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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, MAG-16 1-28Feb70

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Peter C. SCAGLIONE, JR., Commanding Officer, 1-25 Feb70  
 LtCol Charles R. DUNBAUGH, Commanding Officer, 26-28Feb70  
 Maj Edward H. WALSH, Executive Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 Maj Rudolph M. NEBEL, Officer in Charge, MATCU-68, 1-28Feb70  
 Capt Roger R. BURK, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 Capt Jack W. WHEELER, Motor Transport Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 Capt Joseph C. MATTE, Communications Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 Capt Carl E. LAMEY, Crash Crew Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 Capt Earl P. BASHER, Assistant Officer in Charge MATCU-68, 1-28Feb70  
 Capt Gordon P. STIRLING, Operation Officer, MATCU-68, 1-28Feb70  
 Capt James E. HOLK, Maintenance Officer, MATCU-68, 1-28Feb70  
 1stLt Francis L. GUALANDRI, Material Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 1stLt John B. CHAMPEAU, Utilities Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 1stLt Thomas J. FARRELL, Motor Transport Maintenance Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 1stLt Harold C. KERN, Provost Marshal, 1-28Feb70  
 1stLt Thomas W. TUTHILL, GCA Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 1stLt Richard C. JONELY, Tower Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 1stLt Bobby C. ARNSDORFF, Embarkation Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 1stLt Louis F. ALT, Civil Affairs Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 1stLt James P. STOZ, Provost Marshall, Phu Bai, 1-23Feb70  
 1stLt Adrian J. GORDON, Legal Officer, 9-28Feb70  
 1stLt Robert M. WILLIMAN, Legal Officer, 1-8Feb70  
 1stLt William C. FOWLER, Commanding Officer, Zulu Company 1-28Feb70  
 1stLt Billie F. NORWARK, Assistant Motor Transport Officer, 9-28Feb70  
 1stLt Orville G. ROWE, Assistant Industrial Relations Officer, 26-28Feb70  
 1stLt Malcom S. SMITH, GCA Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 1stLt Louis MCLAURIN, Communications Officer, Phu Bai, 1-23Feb70  
 1stLt Rolet J. ALDERMAN, Clubs Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 2ndLt BRUCE D. LITTLE, Assistant Communications Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 2ndLt Gerald D. JORDAN, Heavy Equipment Officer, 1-9Feb70  
 2ndLt James A. WARD, TAFDS Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 CWO-3 Edward A. G. DOWNES, Ordnance Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 CWO-2 Francis E. L. BRIDGES, Assistant Crash Crew Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 CWO-2 Neil B. LABELLE, Weather Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 CWO-2 Charles A. ZIMMERMAN, Administrative Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 LtCdr Edward L. GALLAGHER, Catholic Chaplain, 1-28Feb70  
 LtCdr James F. LYONS, Group Medical Officer, 1-28Feb70  
 Lt Henry G. COOK, Protestant Chaplain, 1-28Feb70  
 Lt Paul H. DUMDEY, Squadron Medical Officer, 1-28Feb70
2. Marine Officers - 35  
 Navy Officers - 4

Marine Enlisted - 960  
 Navy Enlisted - 26

## PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-28 February 1970. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility, An Hoa Air Field, LZ Baldy, Hill 55 and Phu Bai.

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Four (4) Marine Officers and Eighty-one (81) Marine Enlisted were dropped. Three (3) Marine Officers and Fifty-Seven Marine Enlisted were joined. There were the following promotions, two (2) to First Lieutenant, three (3) to Sergeant, One Hundred and Four (104) to Corporal and one (1) to Private First Class, and thirty four to Lance Corporal.

2. Administration. On <sup>25</sup>26 February 1970 Lieutenant Colonel Charles R. DUNBAUGH relieved Lieutenant Colonel Peter C. SCAGLIONE, JR. as Commanding Officer of Marine Air Base Squadron 16.

3. Awards. During the month of February there were the following awards to MABS-16 personnel: Eleven (11) Strike/Flight Air Medals.

