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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January to 31 January 1971

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

DISIGNATION

1. MABS-16

COMMANDER

LtCol J. M. DEAN

1-31 January 1971

2. LOCATION

1-31 January 1971: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Maj S. L. WEINERTH, Jr, Acting Co, 1-8 Jan; Exec Officer 9-15 Jan 1971

Maj C. W. DEPIETRO, Exec Officer 16-31 Jan 1971

Maj D. R. BOWEN, OIC MATCU-68, 1-10 Jan 1971

Maj B. I. COLLINS, OIC MATCU-68, 11-31 Jan 1971

Cpt G. N. COX, Asst OIC MATCU-68, 1-31 Jan 1971

Cpt F. J. CONTI, Electronic Officer, 1-9 Jan 1971

Cpt K. R. CLARK, Maint Officer, 1-31 Jan 1971

Cpt C. L. WALKER, Utilities/H.E. Officer, 1-20 Jan 1971

Cpt R. WALTMAN, OIC Zulu Company, 1-7 Jan 1971

COt W. F. GILLILAND, OIC Zulu Company, 7-31 Jan 1971

Cpt C. T. HANSEN Jr., Motor Transport Officer 1-31 Jan 1971

Cpt J. E. LAKE, Clubs Officer/Mess Officer, 1-31 Jan 1971

Cpt C. R. MACIVER, Comm Officer 1-31 Jan 1971

Cpt P. S. MAYO, Crash Crew/Base Ops Officer 1-31 Jan 1971

1stLt C. R. ARMSTRONG, Tower Officer 1-31 Jan 1971

1stLt T. A. MCCORMACK, Material Officer 1-31 Jan

1stLt R. C. ALBORN, Asst Security Officer, 6-31 Jan 1971

1stLt W. G. KENYON, Asst Utilities Officer, 1-15 Jan 1971

1stLt C. P. BRUST, Legal Officer, 1-31 Jan 1971

1stLt W. G. HALL, Admin Officer, 1-31 Jan 1971

1stLt. F. P. DOMINO, Asst. Comm Officer, 1-31 Jan 1971

1stLt J. C. WEBB, GCA Watch Officer, 1-31 Jan 1971

1stLt. J. D. OWENS, Asst IRO Officer, 1-31 Jan 1971

1stLt B. F. LUBY, Asst Heavy Equipment Officer, 1-16 Jan 1971

1stLt J. L. DRISCOLL Jr., "O" Club Officer, 1-23 Jan 1971

1stLt P. A. TOLTON, "O" Club Officer, 23-31 Jan 1971

1stLt. R. B. DUNN Jr., Asst Comm Officer 10-31 Jan 1971

1stLt D. D. DZARA, TAFDS Officer, 1-31 Jan 1971

1stLt B. T. BABIN, Asst Utilities Officer 1-31 Jan 1971

1stLt J. L. HODSON, Heavy Equipment Officer, 6-31 Jan 1971

2ndLt J. J. BUCHANAN Jr., PMO Officer, 1-25 Jan 1971

CWO2 A. M. DANIALS, Material Officer, 1-31 Jan 1971

CWO2 D. N. PANOS, Motor Transport Maintenance Officer 1-31 Jan 1971

Lt T. CARLSON, Protestant Chaplain, 1-31 Jan 1971

Lt J. B. FITZGERALD, Catholic Chaplain, 1-31 Jan 1971

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOTHER

OFF	ENL
28	743

OFF	ENL
3	25

OFF	ENL
0	19

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. This report covers the period 1-31 January 1971. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility, and LZ Baldy.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Significant Events

1. Administration

a. Personnel. One (1) Navy Officer dropped. Two (2) Navy enlisted dropped. Five (5) Navy enlisted joined. Eight (8) Marine Officers dropped and seventy-four (74) Marine enlisted dropped. There were five (5) Marine Officer joined and seventy-six (76) Marine enlisted joined.

b. There were the following promotions: One (1) to Staff Sergeant; ten (10) to Lance Corporal and one (1) to Private First Class.

c. There were the following reductions in rank: One (1) to Lance Corporal, five (5) to Private First Class, eight (8) to Private.

