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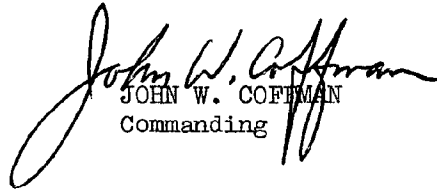
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology 1-31 October 1969

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


JOHN W. COFFMAN
Commanding

MAB-16

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

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Joseph R. DONALDSON, Commanding Officer, 1-7Oct69
 LtCol John W. COFFMAN, Commanding Officer, 8-31Oct69
 Maj Robert L. PETERSON, Executive Officer, 1-31Oct69
 Maj Edward H. WALSH, Commanding Officer, Zulu Company, 1-31Oct69
 Maj Frank P. ACCOMANDO, Base Operations Officer, 6-31Oct69
 Maj Herman F. MISITIS, Civil Affairs Officer, 1-31Oct69
 Capt Thomas L. JONES, Executive Officer, Zulu Company, 1-31Oct69
 Capt Michael J. GILDEA, Administrative Officer, 1-31Oct69
 Capt Roger R. BURK, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-31Oct69
 Capt Robert L. DAVIS, Assistant Base Operations Officer, 1-50Oct69
 1stLt Robert M. WILLMAN, Legal Officer, 1-31Oct69
 1stLt Walter R. HOLTAN, TAFDS Officer, 1-31Oct69
 1stLt Timothy F. SHEA, Motor Transport Officer, 1-31Oct69
 1stLt Joseph C. MATTE, Communications Officer, 1-31Oct69
 1stLt Wallace E. VANDENBERG, Provost Marshal, 1-31Oct69
 1stLt Francis L. GUALANDRI, Assistant Materiel Officer, 1-19Oct69, Materiel
 Officer 20-31Oct69
 1stLt John B. CHAMPEAU, Utilities Officer, 1-31Oct69
 2ndLt William FOWLER, Assistant Motor Transport Officer, 1-31Oct69
 2ndLt Walker TISDALE, Assistant Communications Officer, 1-31Oct69, PX Officer
 1-31Oct69
 CWO3 Edward A. G. DOWNES, Ordnance Officer, 1-31Oct69
 CWO2 Francis E. L. BRIDGES, Crash Crew Officer, 1-31Oct69
 CWO2 Neil B. LABELLE, Weather Officer, 3-31Oct69
 CWO2 Ervin E. WILES, Clubs Officer, 1-31Oct69
 LtCdr Edward L. GALLAGHER, Catholic Chaplain, 1-31Oct69
 LtCdr James F. LYONS, Group Medical Officer, 4-31Oct69
 Lt Henry G. COOK, Protestant Chaplain, 1-31Oct69
 Lt Paul H. DUMDEY, Squadron Medical Officer, 1-31Oct69

2. Marine Officers - 23 Marine Enlisted - 644
 Navy Officers - 4 Navy Enlisted - 21

PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31⁰ October 1969. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility, An Hoa Air Field, LZ Baldy, and Hill 55.

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Two (2) Marine Officers, Forty-one (41) Marine Enlisted were joined. Three (3) Marine Officers and Twenty-three (23) Marine Enlisted were dropped. There were the following promotions; Six (6) to Lance Corporal.

2. Administration. On ⁸10 October 1969 Lieutenant Colonel John W. COFFMAN relieved Lieutenant Colonel Joseph R. DONALDSON as Commanding Officer.

3. Awards. During the month of October 1969, there were two (2) Navy Achievement Medals, three (3) Single Mission Air Medals and twenty (20) Air Medals awarded to MABS-16 personnel.