4. Casualties. The following casualties were reported during the month of February 1970.

Cpl Bruce R. HARGREAVES 245 64 65 USMC, Laceration 3rd digit left hand  
 LCpl Romey H. BURGIN 253 64 38 USMC, Laceration to forehead over left eye  
 LCpl Victor G. DIAZ 229 31 95 USMC, Slight burns to eyes and laceration to left index finger

5. Civic Action

a. Dent-Caps continued in Binh Ky with moderate turn outs. Approximately 20 people attended each Dent-Cap. 75 teeth were pulled this month and 200 dental kits were handed out. Med-Caps continued and have increased in attendance by 100%. Nearly 2000 villagers received treatment this month. U. S. Army personnel from Hoa Vang District Headquarters came to Binh Ky and gave vitamins to 600 children and adults. MAG-16 Civic Action held a "washin" on 27 February. Two hundred (200) children were washed and then given check ups by doctors. They were then given milk and donuts. Twenty-four gallons of milk were consumed and five hundred donuts eaten.

b. HML 367 and HMM 161 have been given the responsibility of renovating a badly damaged school in Nui Kim Son. They have been supplied with six bags of cement to patch up holes. They also will supply the school with paper, books, and pencils. MAG-16 Civic Action transported 100 students from Kim Son school to Red Beach for a two day student conclave on 26 February. Students were supplied with 15 cases of C-Rations. Kim Son school received 10,000VN\$ for General Walt Scholarships.

c. Khac Bac pig project is a continuing success. Our one mature sow bred around the 6th of February; however, it will be 114 days before the results will be known. The market place at Binh Ky has been completed. It consists of three buildings, covering an area of 1200 sq ft. The structures are composed of 173 2x4s, 128 sheets of tin and 30 bags of cement.

6. Ground Defense. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of February was negative.

7. Supply/Material. The following occurred in the Material Section during the month of February 1970.

a. Issued the Mess Hall twenty (20) cartons of ten (10) ounce glasses, thirty two (32) cartons of paper plates, eighty four (84) dozen plastic cups, and thirty two (32) cases of knives, forks, spoons.

b. Held a complete inventory of Marine Corps custodial equipment and made new custody cards for sections.

c. Held a complete reconciliation of all Marine Corps Documents.

d. Issued Zulu Co. one ME-10 Refrigeration unit and one Prefab unit.

e. The Navy surveyed (2) Circular Saws Portable, (1) Saw Radial Arm, (1) Trailer M105.

f. Transferred (2) MB-5's to MWSG-17 and (2) MB-5's to MAG-13.

g. Received (2) Saws Radial Arm for Utilities and (1) Grinder for Motor Transport.

#### Weapons

a. Issued (72) weapons to individuals entering RVN.

b. Recovered (91) weapons from individuals departing RVN

c. The Weapons Section has forty eight weapons in stock.

#### Embarkation

a. Held a complete Embarkation Inspection of MABS-16 and sent lists of discrepancies to the Sections.

b. In process of making new Embarkation Manifest.

Personal Effects

- a. Received personal effects of (6) men for safe keeping.
- b. Released personal effects of (5) men from safe keeping.
- c. Made (5) shipments of personal effects.

Billeting

- a. Had (1) Squadron (VMO-2) to leave RVN, and two Squadrons (161 and 262) to move down from Phu Bai, which gave a net increase of about forty (40) company grade Officers.

8. Motor Transport. During the month of February, the Motor Transport Section traveled 110,773 miles, transported 68,682 passengers, hauled 63,150 gallons of water, hauled 28,460 gallons of MOGAS, hauled 27,818 gallons of diesel fuel, hauled 138,402 gallons of JP-4, hauled 0 gallons of Av-oil, hauled 136 gallons of 115/145, hauled 583 tons of cargo.

9. TAFDS. During the month of February 1970, 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	N/A	824,617 Gal
An Hoa	4,417	137,172 Gal
Hill 55	N/A	64,846 Gal
LZ Baldy	N/A	165,933 Gal
Phu Bai	<u>24,764</u>	<u>376,932 Gal</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	29,181 Gal	1,569,590 Gal

(2) Hill 55 closed down by 1 March 1970.

(3) Work on new fuel site at Marble Mountain (JP-3) is nearing completion.

(4) Phu Bai closed down.