2. Air Freight

a. During the month of January 1971, Air Freight moved the following air freight and passengers:

<u>Weight</u>	<u>CuFt</u>	<u>Passengers</u>
9,450	427	342

3. Weather Service.

a. During the month of January 1971, the Weather Section continued to support all Marine Aircraft Group 16 operations in Marble Mountain and Combat Base Baldy areas.

b. The Weather Brief initiated for the Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force is still in effect; However due to lack of personnel, instead of a Weather Forecaster being physically present to present the brief, it is now being called over to III MAF every morning.

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4. Crash Crewa. Personnel

MMAF.....43
 US Army.....5
 LZ Baldy.....6

b. Equipment(1) MMAF

One (1) 715
 One (1) Water tanker
 One (1) Stake truck
 Five (5) MB5 Crash/Fire trucks
 One (1) 530C Structural fire truck
 One (1) 1700 Structural fire truck
 Four (4) M116A1's
 Two (2) Runway sweepers

(2) LZ Baldy

One (1) MB5 Crash/Fire truck
 One (1) 530C Structural fire truck
 One (1) 6X6

c. Emergency Responses

Aircraft Emergencies.....17
 Aircraft Fires.....01
 Structural Fires.....11
 Defuels.....30
 Washdowns.....13

5. TAFDS. During the month of January 1971, TAFDS issued the following amounts of fuel at the locations indicated below.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MARBLE MOUNTAIN	N/A	925,408
LZ BALDY	N/A	317,320
TOTAL	N/A	1,242,728

6. LZ Baldy

a. The MAG-16 Detachment supported all transient aircraft with Crash, Fire and Rescue equipment, Weather, Ordnance, Refueling and Air Control service throughout the month of January, 1971.

b. On 23 January, Gulf Copp received 15 to 20 enemy mortar rounds, with no damage to MAG-16 equipment, or injury to personnel.

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c. A brief description of activities follows:

(1) Weather: Provided to the 5th Marine Regiment, Marble Mountain Air Facility and the LZ Baldy Control Tower, information including temperature, Dew Point, Density Altitude, Winds and Atmospheric Pressure.

(2) Communications: Served as the radio link between this detachment and HHC, relaying weather and administrative information. The section also maintained the land lines at LZ Baldy.

(3) Crash Crew: Supplied hot coffee, C-rations and transportation for pilots. Crash Crew stayed on twenty-four hour alert, provided transportation for pilots to go to the COC Bunker during night flying and remained on stand-by for any aircraft emergencies.

(4) Crash Crew responded to 5 emergencies on aircraft and 4 fire emergencies in the LZ Baldy area.

(5) TAFDS: Provided JP-4 refueling services to transient U.S. Army, Marine Corps and Civilian Aircraft.

JP-4 opening inventory	received	issued	on hand
54,739	355,688	343,524	420,469

Closing Inventory - 56,845 Survey - 20,000

(5) INTCU-68: Provided air traffic control services. Total operations for the month of January 1971; U.F.R. Operations 10,804

7. Zulu Companya. Special Operations:

React called out on January 3d and 19th by Bravo I.
100% alert conditions on 31 January 1971

b. Ground Defense:

Layed 50 rolls concentric wire
Filled 3,200 sandbags.
Rebuilt bunker for Tower #21
Repaired cyclone fence with barbed wire on top.

8. Heavy Equipment

a. Maintenance. During the month of January, Heavy Equipment Section opened 18 work orders. Of these, eight (8) were closed out.

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Two items of Engineer Equipment were surveyed. One (1) forklift ART-30, one (1) M-60 Crane. CG 1st Marine Aircraft Wing message 19114104.

b. Operation. The operation section completed 218 Engineer Equipment re-requests. The following breakdown is submitted.

