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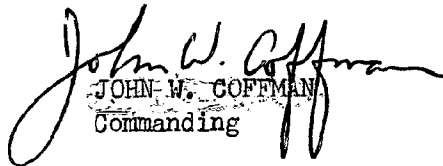
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology 1-30 September 1969

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  
1-30 September 1969

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Joseph R. DONALDSON, Commanding Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 Maj Robert L. PETERSON, Executive Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 Maj Edward H. WALSH, Commanding Officer, Zulu Company, 1-30Sep69  
 Maj Francis W. FARNSWORTH, Base Operations Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 Maj Herman F. MISTIS, Civil Affairs Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 Maj Frank P. ACCOMANDO, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 23-30Sep69  
 Capt Thomas L. JONES, Executive Officer, Zulu Company, 1-30Sep69  
 Capt Ralph E. KELLY, Materiel Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 Capt Michael J. GILDEA, Administrative Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 Capt Roger R. BURK, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 Capt Henry L. WATSON, Weather Officer, 1-22Sep69  
 Capt Robert L. DAVIS, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 1stLt Robert L. WILLMAN, Legal Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 1stLt Walter R. HOLTAN, TAFDS Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 1stLt Timothy F. SHEA, Motor Transport Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 1stLt Joseph C. MATTE, Assistant Motor Transport Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 1stLt Wallace E. VANDENBERG, Provost Marshal, 1-30Sep69  
 1stLt Francis L. GUALANDRI, Assistant Materiel Officer, 4-30Sep69  
 2ndLt John B. CHAMPEAU, Base Services Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 2ndLt William FOWLER, Assistant Motor Transport Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 2ndLt Walker TISDALE, Assistant Communications Officer, 11-30Sep69  
 CWO3 Edward A. G. DOWNES, Ordnance Officer, 1-30Sep  
 CWO2 Ervin E. WILMS, Clubs Officer, 1-30Sep69  
 LtCdr Edward L. GALLAGHER, Catholic Chaplain, 6-30Sep69  
 Lt Henry G. COOK, Protestant Chaplain, 1-30Sep69  
 Lt Paul H. DUMDEY, Group Medical Officer, 1-30Sep69
2. Marine Officers - 23  
 Navy Officer - 3

Marine Enlisted - 646  
 Navy Enlisted - 25

## PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-30 September 1969. 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, Forty-four (44) Marine Enlisted, One Navy Officer (1), and Seven Navy Enlisted were joined. One (1) Marine Officer, Fifty-four (54) Marine Enlisted, One (1) Navy Officer and One (1) Navy Enlisted were dropped. There were the following promotions; Twenty-two (22) to Sergeant, Three (3) to Corporal, One Hundred and forty-nine (149) to Lance Corporal and Three (3) to Private First Class.

2. Administration. On 1 September 1969 Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 68 was relocated from Marine Air Base Squadron 36, Marine Aircraft Group 36 to Marine Air Base Squadron 16, Marine Aircraft Group 16.

3. Awards. During the month of September 1969, there were Four (4) Navy Achievement Medals, One (1) Single Mission Air Medal and Thirty-one (31) Air Medals awarded to MABS-16 personnel.

4. Casualties. The following casualty was reported during the month of September 1969.

CPL A. M. BUSTO 239 77 54/1391, USMC, WIA, 6Sep69, MMAF

5. Civic Action

a. At the present time MAG-16 is not providing any MEDCAPS due to the reallocation of the Nui Kim Son hamlet to 3rd LVTs. Civic Action is attempting to locate a new hamlet that would benefit from our MEDCAPS. There is a possibility of initiating MEDCAPS in Binh Ky hamlet during the month of October. In conjunction with the 5th Communication Battalion, MAG-16 Civic Action personnel are attempting to initiate a pig farm in the hamlet of Damon. So far we can account for only two Yorkshire pigs however, two additional pigs have been funded through AIK Funds and delivery can be expected soon.

b. A total of ten (10) General WALT Scholarships were presented to the selected students attending Nui Kim Son Primary School. Four-hundred (400) school kits were delivered to Nui Kim Son Primary School. MAG-16 Civic Action has distributed American text books among DaNang high schools. Fifteen (15) sheets of tin and seven bags of cement were delivered to the Primary School in Dong Hai for an extension of the building.

c. Fifteen bags of cement were donated to the Buddhist Monks on Marble Mountain to assist in repairing the temples and shrines in the area. A Mid-Autumn children's festival was held in the village of Hoa Long. Civic Action personnel assisted in this festival by providing ice cream and cookies for approximately 1200 children. In addition, the 1st MAW Band and the III MAF Drum and Bugle Corps provided music. The party was a tremendous success and the only casualty was a Civic Action individual who contracted a frost bitten thumb from serving too much ice cream.

d. An approximate total of seventy-five persons participated in last month's Sunday tours of Marble Mountain. Response has been good.