10. Base Operations. During the month of February 1970, the following events took place:

a. 1Feb70 - 1450H MATOU-68 notified us that An Hoa had been hit with 5 rockets, no injuries to our detachment personnel and no equipment was damaged.

b. 2Feb70 - 0930H Received message that An Hoa was hit with about 18 82MM mortar rounds about 012359H. No casualties or damage to equipment.

c. 14Feb70 - Transferred the Airfield lighting systems at Phu Bai to U. S. Army, 321st Airfield Support Detachment. 2 MB-5's from Phu Bai for shipment to Chu Lai.

d. 15Feb70 - Runway foamer returned from Phu Bai.

e. 17Feb70 - 2 MB-5's and 1 M116A1 (tracked vehicle) transferred to Chu Lai.

f. 20Feb70 - Phu Bai Crash Crew and TAFDS personnel and equipment moved to Marble Mountain. No MAG-16 Marines left at Phu Bai.

#### Crash Crew

##### a. Personnel

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility	33
(2) U. S. Army Augmentation	5
(3) An Hoa	7
(4) LZ Baldy	5
(5) Non Eff	5

##### b. Equipment

#### MMAF

(1) Equipment assigned this section consists of:

One (1) 715  
 One (1) MB-1 Crash Fire Truck  
 One (1) W/T  
 One (1) Stake Truck  
 Three (3) MB-5 Crash Fire Truck  
 Three (3) 530B (2) Pending Survey (1) One out of country  
 Three (3) M116A1  
 Two (2) 1700D

#### LZ BALDY

(1) One (1) MB-5 Crash Fire Truck  
 One (1) 6x6  
 Two (2) M116A1

#### AN HOA

(1) One (1) MB-5 Crash Fire Truck  
 One (1) 6x6  
 One (1) 530C  
 Two (2) M116A1

## 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>
15	1	5	5
<u>A/C Hover Checks</u>	<u>Standby Defuels</u>	<u>Standby Washdowns</u>	
0	32	8	

Mount out of MAG-16 Support Unit C/C

17Feb70 1st shipment of gear to MMAF  
 18Feb70 2nd shipment of gear to MMAF  
 19Feb70 3rd shipment of gear to MMAF  
 20Feb70 4th and final shipment of gear to MMAF  
 20Feb70 10:30 AM Crash Crew personnel with 5 vehicles departed Phu Bai for Marble Mountain. 14:30 PM Crash Crew personnel with 5 vehicles arrived at MMAF Crash Crew

Emergency Responses (1-20 Feb 1970)(1) Phu Bai

<u>Aircraft Emergency Responses</u>	<u>Medevacs</u>	<u>Red Labels</u>
15	17	10
<u>Standby Defuels</u>	<u>Standby Washdowns</u>	<u>Structural Fires</u>
1	4	3

Air Freight and Passenger Section

a. The total monthly operations conducted by Marble Mountain Air Facility Air Freight Section during the month of February 1970 is as follows:

	<u>PAX</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>CUFT</u>
Phu Bai	128	18,725	1,169
An Hoa	101	18,539	592
LZ Baldy	92	63,252	1,720
Other	25	1,985	219
	<u>346</u>	<u>102,501</u>	<u>3,700</u>

Tower

a. The total monthly operations conducted by Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 68 during the month of February 1970 are as follows:

## 1. Air control

a. MMAF Tower -----	VFR	32,597	MMAF GCA -----	VFR	562
	SVFR	1,389		IFR	45
	IFR	0		TOTAL	607
	TOTAL	33,986			
b. An Hoa Tower-----	VFR	7,490	An Hoa GCA-----	VFR	41
	SVFR	52		IFR	5
	TOTAL	7,542		TOTAL	46
c. Baldy Tower -----	VFR	7,549	Baldy GCA -----	VFR	9

Weather

a. During the month of February 1970, the Weather Section continued to support all Marine Aircraft Group 16 operations in the Marble Mountain, An Hoa and LZ Baldy areas.

b. On 4 February 1970 the MAG-16 Meteorological Van Complex became operational.

