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1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATION1. PHBS-16COMMANDER

LtCol L. E. BECK

1-25 July 1970

Maj P. E. TITMUS

26-31 July 1970

2. LOCATION

1-31 July: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Maj J. O. BLACK, Executive Officer, 1-31 July 1970
 Maj R. M. NEBEL, OIC MATCU-68, 1-23 July 1970
 Maj D. R. BOWEN, OIC MATCU-68, 25-31 July 1970
 Capt E. P. DUNN, GCA Officer, 12-31 July 1970
 Capt D. G. CASSELL, JR., Asst OIC MATCU-68, 1-23, 25-31 July 1970, OIC MATCU-68
 25 July 1970
 Capt F. J. GUNN, Asst Electronics Officer, 1-17 July 1970, Electronics Officer
 18-31 July 1970
 Capt G. P. STEINLENG, GCA Officer, 1-11 July 1970
 Capt J. N. HOEK, Maintenance Officer, 1-17 July 1970
 Capt C. E. LUNN, Base Operations Officer, 1-31 July 1970
 Capt L. E. MASHBURN, Admin Officer, 1-31 July 1970
 Capt C. L. WALKER, Utilities/Heavy Equipment Officer, 1-31 July 70
 Capt R. ALTMAN, Ordnance Officer, 1-31 July 1970
 Capt C. E. MAGUIRE, Comm Officer, 30-31 July 1970
 1stLt C. R. ARNSTANG, Tower Officer, 12-31 July 1970
 1stLt R. C. JONELY, Tower Officer, 1-11 July 1970
 1stLt R. L. BARRY, GCA An Moa, 1-31 July 1970
 1stLt C. P. ROLLEN, Officer's Club Officer, 25-31 July 1970
 1stLt J. R. CARLISLE, Officer's Club Officer, 1-24 July 1970
 1stLt R. J. DENVISH, IRO, 1-31 July 1970
 1stLt F. L. GULLEDDI, Materiel Officer, 1-31 July 1970
 1stLt B. D. LITTLE, CommO, 1-29 July 1970, Asst CommO, 30-31 July 1970
 1stLt J. J. GULVAS, Food Services Officer, 12-31 July 1970
 1stLt F. J. CURNON, Food Services Officer, 1-11 July 1970
 1stLt W. G. KAYON, Asst Utilities Officer, 25-31 July 1970
 1stLt R. F. HUNTER, Legal Officer, 1-31 July 1970
 1stLt H. S. SMITH, Operations Officer, 12-31 July 1970, OIC LZ Baldy, 1-11 July 1970
 1stLt L. H. WILLIS, Civic Action Officer, 1-31 July 1970
 1stLt J. A. WARD, TAFIS, 1-31 July 1970
 1stLt W. C. FOWLER, OIC, Zulu Company, 1-9 July 1970
 2ndLt J. J. BUCHANAN, Motor Transport Officer, 24-31 July 1970
 2ndLt F. P. DOMINO, Asst CommO, 1-31 July 1970

2ndLt P. J. MOSIEJ, Asst OIC Zulu Company, 1-31 July 1970
 CWO-2 F. E. L. BRIDGES, Air Freight Officer, 1-31 July 1970
 CWO-2 N. B. LABELLE, Asst Weather Officer, 1-31 July 1970
 CWO-2 R. D. WISE, Weather Officer, 1-31 July 1970
 LCDR E. L. GALLAGHER, Catholic Chaplain, 1-31 July 1970
 Lt M. L. MCCLURE, Group Medical Officer, 1-17 July 1970
 Lt W. A. DUNLAP, Group Medical Officer, 18-31 July 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>
<u>Off Enl</u>	<u>Off Enl</u>	<u>Off Enl</u>
31 652	2 26	0 22

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. This report covers the period 1-31 July 1970. During this period IABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility, An Hoa Air Field, and LZ Baldy.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Significant Events

1. Administration

a. Lieutenant Colonel L. K. KECK relinquished command to Major P. E. BENET on 26 July 1970.