6. Ground Defense. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of September 1969 was one (1) rocket and mortar attack on 6 September 1969.

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

- a. The Marine Corps Section received all MATCU 68 Organizational Weapons.
- b. Provided the Mess Hall with 6 Ash Cans, 32 Dz Cups, 20 Dz Knives, Forks, Spoons.
- c. Completed a complete Reconciliation of all Marine Corps Documents.
- d. Provided Group Supply with 250 Paper Plates for party.
- e. The Navy Section salvaged 5 M-100 Amphibious Trailers.
- f. Issued MATCU 2 G.P. Tents.
- g. Took charge of all MATCU 68 Gear.

8. Motor Transport. During the month of September 1969, the Motor Transport Section traveled 90,511 miles, transported 27,754 passengers, hauled 91,350 gallons of water, hauled 20,122 gallons of MOGAS, hauled 26,122 gallons of diesel fuel, hauled 131,608 gallons of JP-4, hauled 0 gallons of Av-oil, hauled 0 gallons of 115/145, hauled 519 Tons of cargo.

a. The following is a list of vehicles received during the month of September 1969 by number received and type.

1 - M-116A1

9. TAFDS. During the month of September 1969, TAFDS Section issued the following amount of fuel at the location\$indicated:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain	5,567 Gal	794,906 Gal
An Hoa	688 Gal	104,197 Gal
Hill 55	N/A	36,672 Gal
LZ Baldy	<u>393</u> Gal	<u>402,286</u> Gal
TOTAL	6,648 Gal	1,338,061 Gal

(2) 3Sep69. LZ Baldy TAFDS Facility became fully operational.

(3) 4Sep69. (1) one 10,000 Gallon Fuel Bag ruptured and 8,000 gallons of fuel was lost.

(4) 6Sep69. Mortar attack on MMAF. TAFDS Section had (1) one man WIA, (4) four 4"x50' Discharge Hose lost, (1) one 4"x25' Suction Hose lost, two (2) 2"x50' Discharge Hose lost and two (2) 150 pound Fire Extinguishers damaged.

(5) One (1) 10,000 Gallon Fuel Bag ruptured, lost 600 gallons of fuel. 11Sep69.

(6) 25Sep69. One (1) 10,000 gallon Fuel Bag ruptured, no fuel lost.

(7) 5-15Sep69. AvGas off grade. Traded fuel with NSA to bring AvGas back on grade.

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

a. On 1 September 1969, MATCU-68 arrived from Phu Bai (MAG-36)

b. On 6 September 1969, Marble Mountain was hit by Mortars, 42 Mortar Craters were found on the Parking aprons. One TAFDS man was wounded and two joints of 2" Hose was damaged.

c. On 25 September 1969, the Crash Crew joined ten Marines to be utilized for LZ Baldy.

Crash Crew

a. Personnel

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility	36
(2) U. S. Army Augumentation	6
(3) An Hoa	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  
 Four (4) 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.

Two (2) Twinned Agent Units, one (1) mounted 6x6  
 One (1) mounted on a M116A1  
 Three (3) MB-5 Crash Fire Trucks

(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>
22	1	0	11
<u>A/C Hover Checks</u>	<u>Standby Defuels</u>	<u>Standby Washdowns</u>	
0	34	14	

AIRCRAFT FIRES

(2) MMAF 3 Sept 1969 Crash Crew responded to fire on front rotor brakes of CH-46. 1 PKP used.

STRUCTURAL FIRES

(3) MMAF 9 Sept 1969 Crash Crew responded to bucket fire at H&MS Hanger. Approximately 3 gallons of water used.

(4) MMAF 12 Sept 1969 Crash Crew responded to a dumpster fire on 282nd Army side. Approximately 100 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 September 1969 is as follows:

	<u>PAX</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>CUFT</u>
An Hoa	2,870	51,542	90
Phu Bai	3,593	32,750	149
Other	<u>7,274</u>	<u>96,759</u>	<u>365</u>
TOTAL	13,737	181,051	604

Tower

a. The total monthly operations conducted by Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 68 Facility during the month of September 1969 are as follows:

## 1. Air Control

a. Phu Bai Tower -	VFR	19,204
	SVFR	204
	IFR	<u>61</u>
	TOTAL	19,469
b. MMAF Tower ---	VFR	29,458
	SVFR	465
	IFR	<u>33</u>
	TOTAL	29,956
c. MMAF GCA ---	VFR	685
	IFR	<u>17</u>
	TOTAL	702
d. An Hoa Tower -	VFR	4,112
An Hoa GCA --	VFR	10