11. Food Service

a. There were approximately 185,186 meals fed at the Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhall's during the month of February, which includes all normal meals and party rations. Bread and Donuts for the month were issued from the Red Beach Bakery. The messhall is required to pick up doughnuts three (3) times a week and bread each day. The Marble Mountain Messhall used approximately 3,980 lbs of flour for the preparation of pastries, pies, and bread rolls for party rations. Fresh and dry stores were procured from NSA.

b. The old scullery at the E-Mess is in the process of being converted to an occupational clothing issue and change room. The cement deck will be recapped and partitions built by utilities section. One scullery machine will be left in operation for use as a standby in the event of boiler trouble in the new scullery. The messhall at Phu Bai was closed up and all messhall property was brought down to Marble Mountain and properly disposed of.

12. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. During the month of February 1970, the Utilities Water Point distributed a total of 4,355,000 gallons of potable water. Of this, a total of 2,300 gallons were distributed to other units outside of MAG-16.



b. Electric Shop. During the month of February 1970, the Utilities Electric Shop completed a total of 88 work orders. The Electric Shop was responsible for the wiring of the Dental Trailer and installing circuit breakers for X-Ray. A circuit box was relocated at Motor Transport for the repair van. The Enlisted men's huts at Squadron 262 required minor electrical repairs. The test cells were wired at H&MS Jet Shop. Operating room lamps were installed at the Dispensary. The Utilities Section Electric Shop has a man working as a generator operator to supply emergency power to the flight line at An Hoa and a man working normal off duty hours to answer any electrical problems that arise. The Electric Shop completed the above with a total of eleven men.

c. Paint Shop. During the month of February 1970, the Utilities Paint Shop completed a total of 47 work orders. Signs were painted for various sections on the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

d. Plumbing Shop. During the month of February 1970, the Utilities Section Plumbing Shop completed a total of 24 work orders. A water cooler was installed at Crash Crew; a potato peeler was installed at the Officer's Messhall; many smaller jobs were also completed, such as, repairs to officers and enlisted men showers, repairing leaks and unstopping drains.

e. Base Laundry. During the month of February 1970, the Base Laundry processed a total of 3,601 bundles of clothing. An additional 4,650 lbs. of organizational gear was processed for a total of 58,665 pounds of clothing processed. The individual bundle service remains open to all ranks.

f. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of February 1970, the Utilities Refrigeration Shop completed a total of 24 work orders. This shop was responsible for the repairs done on several air conditioners. Refrigerators and water coolers were also repaired.

g. Carpenter Shop. During the month of February 1970, the Utilities Carpenter Shop completed a total of 120 work orders. There were 44 major work orders and the remaining being minor. The Carpenter Shop was responsible for the building of nineteen revetments at various sites on the Marble Mountain Air Facility. This shop built five SEA hootches and also remodeled the office of the Commanding Officer for Squadron 161. There were several bunkers built and among them were bunkers for the dispensary, MARS Station and Squadron 161 area.

13. Ordnance. During the month of February 1970, the MABS-16 Ordnance Section issued a total of 15,600 White Phosphorus and High Explosive 2.75" rockets. Also issued were a total of 66,500 B572 (40MM for the Cobras) and 782,862 small arms ammunitions. There were also issued 27,200 pounds of smoke and chemical agents to the Squadrons of MAG-16. MAG-16 supplied An Hoa, LZ Baldy and Phu Bai with 1,300 rockets. We received from MAG-11 Ordnance 11,040 2.75" rockets and 74,700 rounds of B572.

14. Exchange. During the month of February 1970, the Exchange and Facilities totaled as listed below:

Exchange	\$81.048.38
James E. LEE	5941.50
Saehan Laboratories	3757.15
Huynh PHUNG Laundry & Gift Shops	5234.80
LOC SVP LTD Barber Shops	1775.30
SAX Tailor	13,167.20
Photo & Engraving	1,608.05
Kong YONG Laundry	4,503.20
Kim YONG Portrait	116.00
Harilela's Tailor	7,749.25
KU IN TO packing and wrapping	<u>233.60</u>
Total	\$125,134.43

AN HOA AIRFIELD COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1970

1. During the month of February 1970, the MAG-16 Detachment supported all transient aircraft with the following services: Crash, Fire, Rescue, Weather, Refueling, Communications, Ordnance, and Air Traffic Control.

2. During the month of February An Hoa Combat Base received one rocket attack on 1 February 1970, there were no casualties.

