FMFPac Repair/Rebuild.
- h. Dropped (1) 75KW Generator Set and (1) MB-20 Generator Set in accordance with CNAS ltr AIR-41253E/1502/HGA of 23 June 1969.
- i. Received (1) Decontamination Trailer from H&MS-16.
- j. Received (1) Truck Utility 1/4 T from MABS-36.
- k. Transferred (2) M-100's, (2) M-35A2's, (2) M-715's, (1) M-38A1, (1) M-151A1, (2) M-107's, (1) F-2A, and (3) M-63's to HMM-165.

8. Motor Transport. During the month of July 1969, the Motor Transport Section traveled 91,997 miles, transported 28,354 passengers, hauled 76,000 gallons of water, hauled 28,341 gallons of MOGAS, hauled 22,049 gallons of Diesel Fuel, hauled 130,101 gallons of JP-4, hauled 0 gallons of Av-Oil, hauled 0 gallons of 115/145, and hauled 564 Tons of cargo.

9. TAFDS. During the month of July 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	12,039 Gal	681,199 Gal
An Hoa	349 Gal	209,791 Gal
Hill 55	<u>N/A</u>	<u>107,879</u>
TOTAL	12,388 Gal	998,869 Gal

a. Two of the JP-4 Berms at Hill-55 were rebuilt with equipment from the Heavy Equipment Section of MAG-16, also the living quarters were rebuilt after being blown down in the beginning of the month.

b. During the mortar attack of the beginning of July, four pieces of 4" discharge hose were destroyed.

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c. Three huts were constructed on JP-1, 2, and 3 for the men working on the lines.

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

a. Typhoon defense measures were completed by the 11th of July.

b. On the 15th of July Marble Mountain Air Facility was hit with approximately 19 mortars resulting in very minor damage to the west mat.

c. The Naval Support Activities Public Works filled in the washout from water and wind erosion around the runway and all taxiways.

d. The Marble Mountain Crash Crew received a M-715 1 1/4 ton truck to serve as the Fire Marshals Command Vehicle. Emergency equipment such as saws, axes, water and CO<sub>2</sub> fire extinguishers will be mounted to provide the capability for combating small fires. The vehicle will be provided with a siren, beacon and two way radio to facilitate the immediate dispatch to the scene of any disaster.

#### Crash Crew

##### a. Personnel

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility	23
(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) M530 Pumper (U. S. Army Augmentation)

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

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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>
24	2	5	5
<u>Standby A/C Hover Checks</u>	<u>Standby Defuels</u>	<u>Standby Fuel Wash downs</u>	
0	51	14	

AIRCRAFT FIRES

- (1) MMAF 20 July 69 Crash Crew responded on a UH-1E at 245th Army side with engine flame out. Approximately 10 gallons of water used on washdown.
- (2) MMAF 31 July 69 Crash Crew responded on a CH-46 with APU on fire, no agent used, blew itself out.

STRUCTURAL FIRES

- (1) MMAF 1 July 69 Crash Crew responded on a fire at Redeye EM Club, fire was confined to rear storage area, no report of agent used.
- (2) MMAF 14 July 69 Crash Crew responded on a trash fire at PX. Approximately 50 gallons of water used.
- (3) MMAF 16 July 69 Crash Crew responded on a sandbag fire in hut area. Approximately 10 gallons of water used.
- (4) MMAF 16 July 69 Crash Crew responded on a trash can fire in 263 hut area. Approximately 15 gallons of water used.
- (5) MMAF 31 July 69 Crash Crew responded on a trash barrel fire at Sgt's Club. Approximately 20 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 July 1969 is as follows:

Marble Mountain to:

	<u>PAX</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>CUFT</u>
An Hoa	345	89,068	3,178
Phu Bai	395	46,384	2,379
Others	<u>325</u>	<u>49,282</u>	<u>2,306</u>
TOTAL	1,065	184,734	7,864

Tower

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

Fixed Wing Operations	4,653
Helicopter Operations	<u>21,748</u>
TOTAL OPERATIONS	26,401