Weather

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

b. On 30 September, Rawin equipment (AN/G-1D) was received from Quang Tri. This equipment will provide upper atmosphere information for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

## 11. Food Service

a. There were approximately 214,790 meals fed at the Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhall during the month of September 1969, which includes all normal meals and party rations. Bread and donuts for the month of September were issued from the Red Beach Bakery. The Messhall is required to pick up the donuts three (3) times weekly and bread each day. Fresh and dry stores were procured from NSA.

b. One (1) concrete platform has been made for a propane gas tank for the Enlisted Mess. The gas tank will hold approximately five-hundred (500) gallons of propane gas to operate six (6) gas ranges and two gas ovens. With the use of gas in the Messhall it will cut down on the amount of man hours it will take to prepare a meal when the electricity goes out. The gas ranges will be installed in the Enlisted Mess Galley just as soon as the work request is approved. Beautification of the Enlisted Mess is being continued.

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 September. As reported in previous reports, the Messhall is still unable to furnish ice for parties because of the shortage at the NSA ice plant. As reported in last month's report, the Marble Mountain Messhall is badly in need of a drainage system in back of the Enlisted Mess. The Enlisted and Officer's Mess are both badly in need of roof repairs.

## 12. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. During the month of September 1969, the Water Point distributed a total of 3,847,590 gallons of potable water. Of this a total of 95,050 gallons were distributed to other units outside of MAG-16.

b. Paint Shop. During the month of September 1969, the Utilities paint shop completed a total of 7 work orders.

c. Electric Shop. During the month of September 1969, the Utilities electric shop completed a total of 57 work orders. The Zulu Company was rewired and the hootch area was relighted; ran lines for emergency power at Comm. Center, connected secondary lines at Motor Transport Battery Shop, wired up lights and receptacles at 361 area. Minor electrical repairs were made in living areas. The Utilities Electric Shop also has a man at An Hoa as a generator operator to supply emergency power for the flight line.

d. Plumbing Shop. During the month of September 1969, the Utilities Plumbing Shop completed a total of 21 work orders. Showers were prefabricated and sent to LZ Baldy for installation for the MAG-16 detachment there. The Zulu showers were repaired. The drain at the EM shower was repaired. The drain at the messhalls were also unplugged. Many smaller jobs were completed throughout the base, such as repairing leaks.



e. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of September 1969, the Utilities Refrigeration/Air conditioner Repair Shop completed a total of 23 work orders. Most of these consisted of repairing air conditioners in the officers living quarters but water coolers and refrigerators were also repaired.

f. Carpenter Shop. During the month of September 1969, the Utilities Carpenter Shop completed a total of 65 work orders. Embarkation boxes were constructed for HML-164, TAFDS, HMH-364, HMH-463, H&MS-16, Crash Crew, MABS-16, S-1, VMO-2, Heavy Equipment, and MABS-16 Materiel. The guard tower near the Officers Club was removed, cabinets were made for Motor Transport, a table was constructed for HML-267, and a bookcase was made for HMH-263, tail boom stands were made for HML-167, leaks were repaired in the HMH-364 living area, 50 shelves were constructed for Group Supply. The liquor cage and office at the P.X. was expanded, the wall was repaired at the EM messhall, and a partition was constructed for Base Operations. Over 100 sheets of plywood was issued for self help projects.

g. Base Laundry. During the month of September 1969, the Base Laundry processed a total of 2,514 bundles of clothing. An additional 3,175 pounds of organizational gear was processed for a total of 37,716 pounds of clothing processed. The individual bundle service remains open to all ranks.

### 13. Heavy Equipment

a. Maintenance. For the month of September 1969, the Maintenance Section opened fourteen (14) work orders, out of this number nine (9) were completed and five (5) are still open. There are (5) work orders still open from the month of August 1969.

b. Operations. The Operations Section completed 643 equipment requests. Of this total the following breakdown is submitted:

Art	3000lb forklift	15
C-40	4000lb forklift	70
RTF	6000lb forklift	295
H-150-C	15000lb forklift	40
72-31M	Scooploader	180
M-12	Grader	4
Wabco	Grader	18
M-60	Crane, Anthony	0
M-180	Crane, Bay City	11
325-TC	P&H Crane	14
D-4	Dozer	6

TOTAL

653

14. Ordinance. During the month of September 1969, the MABS-16 Ordnance section issued a total of 12,882 2.75" White Phosphorus and High Explosive rockets, 534,730 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 34,044 pounds of assorted smoke and chemical agents to the Squadrons at MAG-16.