3. A brief description of activities follows:

a. Weather. The weather section provided meteorological services for the 5th Marine Regiment, Air Traffic Control, Tower, and Marble Mountain Air Facility.

b. Communications. The communications section provided its normal function as a radio link between An Hoa Airfield and MMAF. Traffic consisted of weather reports and general administrative messages.

c. Crash Crew. Crash Crew continued to provide its function as Crash, fire, and rescue service to the An Hoa Airfield and Facilities. The section leader conducted the monthly fire inspection for the 5th Marine Regiment on 15-20 February 1970. Crash Crew responded to the following incidents:

1 Feb 70 - CH-53 engine out  
 9 Feb 70 - UH-1A control problem  
 19 Feb 70 - CH-46 rotor problem  
 25 Feb 70 - CH-46 hydraulic failure

d. TAFDS. The TAFDS section provided JP-4 and AV/GAS in the following amounts:

115/145	JP-4
Gallons received - 800	136,600
Gallons issued - 391	132,800
Gallons on hand - 409	37,625

890 gallons were used to flush out systems installed.

e. Ordnance. The MAG-16 Detachment issued the following amounts of ordnance by type:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>ON HAND</u>
HE ROCKETS	254	460
WP ROCKETS	180	380
7.62 Belted	22,500	57,000
40 MM Belted	0	500
50 Cal Belted	0	2,124
Red Smoke	16	32
Green Smoke	8	16
Yellow Smoke	0	16

f. MATCU-68. During February 1970, MATCU-68 Detachment provided the following Air Traffic Control Services, Consisting of Control Tower, Ground Control Approach, Tacan, and Radio Beacon. Airfield operations for the month are as follows.

<u>FIXED WING</u>	<u>HELO</u>
VFR - 282	5,679
SVFR - 0	0
GCA - 0	32
RADAR DEP - 0	0

LZ BALDY COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR FEBRUARY 1970

1. During the month of Feb 70, the MAG-16 Detachment supported all transit aircraft with Crash, Fire, and Rescue equipment, Weather, Refueling, and Air Traffic Control.
2. No major incidents occurred with the enemy during the month.
3. Sea Bees erected new control tower and transferred TRC-131 on 19 Feb 1970.
4. 25 Feb 1970 Sea Bees built revetments for ordnance area to complete this project the revetments need to be filled and RC 800 asphalt laid to runway.
5. The second layer of MC 250 was put on the approach end of runway 22, 26 Feb. Weather has been the major delaying factor.
6. 27 Feb 1970 the final grade for the Medevac revetments was completed.
7. Colonel DERNING assume command of the 7th Marine Regiment on 28 Feb 1970.
8. A brief summary of activities follows:
  - a. Weather. Provided meteorological services to 7th Marine Regiment, Air Traffic Control Tower, and MMAF.
  - b. Communications. Continued to pass weather and general administrative information between LZ Baldy and MMAF.
  - c. Crash Crew. Responded to the following calls:
    - 05Feb70 - 9th Eng. steam jenny on fire. Fire out on arrival.
    - 07Feb70 - Hot spot responded to FLC fire; no agent used.
    - 09Feb70 - Standby on Army CH-47 #92 B#718492, Battle Damage. Landed safely, no assistance required.
    - 11Feb70 - AH-16 Cobra landing with no hydraulic pressure. Aircraft landed safely.
    - 13Feb70 - Standby on CH-53, HMH-463, YA #7, B #156670, Battle damage, landed safely.
    - 14Feb70 - Standby on UH-16, Army, Sqd. 282, B #17589 landing runway 22 with battle damage, landed safely.

- d. TAFDS. Provided JP-4 refueling services to all aircraft.

JP-4	<u>Opening Inventory</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
	86,786	156,640	182,393	61,033

- e. Ordinance

<u>Type</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>On Hand</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Rocket, HE	871	195 Plus 10 pallets	
Rocket, WP	90	122 Plus 1 pallet Motbrs 13/4 pallets warheads	
7.62	16,000 Rds.	32,000 Rds.	* 72 case, 50Rds/case returned to MMAF
*Linked 40mm	None	None	
40mm	60 Rds	None	

- f. MATCU. Continued to provide air traffic control services.

1. VFR operations 5889
2. GCA                      2    VFR/Navy