Weather

a. During the month of July 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 213,789 meals fed at the Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhall during the month of July 1969, which includes all normal meals and party rations. Bread and donuts for the month of July were issued from the Red Beach Bakery. The Messhall is required to pickup up the bread each day, and donuts, three (3) times weekly. The Marble Mountain Messhall used approximately 2,500 pounds of flour for the preparation of breakfast pastries and pies. Fresh and dry stores were procured from NSA.

b. A storage building was built for the Meshall to store Messhall gear in.

c. On the job training and technical training were conducted for all Mess personnel and properly recorded. Night snacks were furnished for only the Enlisted Club for the month of July. As reported in last month's report, the Messhall is unable to furnish ice for parties because of the ice storage at NSA. As reported in last month's report, the Messhall is badly in need of a drainage system in back of the Enlisted Mess.

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## 12. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. During the month of July the Water Point distributed a total of 4,356,400 gallons of potable water. Of this amount 338,980 gallons were distributed to other units outside of MAG-16. The Water Point has two well pumps in operation to this date.

b. Paint Shop. During the month of July the Paint Shop completed a total of 11 work orders.

c. Electric Shop. During the month of July the Electric Shop completed a total of 79 work orders. These consisted mainly of repairing shorts, replacing switches and defective wiring. The Electric Shop also handles all generators of Utilities Section. PM's were pulled on all generators as required. The Electric Shop is supplying one man to An Hoa as a generator man to support the MAG-16 detachment there. Attack warning bells were installed in all messhalls and clubs during the month of July.

d. Plumbing Shop. During the month of July the Plumbing Shop completed a total of 17 work orders. These consisted mainly of leaky faucets, plugged drains, and minor leaks. The Water Point personnel also maintain the plumbing shop and a plumber is on duty throughout the night to handle any emergencies that may arise.

e. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of July the Refrigeration and Air Conditioner Repair Shop completed a total of 22 work orders. These consisted mainly of repairing air conditioners in the Officers living area. Communication Section recently acquired an ME-10 refrigeration unit which the Refrigeration Shop installed. Water coolers and refrigeration units were also repaired. Some units were sent on to the China Beach Refrigeration Shop.

f. Carpenter Shop. During the month of July the Carpenter Shop completed a total of 21 work orders. The majority of these were embarkation boxes. The old MAG-11 Chapel is presently being dis-assembled and the wood is being salvaged for construction of the new IRO building here at MAG-16. Doors were made and repaired in both the enlisted and Officers living areas as well as minor repairs such as screening, steps, and leaky roofs.

g. Base Laundry. During the month of July the Base Laundry processed a total of 2,265 bundles of clothing. An additional 3,100 pounds of organizational gear was also processed for a total of 42,475 pounds of clothing processed. The individual bundle service remains open to all ranks.

## 13. Heavy Equipment

a. Maintenance. For the month of July 1969 the Maintenance Section opened thirty-two (32) work orders, out of this number twenty-five (25) were completed, and seven (7) are still open. There are no opened work orders left from the month of June 1969.



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b. Operations. The Operations Section completed 921 equipment requests. Of this total the following break down is submitted:

Art-30	3000lb forklift	95
C-40	4000lb forklift	70
RTF	6000lb forklift	303
H-150-C	15000lb forklift	76
72-31M	Scooploader	351
M-12	Grader	6
Wabco	Grader	8
M-60	Crane, Anthony	0
M-180	Crane, Bay City	3
325-TC	P&H Crane	2
D-4	Dozer	<u>7</u>
	TOTAL	921

14. Ordinance. During the month of July 1969 the MABS-16 Ordnance Section issued a total of 18,188 White Phosphorus and High Explosive 2.75" rockets, 744,590 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 19,428 pounds of assorted smoke and chemical agents to the squadrons of MAG-16.