b. Personnel. Three (3) Navy Enlisted joined and two (2) Navy Enlisted were dropped. Three Marine Officers were joined and seven (7) Marine Officers were dropped. One hundred twenty seven (127) Marine Enlisted were joined and seventy nine (79) Marine Enlisted were dropped.

c. There were the following promotions. Two (2) to Lance Corporal.

d. During the month of July there were the following awards: Ten (10) Flight/Strike Air Medals.

e. Casualties

(1) On the evening of 25 July 1970 the following personnel were in a military vehicle returning from a reaction drill, when a motorcycle ridden by two local Vietnamese nationals abruptly entered the highway. The driver of the military vehicle swerved to avoid the motorcycle and in doing so, lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle overturned and came to rest on its top.

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Cpl A. L. STEGALL, 240 08 98 USMC	Died of injuries
Pfc D. O. BRANDON, 258 39 02 USMC	Died of injuries
Cpl S. M. BLAND, 251 34 48 USMC	Injured in accident
LCpl W. L. SHIVER, 250 77 97 USMC	Injured in accident
Pfc A. F. JOHNSON, 254 66 83 USMC	Injured in accident
LCpl K. L. ROGERS, 253 79 04 USMC	Injured in accident
LCpl C. L. GARRISON, 250 25 06 USMC	Injured in accident

(2) HM3 C. M. SMITH BL3 89 16 USN. 1 inch laceration, door of ambulance slammed against head.

(3) Pfc A. J. HERRERA, 253 90 60 USMC. Laceration $\frac{1}{2}$ inch over right eye. Hit by a door.

(4) LCpl W. A. BOONE, 249 59 18 USMC. Laceration below left eye. While sleeping in rack a 20 pound mirror case fell from wall and struck man in the face.

(5) SSgt W. P. PRATT 152 14 85 USMC. Laceration 1 inch on right index finger. Broke a glass and fell on it while fighting.

(6) Cpl J. P. CLAYTON, 233 04 82 USMC. Laceration $\frac{3}{4}$ inch right supraorbital area. He was going to the Head and was injured when attacked.

(7) SSgt R. R. LORD, 156 48 00 USMC. Hysterical reaction. Involved in a fight in which he was the winner. He seemed to be emotionally involved and lost consciousness.

(8) LCpl R. L. STECHER, 257 06 66 USMC. $\frac{1}{4}$ inch laceration right lower lip. Fell down on the corner post of rack and split lip.

(9) Pfc J. R. ELLIOTT, 250 57 49/2511 USMC. Third degree burns on right leg. Overturned fork lift.

2. Base Operations

a. 9 July 1970, 1215H - Navy CH-46 from U.S.S. Niagra Falls backed into a HHM-161 CH-46, turned up at Air Freight. Blade damage to Navy CH-46, major damage to HHM-161 aircraft.

b. 31 July 1970, 1000H - NOTAM sent deleting TACAN, RBN and RADAR (GCA) at An Hoa effective 010800H August 1970.

3. Air Freight

a. <u>Weight</u>	<u>Cu. Ft.</u>	<u>Passengers</u>
52,121 lbs.	1,443	260

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4. Crash Crewa. Emergency Responses(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility

<u>Aircraft Emergency Responses</u>	<u>Aircraft Fires</u>	<u>Structural Fires</u>	<u>Structural Responses</u>
33	1	13	17
<u>A/C Hover Checks</u>	<u>Standby Defuels</u>	<u>Standby Washdown</u>	
0	44	10	

5. TAFDS

a. During the month of July 1970, TAFDS issued the following amounts of fuel at the locations indicated below.

	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain	N/A	1,093,189
An Hoa	N/A	347,743
IZ Baldy	N/A	373,577
Total	<u>N/A</u>	<u>1,814,509</u>

6. An Hoa

a. Crash Crew. Crash Crew responded to the following incident.