OS3354 Forklifts	170
Y-40-C Forklift	60
M-60 Crane (3 ton)	20
PAT Crane (15 ton)	10
72-31M Scooploader	12
550-M66 Grader	15
Commercial Forklift (15000)	31

9. Utilities

a. ELECTRIC SHOP. During the month of January, the Electric Shop completed a total of 39 trouble tickets and 19 major S-4 work requests. This shop was responsible for wiring of the newly constructed sea hootches at PWO along with many other major jobs throughout the base area. This shop has also been working on the Fire Marshalls report, checking electrical fire hazard areas.

b. WATER POINT. During the month of January, the Water Point pumped a total of 132,750 gallons of potable water. Of this 51,000 gallons was distributed through the base system during a 10 hour operation. 81,750 gallons was distributed to trucks.

c. PLUMBING SHOP. During the month of January, the Plumbing Shop completed 33 major work requests and 115 minor trouble calls. The Plumbing Shop was responsible for the installation of one sink and two showers at the small E shower. The Water Point also installed two hot water heaters at the 262 squadron shower; one hot water heater at the Staff shower and two water heaters at the large E shower. Hot water heaters were also installed at the 262 Staff shower and at the MABS-16 Sergeant Major's quarters. A new shower was also installed at the "O" Club. Drainage lines were installed at the E Mess along with a new sink in the scullery.

d. BASE LAUNDRY. During the month of January, the Base Laundry produced a total of 2,609 bundles of clothing. An additional 3,850 pounds of organizational gear was produced for a total of 42,820 pounds for the month of January. The Base Laundry was closed for two days for P.M. The individual service remains open to all ranks.

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e. PAINT SHOP. The Utilities Paint Shop completed 26 major work requests and 5 trouble tickets for a total of 29 requests for the month of January. One of the most major jobs was the painting of fourteen taxi-way signs for the air strip, along with the painting of H.P. helmets for RMO.

f. REFRIGERATION SHOP. During the month of January the Refrigeration Shop completed a total of 40 major and minor work requests. From these 40 work requests, work was done on air conditioners and refrigerations units. This shop installed a total of fifteen air conditioners and removed a total of thirteen.

g. CARPENTER SHOP. During the month of January, the Carpenter Shop completed a total of 40 major work requests and 14 trouble tickets. The Carpenter Shop was responsible for the newly constructed sea huts for RMO. Numerous Blade Racks were constructed for various flying squadrons along with a great number of embarkation boxes. The Carpenter Shop was also responsible for other various construction jobs throughout IMAF.

10. Motor Transport. During the month of January 1971, the Motor Transport Section of MAC-16 has accomplished the following:

Hauled	87,000 Gallons of Water
Hauled	23,500 Gallons of MO-Gas
Hauled	32,302 Gallons of Diesel
Hauled	70,916 Gallons of JP-4
Hauled	4,765 Gallons of 115/145
Hauled	2,626 Tons of Cargo
Hauled	36,924 Passengers
Traveled	132,397 Miles

11. The following occurred in the Material Section during the month of January 1971.

a. MARINE CORPS SECTION

- (1) Completed inspection and repacking of all M/O Boxes in Material.
- (2) Submitted 120 Documents.
- (3) Turned in 38 excess/unserviceable Garrison Property items of Mess Hall Equipment.
- (4) Turned in 43 excess/unserviceable T/E items of Mess Hall Equipment.
- (5) Turned in 9 excess items of Communication Equipment.
- (6) Transferred 4 excess items of Engineers Equipment.

b. WEAPONS SECTION.

- (1) Issued 71 Weapons
- (2) Recovered 53 Weapons
- (3) Turned in 2 found Weapons to Group Armory.

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c. EMBARKATION SECTION

- (1) Group S-4 held an Embarkation class on the 27th of January and it was attended by section embarkation NCO's of MAB-16.
- (2) Turned in work sheets to Group S-4 on 30 January 1971.
- (3) Passed word to all Sections to have an updated Unit Cargo Manifest sent to MAB-16 Embarkation NCO by 15 February.

