

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 16  
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16  
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Encl: (1) MABS-16 Command Chronology

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 DATA

## DESIGNATION

1. MABS-16

## 2. LOCATION

1-30 September: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

### 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Maj J. O. BLACK, Executive Officer, 1-16 Sep 1970  
Maj S. L. WEINERTH, Jr., Base Operations Officer, 1-16 Sep 1970,  
Executive Officer, 17-30 Sep 1970  
Maj D. R. BOWEN, OIC MATCU-68 1-30 Sep 1970  
Maj A. TALENT, Base Services Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
Capt C. E. LANEY, Asst Base Operations Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
Capt E. P. BASHER, GCA Officer, 1-28 Sep 1970  
Capt T. N. COX, Asst GCA Officer, 27-28 Sep 1970, GCA Officer  
29-30 Sep 1970  
Capt L. E. HASHBURN, Admin Officer, 1-22 Sep 1970  
Capt F. J. CONTI, Electronics Officer 1-30 Sep 1970  
Capt C. L. WALKER, Utilities/Heavy Equipment Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
Capt R. WALTMAN, OIC Zulu Company, 1-30 Sep 1970  
Capt C. R. MACIVER, Comm Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
Capt J. E. LAKE, Clubs Officer 24-30 Sep 1970  
Capt D. E. MEARS, Operations Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt M. S. SMITH, GCA Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt C. R. ARMSTRONG, Tower Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt R. L. BAURY, GCA Officer, An Hea, 1-12 Sep 1970, GCA Officer  
13-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt M. W. RICH, IRO, 1-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt T. A. MCCORMICK, Material Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt J. J. GULVAS, Food Services Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt . G. KENYON, Asst Utilities Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt J. A. WARD, Legal Officer, 1-12 Sep 1970  
1stLt T. R. COOK, Legal Officer, 13-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt G. D. RAINEY, "O" Clubs Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt L. D. HUGHES III, Clubs Officer, 1-23 Sep 1970, Asst Clubs  
Officer, 24-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt B. F. LUBY, Asst Heavy Equipment Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
1stLt F. J. MOSIEJ, Asst OIC Zulu Company, 1-30 Sep 1970  
2ndLt . G. HALL, Jr., Admin Officer, 28-30 Sep 1970  
2ndLt J. J. BUCHANAN, Motor Transport Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970

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1stLt F. P. DOMINO, Asst Comm Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
 2ndLt D. D. DZARA, TANDS Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
 CWO 2 R. D. WISE, Weather Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
 CWO-2 N. B. LARSEN, Asst Weather Officer, 1-20 Sep 1970  
 CWO-2 P. N. PANOS, Motor Transport Maintenance Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970  
 CDR H. G. MACCALL III, Protestant Chaplain, 1-30 Sep 1970  
 Lt J. B. FITZGERALD, Catholic Chaplain, 1-30 Sep 1970  
 Lt V. A. DUNLAP, Group Medical Officer, 1-30 Sep 1970

#### 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USM</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
32	643	3	21	0	35

#### PART II

##### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. This report covers the period 1-30 September 1970. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility, and LZ Baldy.

#### PART III

##### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

#### Significant Events

##### 1. Administration

a. Personnel. Eight (8) Navy Enlisted dropped and eight (8) Navy Enlisted joined. Seven (7) Marine Officers dropped and five (5) Marine Officers joined. Sixty-nine (69) Marine Enlisted dropped and eighty-one (81) Marine Enlisted joined.

b. There were the following promotions: One (1) to First Lieutenant, Twenty-eight (28) to Sergeant, Ten (10) to Corporal, Thirty-five (35) to Lance Corporal, and Two (2) to Private First Class.

c. There were the following reductions in rank: One (1) to Private and Six (6) to Private First Class.