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

PFC J. D. BOUDREAUX 247 36 16/1391, USMC, Drowned, 26Oct69, MMAF
 LCPL S. B. MAYFIELD 206 87 87/3531, USMC, Fractured Right Leg, 23Oct69, MMAF
 LCPL R. W. FITZGERALD 241 26 55/1316, USMC, GSW in Stomach, 23Oct69, MMAF
 CPL S. C. LOVETT 238 00 44/1391, USMC, Derangement Left Ankle, 10Oct69, MMAF

5. Civic Action

a. At the present time MAG-16 is not providing any MEDCAPS; however, when MCB #4 departs for CONUS, we will assume their Civic Action area of responsibility. The Civic Action Section has been providing MCB #4 with transportation and security during their MEDCAPS to the hamlets of Binh Ky and Da Me#2.

b. A total of twenty (20) General WALT Scholarships were presented to the students of Hoa Long Village. One hundred reams of writing tablets were delivered to the various schools in the DaNang area.

c. A pig farm has been established in the hamlet of Da Me #2. 5th Comm Bn is providing the feed and instructions to the villagers on the proper breeding and raising methods and procedures. Twenty (20) bags of cement were donated to the Buddhist Monks on Marble Mountain to assist in the repairs of some of their war-damaged temples and shrines. A marked improvement was viewed of the reconstruction projects and it is gratifying to see the people utilizing the donated material. MAG-16 Utilities Section assisted the Civic Action Office by constructing two shower stalls in Binh Ky Hamlet. The CAP unit assigned in that area will be using these showers in hopes that through example the village children will pick up some sanitary habits. In conjunction with RD personnel in

Binh Ky, the Civic Action Team of MAG-16 is attempting to repair the school facilities so that school can be reopened. We are performing this task on strictly a scrounging basis and so far have collected enough lumber to build desks for the school. Utilizing two pumps from Utilities and TABDS, we were able to pump a total of 840,000 gallons of water out of thirty homes in Nui Kim Son. The primary school in Nui Kim Son had a clean-up day of the village and this was conducted by the principal and his students. The Civic Action Team provided the necessary rakes, sandbags, and transportation to haul the trash away. We are attempting to start a DaNang tour; however, it has not been very successful due to the lack of transportation.

d. Binh Ky - We have encountered some personality conflicts with the hamlet chief, who is cooperative only when he benefits personally. RD suspects him of being a VC; however, has no proof. We commenced working with the RD personnel rather than with the chief and noticed a marked improvement in our rapport with the people. A gunner's mate from Mobile Construction Battalion #4 was killed in an ambush in Binh Ky.

e. Nui Kim Son - A 15 pound, (command type) block of C-4 was discovered under the porch of a house where the Civic Action personnel usually congregate with the villagers. A sweep was conducted by members of the CAP Team, National Police and 3rd Amtracks on 23 Oct 1969. Twelve VC were netted and turned over to the National Police.

6. Ground Defense. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of October was one (1) mortar attack on 21 October 1969.

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

- a. Provided the Mess Hall with (30) dz Knives, Forks, and Spoons.
- b. Issued Utilities Section one (1) Refrigerator MQ-51E.
- c. Issued Base Ops Section (30) Cots, Mess Kits, Poles Folding Insect Bar, Mattress Pneumatic and Insect Bars Nylon Netting, Required for LZ Baldy.

Navy Side

- a. Surveyed 1 Cone Marker, Runway, 1 Forklift ART-30.
- b. Dropped 1 Truck Refueler, from Squadron accounts.
- c. Issued Crash Crew Section 2 General Purpose Tents.
- d. Received 10 pairs of Firemans Boots for the Crash Crew Section.
- e. Received 700 sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Plywood, 700 sheets of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch Plywood, 400 sheets of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch Plywood.

Embarkation

- a. Worked on discrepancies noted in the Wing Inspection.
- b. Wing came out with a new UP&TT and all Sections are revising their UCM's to comply with change.
- c. Assisted TAFDS, Chaplin, Civil Affairs, Ordnance, Food Services, Zulu Co, and Base Ops in revising their UCM's.
- d. In the process of a reconciliation of MEDS cards with the revised UCM's.

Weapons

- a. Verified all Serial Numbers of in stock Weapons.
- b. Issued (62) Weapons and recovered (71) Weapons.
- c. Reconciled IMR cards with subsidiary cards.