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

Exchange	\$104,801.84
James S. LEE	3,721.85
Saehan Laboratories	3,410.70
Huynh PHUNG Laundry & Gift Shops	3,957.80
LOC SVP LTD Barber Shops	1,486.10
SAX Tailor	6,894.00
Photo & Engraving	1,798.25
Kong YONG Laundry	6,714.90
Kim YONG Portrait	280.00
Harilela Tailors	2,830.50
Packing and Wrapping	<u>257.35</u>
TOTAL	\$136,135.29

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AN HOA AIRFIELD COMMAND CHRONOLOGY MONTH OF JULY 1969

1. During the month of July the An Hoa Detachment supported all transient aircraft with Crash, Fire, and Rescue services, Weather information, refueling services consisting of JP-4 and 115/145 AvGas, Air Traffic Control Services and Ordnance. Communications was also available from An Hoa to the Da Nang area.

2. During the reporting period the An Hoa Combat Base was under 140mm rocket attack twice. Two MABS-16 men were wounded, one died of wounds received while being medevaced. One sea hut was completely destroyed. A medevac bunker was constructed by MABS-16 Utilities for use by the MAG-16 medevac helo crews.

3. A resume of each section is as follows:

a. Weather. The Weather Section provided its normal functions as providing weather services to the control tower, MAG-16 and the 5th Marine Regiment.

b. Communications. The Communication Section provided radio link between An Hoa and the MAG-16 area. A PRC-25 is utilized for the night defense net. The section continues to pass weather information and general message to MAG-16 radio.

c. Crash Crew. The Crash Crew provided crash, fire and rescue services to all aircraft operating at the An Hoa Combat Base. The structural fire inspection was conducted between 15-18 July, discrepancies were forwarded to the Installation Coordinator. The Crash Crew responded to the following emergencies:

1 July - The crew responded to a CH-46 coming in with an excessive fuel leak. Approximately 100 gallons of water were used to wash down the fuel spill.

20 July - The crew responded to a possible engine fire on a CH-46. Fire did not break out, no agent was used.

d. TAFDS. The TAFDS Section provided refueling services at both the BAS refueling area and the main refueling farm. Both JP-4 and 115/145 AvGas are available. In addition the section refueled the Delta Force Tankers. BAS Farm has been open the entire month from 0900-1700 daily.

	<u>115/145 AvGas</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
No. Gallons Rec'd	0	205,000
No. Gallons Issued	349	209,791
No. Gallons On Hand	6,434	72,409

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e. Ordnance. The Ordnance Section provided ordnance as shown below, to all aircraft operating out of the An Hoa Combat Base.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>ON HAND</u>
HE Rockets	568	656
WP Rockets	210	520
7.62	51,000 rds	89,000 rds
.50 Cal Linked	None	16,096 rds
Red Smoke	None	5 Cases
Green Smoke	1 1/2 Cases	1 1/2 Cases
Incendiary	1 1/2 Cases	1 1/2 Cases

f. MATCU-67A. Continued its normal function providing Air Traffic Control Services as required. The GCA has been disassembled and moved to Chu Lai to undergo rehab. The Installation Coordinator desires that the TACAN be moved. The present location is considered a hazard to the perimeter defense.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS FOR MONTH OF JULY

Fixed Wing

348

Helicopters

6,720

TOTAL: 7,068

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## MABS-16 Self Help Program

During the month of July, 1969 the Self Help Program completed 6 individual projects.

On 18 July, part of the sandbags and protective material from COC Bunker were torn down and replaced with water proof material, new sandbags and sand filled ammo boxes.

On 20 July, a new med-evac bunker was constructed and completed at An Hoa.

On 25 July, the new MAG-16 Restriction Facility building along with a bunker were completed. Electricity still has to be extended to the building.

On 26 July, the barrels which were leaning into and onto the perimeter fence in the Ordnance area were taken down. The broken fence has been fixed and work has commenced on rebuilding the ordnance storage area.

On 26 July, the remodeling of the MAG-16 S-2 office space was completed. This office space was partitioned off from the Group NATOPS office space improving the working conditions for both offices.

On 31 July, the old Air Base Chapel at Da Nang was dismantled and transported to Marble Mountain. This building will be reassembled and will be the future office space for the CAO and IRO personnel.