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e. Casualties

- (1) Sgt Robert G. MILBY 193 78 97. 3/4" laceration left thumb, slicing bread on meat slicer when thumb hit blade.
- (2) LCpl Jesus M. EUSTAGUIO 230 28 47. 12" abrasion left shoulder, he was on his way to his houth when he was jumped by four or five individuals.
- (3) LCpl Willard A. BOONE 249 59 18. Multiple minor lacerations forearms and right side of face, was in the Zulu Co. head when he was jumped by four or five individuals who beat him up.
- (4) LCpl Glenn R. MARGENICH 253 15 67. 1" laceration medial joint left finger, he was cutting wire with electrician's knife, it slipped and cut his finger.
- (5) LCpl William L. RUSH 260 41 17. Thoraco Muscle Sprain, was a passenger in a truck that was involved in an accident.
- (6) LCpl Jesus M. EUSTAQUIO 230 28 47. Multiple abrasions to chest, abdomen and both arms, harness slipped when he was climbing a pole and slid to the ground.
- (7) LCpl Michael R. DAVIDSON 259 98 34. Laceration left elbow, he was riding in a truck that was involved in an accident.
- (8) Sgt John P. RIDLEY. Contusion to right side of face, bruises on left leg, he was a passenger in a truck that was envolved in an accident.
- (9) LCpl Dwain M. LAWRENCE. 1st and 2nd degree burns on chin, neck, and upper sternum, he overfilled his lighter and it exploded.
- (10) SSgt Robert W. BARNETT. 1" laceration, medial aspect, medial knuckle and left 2nd finger, he was sawing and saw slipped.
- (11) LCpl James R. FRITZ. Laceration to left wrist, he was scrapping paint with a putty knife and the knife slipped.
- (12) Cpl Michael D. GRIFFIN. Sprained right ankle, he was playing football and was hit during play.
- (13) PFC William B. BUTTS. Laceration right wrist, fell down and cut himself on unknown object, patient intoxicated and can't remember clearly what happened.

2. Base Operations

- a. Installed 20,000 gallon capacity TAFDS on Hill 65 for emergency use only. Two TAFDS personnel assigned to operate this system.

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3. TAFDS

a. During the month of September 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	966,170
An Hoa	N/A	54,947
Hill-65	N/A	8,219
<u>LZ Baldy</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>323,955</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>1,353,291</u>

b. Need for re-perma-prime of berms at HMAF. Perma-prime was not thick enough on first application. Berms are severely eroded.

4. Civic Action

a. Medical. Med-Caps were held in Son Thuy, My Da, and Binh Ky hamlets during the month of September. A total of 1321 patients were treated.

b. Education. 5760 cans of chocolate milk were distributed at the Buddhist School in Son Thuy as part of our milk program. 400 school kits were distributed at Hoa Long School.

c. Social Welfare. During the 14th, 15th, and 16th of September, the Vietnamese celebrated their Mid-Autumn Festival. We participated in various ceremonies and provided over 3000 cans of chilled chocolate milk and 2000 doughnuts as refreshments.

d. Refugee Support. We rebuilt a home in Binh Ky Hamlet which had been destroyed by an illumination flare.

e. Solatum Payments. A total of 25,000 \$VN was paid in 11 solatiums as a result of an accident involving an Industrial Relations vehicle on 13 September 1970.

5. Heavy Equipment

a. Operations section participated in the redeployment of Marine Aircraft Group 11, 7th Marine Regiment, Marine Aircraft Group 13, 5th Comm Bn., and a portion of Recon from 7th Marine Regiment. The following is a breakdown of our equipment status:

Operational	44%
Deadlined	34%
Rehab	15%
Survey	7%

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6. MAFCU-68

a. Maintenance. Radio Beacon Installed at MAFA on 27 September 1970, assigned frequency 525kc, I.D. is X.F. TACAN installed 13 September 1970, assigned Channel 121, I.D. of MBN at MAFA.

b. Air Control.

1. MAFA Tower -	VFR	27,684	MAFA GCA -	VFR	772
	SVFR	191		IFR	4
	IFR	5			776
		27,880			
2. An Hoa Tower	VFR	736			
	SVFR	0			
		736			
3. Baldy Tower	VFR	10,876			
	SVFR	0			
		10,876			

7. Motor Transport

a. During the month of September 1970, the Motor Transport section has accomplished the following:

(1) Hauled	71,040 gallons of JP-4
(2) Hauled	9,371 tons of cargo
(3) Traveled	112,663 miles
(4) Passengers	143,200 passengers

8. Utilities

a. Base Laundry. From 1 September to 30 September 1970, the Base Laundry produced a total of 2,907 bundles of clothing. An additional 4,015 pounds of organizational gear was processed for a total of 47,620 pounds of clothing processed. The individual bundle service remains open to all ranks.

b. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of September, the Refrigeration Shop completed a total of fifty-nine (59) work requests. Of these fifty-nine (59) work requests, repairs were done on air conditioners and refrigeration units. In addition, the Refrigeration Shop was responsible for installing or changing thirty (30) air conditioners during the month of September.

9. Material

a. The Embarkation Section prepared for and was inspected by the 1st MAW Embarkation Section. A grade of Satisfactory with Discrepancies was assigned.

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10. Zulu Company

a. Ground Defense:

- (1) Strung approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile double apron fence and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile concertina wire.
- (2) Rebuilt 3 bunkers, 2 bunkers 90% finished.
- (3) Patched 12 holes in perimeter fence to include the hole near Heavy Equipment big enough to drive a truck through.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. None