12. Food Service Section

- a. There were approximately 198,456 meals fed at the Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhalls, during the month of January, which includes all normal meals and party rations.
- b. There were approximately 5,430 hot night meals, and 2,422 night sack lunches prepared during the month of January.
- c. There were approximately 9,314 party rations prepared by the Enlisted Mess during the month of January.
- d. There were approximately, 5,880 noon sack lunches prepared during the month of January.
- e. The Marble Mountain Bakery used approximately 6,300 lbs. of flour in the preparation of daily pastries and breads during January 1971.
- f. Bread was procured from FLO Bakery

14. Communications

a. MAINTENANCE During the month of January the Elect-Maint Section performed the following

- (1) 59 pieces of equipment turned in for maintenance
- (2) 64 pieces of equipment repaired
- (3) 4 pieces of equipment evacuated to higher echelons
- (4) 5 pieces of equipment off evacuation
- (5) 15 pieces of equipment APCd
- (6) 19 pieces of equipment off AP
- (7) 4 pieces of equipment awaiting work

b. RADIO During the month of January 1971, 45 incoming messages and 7 outgoing messages were processed making a total of 52 messages processed during the month.

c. WIRE SECTION

- (1) during the month the MAB-16 trouble shooters answered 136 trouble calls within the MAB-16 compound.

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(2) During this period the MAG-16 Trouble Desk reported 43 dial troubles to DCO, none of which remain in a down status.

(3) 78 MAG Lines have been removed in accordance with stand down phases. Another 20 MAG line phones can be expected to be eliminated before it will be possible to replace the TCC-7 Switchboard with two SB-86's.

(4) The following constructions were completed during this reporting period:

- a. Rewiring of COM systems in TEL-364 and TEL-367
- b. Policing up of wire lines around the Main Gate

d. COMM CENTER The MAG-16 Communications Center processed a total of 3,606 Incoming and 1,114 Outgoing messages for the month of January. The following is a breakdown by classifications:

	TOP SECRET	SECRET	CONFIDENTIAL	UNCLAS	TOTAL
INCOMING	1	244	556	2,805	3,606
OUTGOING	0	6	45	1,063	1,114
TOTAL	1	250	601	3,868	4,720

15. Civic Action Office

a. MEDICAL A combination Dent cap Med cap was held in the village of DaNang. There were approximately 100 people treated. The Dent cap treated 23 people. Altogether there were 853 people treated last month.

b. EDUCATIONAL Books and paper were given to the school of DaNang.

c. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(1) Two bags of cement were brought to the village of Son-Thuy to help build a base around the hand pump we installed there.

(2) Nails were brought to the chief of DaNang to help rebuild his bridge.

(3) A few other materials were given to DaNang to rebuild their bridge.

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d. SOCIAL WELFARE

- (1) \$200.00 worth of candy and gifts were given to all the children of the villages as part of our TET program.
- (2) A gift of \$100.00 and three cases of baby formula was given to the Sacred Heart Orphanage for TET.
- (3) DMH-564 donated two pallets of baby formula to the Sacred Heart Orphanage.

16. Office of the Chaplain

a. CHAPLAIN ACTIVITIES

- (1) Visited Crescent Beach Orphanage and Happy Haven Leprosarium. Gifts of 191 ditty bags of soap, toothpaste, brushes, candy, etc were given.
- (2) Building material was given to two needy families in DaNang and East DaNang.
- (3) Visited nearby community with Med Dent. CAP team, talked with children and gave out marbles and candy.
- (4) Visited China Beach and Sacred Heart Orphanage with General Chapman.
- (5) TET gifts to all seminary, St. John's Seminary, DaNang. Gave a \$50 donation.
- (6) Gave \$45, letters and packages of gifts to Sister Pierre of the Sacred Heart Orphanage in Noi An.
- (7) Gave \$100.00 TET gifts to Sacred Heart Novitiato, China Beach.

PART VISUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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