Billeting

- a. Approximately (20) Officer's checked in and accommodations were made by procurement of required racks and mattresses, all S.E.A. huts were brought up to a (5) man manning level.
- b. Issued a memorandum to all Squadrons requesting a monthly report of Billeting Assignments. This is to be utilized with assignments held by this office.

Personal Effects

- a. Inventoried Personal Effects of (11) Men.
- b. Made shipments of the (11) inventories taken.

8. Motor Transport. During the month of October, the Motor Transport Section traveled 96,864 miles, transported 32,754 passengers, hauled 74,150 gallons of water, hauled 20,086 gallons of MOGAS, hauled 24,858 gallons of diesel fuel, hauled 36,519 gallons of JP-4, hauled 0 gallons of AV-oil, hauled 411 gallons of 115/145, hauled 594 Tons of carg.

- a. The following is a list of vehicles ⁴retrieved during the month of October 1969 by number received and type.

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

LOCATION	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain	9,209 Gal	783,314 Gal
An Hoa	694 Gal	141,402 Gal
Hill 55	N/A	34,370 Gal
LZ Baldy	<u>65</u> Gal	<u>351,983</u> Gal
TOTAL	9,968 Gal	1,311,069 Gal

(2) During the mortar attack of 8 October 1969, two (2) pieces of 2"x50' and one (1) piece 4"x50' Discharge Hose was destroyed.

(3) Landing Zone Baldy's fuel capacity was increased from 50,000 Gallons to 70,000 Gallons of JP-4 fuel.

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

a. On 21 October at 0245, Marble Mountain was hit by mortars, a total of 10 rounds landed in the HMM 263 (6rounds) and TAFDS areas (4rounds). Two joints of TAFDS hose were damaged, 3 CH-46's (HMM 263) had shrapnel damage and one aircraft revetment was damaged.

b. On 23 October final requirements for operations at LZ Baldy were agreed on by the Group, 1stMARDIV, 1stMAW, and the 7th Marines.

Crash Crew

a. Personnel

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility	39
(2) U. S. Army Augmentation	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, three (3) out for REHAB
 Four (4) Twined Agent Units
 Four (4) M116A1
 One (1) Ansul Airlift Unit (PKP)
 One (1) M530 Pumper (U.S. Army out for repairs)

(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
 Two (2) 6x6

(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>
10	0	6	2
<u>A/C Hover Checks</u>	<u>Standby Defuels</u>	<u>Standby Washdowns</u>	
1	56	5	

AIRCRAFT FIRES

None

STRUCTURAL FIRES

(1) MMAF 10 October, LCpl COAN and crew to Army side to check out smoke. LCpl COAN and crew back, false alarm.

(2) MMAF 14 October, Tower called and reported a fire at the 245th Flight Line. All crews responded, no fire, all vehicles back on line.

Air Freight and Passenger Section

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

An Hoa	<u>PAX</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>CUFT</u>
Phu Bai	415	49,116	2,537
Other	455	27,292	2,764
	<u>403</u>	<u>37,093</u>	<u>1,934</u>
TOTAL	1,373	113,051	7,235

Tower

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

1. Air Control

a. Phu Bai Tower - VFR	6,838
SVFR	341
IFR	145
TOTAL	<u>7,324</u>
b. MMAF Tower----- VFR	25,459
SVFR	772
IFR	80
TOTAL	<u>26,311</u>
MMAF GCA----- VFR	530
IFR	22
TOTAL	<u>552</u>
c. An Hoa Tower--- VFR	5,927
An Hoa GCA-----VFR	18
IFR	0
TOTAL	<u>18</u>
d. Baldy Tower----VFR	6,570
SVFR	270
IFR	18
TOTAL	<u>6,858</u>

Weather

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

b. The METLO and NAESU engineer from Sangley Point, R.P. visited the Weather Section to repair the AN/UXH-2B Facsimile Recorder. Operation successful.

c. The 15'x50' cement pad to support the incoming weather vans from MAG-39 was completed.

d. The Meteorological requirements for support of operations at LZ Baldy were formulated. Anticipate observational program commencing about 1 Dec 1969.