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

Exchange	\$78,780.00
James S. LEE	4,231.15
Saehan Laboratories	4,399.80
Huynh PHUNG Laundry & Gift Shops	5,280.60
LOC SVP LTD Barber Shops	1,519.55
SAX Tailor	6,062.50
Photo & Engraving	1,888.40
Kong YONG Laundry	6,459.20
Kim YONG Portrait	None
Packing and Wrapping	<u>172.30</u>
TOTAL	\$108,793.50

AN HOA AIRFIELD COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1969

1. During the month of September 1969, the MAG-16 Detachment supported all transient aircraft with Crash, Fire, Rescue Services, Weather, Refueling Services, Ordnance and Air Traffic Control Services.
2. During the reporting period, An Hoa Combat Base came under enemy attack by Mortar, Rocket, RPG and Sniper fire four times. There was one ground attack. There were no damages or casualties to the MAG-16 equipment or personnel.
3. Construction began this month on an 18'x36' Generator Pad for MATCU-68.
4. A brief description of activities are as follows.
  - a. Weather. The Weather Section provided Meteorological services to the 5th Marine Regiment, Air Traffic Control Tower and Marble Mountain Air Facility.
  - b. Communications. The Communications Section continued to function as a radio link between MAG-16 Detachment at An Hoa and it's parent organization Marine Air Group 16. Communications Traffic consisted of weather information and general administration messages.
  - c. Crash Crew. The Crash Crew Section continued to provide Crash, Fire and rescue services to the An Hoa Combat Base. The men responded to the below Stand-By's and incidents.
    - 1 Sep - Crash Crew reported to fire at Base Laundry. 900 Gallons of water used to extinguished the fire. Cause of Fire - Electrical Short.
    - 3 Sep - One MB-5 responded to grass fire on 2/5 perimeter. 300 Gallons of water used.
    - 8 Sep - Crash Crew called to Stand-By by Tower. One CH-46 landing with one engine out. A/C landed safely.
    - 10 Sep - Crash Crew responded to oil fire in Sea-Bees area. 25 Gallons of Foam and Water used.
    - 13 Sep - Crash Crew responded to fire at the Water Point. Two 30LB CO2 Bottles used to extinguish electrical fire.
    - 14 Sep - Crash Crew responded to fire at Base Laundry. One 30LB CO2 Bottle and 200 Gallons of water used on a dryer and an electrical short.
    - 22 Sep - Crash Crew responded to fire in 1/5 area. 200 Gallons of water used to extinguish burning latrine.

d. TAFDS. The TAFDS Section provided JP-4 and Aviation Gasoline re-fueling services to all aircraft requesting such. The Fuel Farm at BAS was not utilized this month.

	<u>115/145 AvGas</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
NO. GAL REC'D	0	120,000
NO. GAL ISSUED	688	104,197
NO. GAL ON HAND	5,170	77,889

e. Ordinance. The MAG-16 Detachment provided ordnance support for all aircraft requesting some.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>ON HAND</u>
HE ROCKET	435	348
WP ROCKET	57	509
7.62 Belted	56,050	56,100 rds
.50 Belted	0	15,212 rds
Red Smoke	2	30 grenades
Green Smoke	1	20 grenades
HC	4	24 grenades
40mm Belted	0	2,850 rds

f. MATCU-68. During the month of September 1969, Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 68 assumed the responsibilities for providing Air Traffic Control Services to An Hoa Airfield. These services consisted of Control Tower, Ground Control approach (Radar) and associated navigational aids (Tacan & UHF Radio Beacon). Aircraft Operations for the month are as follows.

<u>FIXED WING</u>	<u>HELICOPTER</u>	<u>GOA</u>
242	3870	10

## MAES-16 Self Help Program

During the month of September 1969, the Self Help Program completed five individual projects.

On 8 September construction was completed on the frame work for a C.O.C. bunker in the Zulu Company area. When complete it will serve as a command center for the base security force and a alternate command post for MAG-16.

On 12 September P40 moved into a newly constructed office building. The previously used South East Asia building was torn down and the new one built on this site.

On 19 September renovation was complete on the operations building in preparation for the Air Bases Commander. One large conference room was divided by partitions and the proposed Air Bases Commander's office was paneled.

Extensive clean up of the Marble Mountain Air Facility continued through the 26th of September. In addition to a labor force from MAG-16 the 1stMAW supplied about forty personnel and heavy equipment in an effort to police the MAG-16 area.

On 26 September a drainage line was installed from the enlisted shower in the four hundred block to the beach. This was necessary to drain a large pool of water which had collected beside the shower building.