17 July 1970 - 0520 - Grass fire was reported in 2/5 area. One crew responded in 530-C. Upon arrival the fire had spread and gas and diesel fuel drums caught fire also. Fire was extinguished. Approximately 400 gals. of water was used.

b. TAFDS. TAFDS provided JP-4 in the following amounts.

	<u>JP-4</u>
Gallons Received	393,750
Gallons Issued	393,192
Gallons on Hand	48,599

7. IZ Baldy

a. TAFDS. TAFDS provided JP-4 refueling services to transient U. S. Army, Marine Corps and civilian aircraft.

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<u>JP-4 Opening Inventory</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
53,113	358,372	347,743	63,742

8. Civic Action

a. Medical. There was one Dent-Caps held during the month of July at Binh Ky Hamlet; 9 teeth were extracted. Four Med-Caps were held; two at Binh Ky, one at Son Thuy, and one at My Da. A total of 1249 Vietnamese were treated. Two patients were taken to the German hospital ship, HELIGOLAND for treatment. One child was taken to the German Hartezer Childrens Hospital for treatment of a severe abdominal infection. We took a female RD Cadre member, who had had her left leg amputated, to the USAID hospital in Danang to be fitted with an artificial leg. Also a boy who is partially paralyzed on his left side was taken there for treatment.

b. Agriculture. The hog project at Khuc Bac is still going well. One of our pregnant sows aborted this month but the rest are still in fine shape.

c. Education. 4080 cans of chocolate milk were distributed at the Buddhist School in Son Thuy as part of our Milk Program. The hamlet of My Da has started construction of two additional classrooms to their school. These classrooms are being financed through the village fund which makes it basically an all Vietnamese project. I had advised the hamlet and village officials on the procedures and "walked" them through the process of submitting their request so that they would know the procedures for future requests. The only help they have asked us for on this project, so far, has been the use of a water trailer so that they would have a ready supply of water to make the concrete bricks and supports.

d. Economic Development. A new marketplace at Nui Kim Son will soon undergo construction. It will be in the same location as the old marketplace. This location is a depression which is flooded out with every heavy rain so to keep the marketplace from being flooded we were asked if we could provide fill. We arranged with 1st Eng. Bn. for the use of a loader for three days and we arranged for a dump truck from HAG-16 for three days. With these two pieces of equipment, and by stopping every passing dump managed to haul approximately 145 loads of fill. This has made a "platform" high enough to keep the new marketplace dry during the monsoon season.

e. Social Welfare

1. The Temple Project at Binh Ky is now 90% complete. The project was slowed down because of the changeover in Village Chiefs.

2. Materials were given to My Da for the construction of a Hamlet gate, similar to those which were built last month in the Nui Kim Son area. The construction is about 25% complete.

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3. Materials were provided so that a coffin could be made for a woman who was shot and killed by an unknown person at Binh Ky.

4. Lumber was given to some of the refugees in the area so that they could repair and improve their homes.

9. Clubs

a. Enlisted Club. The snack bar is now open for pizza and snacks.

b. All Clubs. All clubs now on Piasters for tips. Coins have been restricted to use in slot machines only.

10. Heavy Equipment

a. During the month of July 1970, this section opened 43 work orders, of these 17 were completed. Two (2) items of Engineer Equipment, (1) HC-2 floodlight unit, and (1) PU 590 Generator were transferred to HML 161. Four items of Engineer Equipment were transferred to WERS-17. Authority Wing Message 061351Z July 1970.

One (1) Scooploader, 72-31M
One (1) Forklift, RTF 060
Two (2) Generators, PU 481

b. Two items of Engineer Equipment belonging to this Group were surveyed by WERS-17:

One (1) Generator PU 657
One (1) Forklift, Art 30

c. Seventeen items of Engineer Equipment were assigned to this Group on redistribution of Engineer Assets within the 1st MAW. Of these (11) items have been received physically, (4) items are in Rehab, and (2) items are still held by WERS-17. The (2) items being held by WERS-17 will be received by this section during the month of August 1970.

d. There is currently a total of 158 Engineer items in MAG-16. The operational status is as follows:

Operational	47%
Deadlined	28%
Rehab	15%
Survey	10%

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11. MATOU-68

1. LMAF Tower - VFR	31,740	LMAF - GCA VFR	573
SVFR	85	IFR	0
IFR	0		<u>573</u>
	<u>31,825</u>		
2. An Hoa Tower - VFR	9,716	An Hoa GCA - VFR	4
SVFR	0	IFR	0
	<u>9,716</u>		<u>4</u>
3. Baldy Tower - VFR	8435		
SVFR	0		
	<u>8435</u>		

12. Food Service

a. There were 215,991 meals fed at the Marble Mountain Air Facility messhalls during the month of July, which includes all normal meals and party rations. This is a decrease of 3849 total meals fed over the month of June.

b. There were approximately 7,438 hot night meals fed at the MAG-16 Enlisted Mess from 1 July 1970 through 31 July 1970.

c. There were approximately 1,613 party rations prepared by the MAG-16 Enlisted Messhalls, during the month of July 1970.

d. There were approximately 4,247 noon bag lunches prepared at the MAG-16 Enlisted Mess from 1 July 1970 through 31 July 1970.

e. Construction

1. Nine new pedestal fans were issued the MAG -16 mess system.
2. A new walk in reefer at the "O" Mess has been put into operation.
3. A new burner maintenance shed has been constructed at the "O" Mess
4. A new door has been constructed at the rear of the pot shack (E Mess) to help control the fly problem.
5. A new reefer has been installed at the "E" Mess thus providing more storage space for fresh produce.

13. Motor Transport

a. During the month of July 1970, the Motor Transport Section has accomplished the following:

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1. Hauled	77,500 Gallons of Water
2. Hauled	109,000 Gallons of Non-Potable Water
3. Hauled	26,710 Gallons of MO-Gas
4. Hauled	36,070 Gallons of Diesel
5. Hauled	124,900 Gallons of JP-4
6. Hauled	4,723 Gallons of 115/145
7. Hauled	4,143 Tons of Cargo
8. Traveled	125,015 Miles
9. Passengers	141,496 Passengers

14. Ordinance

a. During the month of July 1970, the below listed munitions were assembled and issued to units of Marine Aircraft Group 16.

1. 598,882 Rounds of Small Arms Ammunition
2. 41,590 Rounds of 40mm
3. 9,323 Rockets, 2.75" High Explosive (10 lb Warheads)
4. 2,476 Rockets, 2.75" White Phosphorus
5. 354 Rockets, 2.75" Flechettes
6. 648 Rockets, 2.75" High Explosive (17 lb Warheads)
7. 112 Rockets, 2.75" High Explosive Anti Tank

b. The following munitions were lost by Grade III.

1. 7,000 Pounds of Small Arms Ammunition

c. The following munitions were dispatched to An Hoa Combat Base.

1. 36,000 Rounds of Small Arms Ammunition
2. 3600 Rounds of 40mm
3. 216 Rockets, 2.75" High Explosive (17 lb Warheads)
4. 272 Rockets, 2.75" Flechettes
5. 144 Rockets, 2.75" High Explosive (10 lb Warheads)
6. 240 Rockets, 2.75" White Phosphorus
7. 372 Rocket Motors

15. Utilities

a. Water Point. During the month of July the Water Point produced a total of 4,343,780 gallons of water. This also included a total of 72,650 gallons of water for truck distributions.

b. Base Laundry. From 1 July 1970 to 31 July 1970 the Base Laundry produced a total of 2,948 bundles of clothing. An additional 4,820 pounds of organizational gear was processed for a total of 48,740 pounds of clothing processed. The individual bundle service remains open to all ranks.

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c. Carpenter Shop. The Carpenter Shop completed a total of 55 trouble tickets and 65 S-4 Work Requests during the month of July. This shop was responsible for the construction of a floor at HAMS-16 Material Building, repairing flight crew shack at HIL-463, making floor repairs at Dental.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None