e. Morning weather briefs for the Group Commanding Officer commenced during the month.

f. Rainfall for the month of October broke the previous record of 33.51" set in October of 1968. Total rainfall for October 1969 was 36.60". The normal average is 22.41"

11. Food Service

a. There were approximately 214,790 meals fed at the Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhall during the month of October 1969, which includes all normal meals and party rations. Bread and donuts for the month of October were issued from the Red Beach Bakery. The messhall is required to pick up the donuts three (3) times weekly and bread each day. Marble Mountain Messhall used approximately 3,700 pounds of flour for the preparation of breakfast pastries and pies. Fresh and dry stores were procured from NSA.

b. Seven (7) gas ranges have been installed in the Enlisted Mess Galley and are now in the process of being connected to the gas tank. A concrete deck for the G.I. House at the officer's mess has been completed. The flower garden on the south side of the Messhall has been moved to make way for extension of the Staff & Sergeant's messes. New doors for the front of the Enlisted Mess have been put in.

c. On the job training and technical training was conducted for all mess personnel and properly recorded. Night snacks were furnished for all Enlisted Mess. The Enlisted and Officer's mess are both badly in need of roof repairs. The roof on the storeroom needs repair, dry stores get wet during the rainy season.

12. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. During the month of October 1969, the Utilities Water Point distributed a total of 3,639,900 gallons of potable water. Of this a total of 68,550 gallons were distributed to other units outside of MAG-16.

b. Paint Shop. During the month of October 1969, the Utilities Paint Shop completed a total of 31 work orders. Signs were painted for H&MS Armory, MATCU 68, Enlisted Mens Club and the Chaplain.

c. Electric Shop. During the month of October 1969, the Utilities Electric Shop completed a total of 75 work orders. Secondary lines were connected at Comm. Center and Motor Transport. Poles and the interior wiring was completed for Zulu 3 Command Bunker, downed lines at Sick Bay were rewired. Lines to the ME-10 located at Comm. Center and the compressors at Dental were ran. Minor electrical repairs were made throughout the living area. The Utilities Section, Electric Shop also has a man at An Hoa as a generator operator to supply emergency power for the flight line and a man is also supplied for off duty hours to answer any electrical problems that arise. The Electric Shop completed the above with a total of twelve men.

d. Plumbing Shop. During the month of October 1969, the Utilities Plumbing Shop completed a total of 23 work orders. The Plumbing Shop completed the drain system for the 600 block EM showers. Many smaller jobs were also completed, such as repairs to the enlisted showers, repairing leaks and unstopping drains at the mess halls.

e. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of October 1969, the Refrigeration Shop completed a total of 31 work orders. Most of these were repairs on the air conditioners in the officer living area. Water coolers and refrigerators were also repaired. Many units were sent to China Beach Refrigeration Shop for repairs.

f. Carpenter Shop. During the month of October 1969 the Utilities Carpenter Shop completed a total of 78 work orders. The MAG-16 CO's office, and the MABS-16 CO's trailer were redecorated. Embarkation boxes were built for H&MS 16, VMO-2, MATCU 68, Motor Transport and HML-167. Ten doors were installed at the E Club, windows were cut in the S/NCO Mess, small shed for compressors at Dental was built, picture frames were built for HMH 463. A bridge was constructed at the Enlisted Mens Club, construction of a mailbox and a hot locker for VMO-2, 20 fire barrel covers for Crash Crew and a bin for 3 M Maintenance were also completed. Numerous small jobs were completed in the MAG-16 area. A total of 125 sheets of plywood and 70 pieces of tin were issued for self help projects. The Carpenter Shop completed the above with a total of twelve men.

g. Base Laundry. During the month of October 1969 the Base Laundry processed a total of 2938 bundles of clothing. An additional 3,400 pounds of organizational gear was also processed for a total of 47,700 pounds of clothing processed. The individual bundle service remains open to all ranks.

13. Heavy Equipment.

a. Maintenance. For the month of October 1969, the Maintenance Section opened ten (10) work orders. Out of this number six (6) were completed and four (4) remain open. There are five (5) work orders still open from the month of September 1969.

b. Operations. The Operations Section completed 369 equipment requests. Of this total the following break down is submitted:

Art	3000lb forklift	20
C-40	4000lb forklift	60
RTF	6000lb forklift	149
H-150-C	15000lb forklift	35
72-31M	Scooploader	23
M-12	Grader	1
Wabco	Grader	7
M-60	Crane, Anthony	29
M-180	Crane, Bay City	8
325-TC	P&H Crane	34
D-4	Dozer	<u>3</u>
TOTAL		369

14. Ordnance. During the month of October 1969, the MABS-16 Ordnance section issued a total of 7,308 2.75" White Phosphorus and High Explosive rockets, 359,449 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 2,200 pounds of assorted smoke and chemical agents to the squadrons of Marine Aircraft Group 16. Also during the month of October 1969, the storage area, MABS-16 received and handled 30 short tons of munitions.

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

Exchange	\$71,964.23
James S. LEE	6,998.95
Saehan Laboratories	5,335.70
Huynh PHUNG Laundry & Gift Shops	5,792.15
LOC SVP LTD Barber Shops	1,691.75
SAX Tailor	10,106.50
Photo & Engraving	2,024.00
Kong YONG Laundry	6,937.00
Kim YONG Portrait	221.00
HARILELA's	<u>6,362.05</u>
Total	\$117,433.33

AN HOA AIRFIELD COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1969

1. During the month of October 1969, the MAG-16 Detachment supported all transient aircraft with Crash Fire and Rescue services, Weather, Refueling, Ordnance, and Air Traffic Control services.
2. During the month of October, An Hoa Combat Base received no hostile fire or significant ground attacks.
3. The An Hoa area received approximately twenty-five inches of rain during the period 1-10 October. These heavy rains inundated the normal supply routes necessitating aerial resupply. One hundred-ten flights of fixed wing resupply (C-123/C-130 type of aircraft) handled between 10 and 24 October 1969. Compliments U.S.A.F.

4. A brief description of activities 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 radio link between MAG-16 Detachment at An Hoa and its 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 standby's and incidents.

9Oct69 - Crash Crew responded to a CH-46 that shut down on the R/W. The aircraft had battle damage, and was towed to the arming area by Crash Crew.

13Oct69 - Tower called a standby on a UH-1E landing R/W 6 with a fire warning light indication. All Crews responded.

14Oct69 - Crash Crew responded to a call that a vehicle was on fire behind the mess hall, it was a false alarm.

17Oct69 - Hot Spot responded to a KC-130, with a blown tire, Aircraft shutdown on R/W. Aircraft also had damage to both engines and right side of aircraft. Aircraft was towed to the arming area by Crash Crew.

23Oct69 - Tower called a standby on a O-1 bird dog they thought had crashed off the end of the R/W.24. L/Cpl JOURDAN and crew in M116A1 responded. The aircraft had crashed, there was no fire and both pilots were all right.

26Oct69 - Crash Crew responded to a fire behind the base power plant. A latrine was on fire, 130 lb PKP bottle and 100 gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire.

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	95,830
NO. GAL ISSUED	426	102,000
NO. GAL ON HAND	4,744	72,828

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

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>ON HAND</u>
HE ROCKET	510	318
WP ROCKET	235	274
7.62 Belted	43,000 rds	26,600 rds
.50 Belted	708 rds	14,504 rds
Red Smoke	5	25 Grenades
Green Smoke	0	20 Grenades
HC	8	16 Grenades
40mm Belted	* 92	2,760

* Turned into Class Three unsafe.

f. MATCU-68. During the month of October 1969, Marine Air Traffic Control Unit-68 assumed the responsibilities for providing Air Traffic Control Services at An Hoa Airfield. These services consisted of Control Tower, Ground Control Airfield Operations for the month are as follows.

<u>FIXED WING</u>	<u>HELICOPTER</u>	<u>GCA</u>
614	5,138	10