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

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Marine Air Base Squadron 16

COMMANDER

LtCol D. A. SPURLOCK 1-31 May 1971

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1971; Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Maj C. W. DEPIETRO, Exec Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 Maj B. I. COLLINS, OIC MATCU-68, 1-31 May 1971  
 Maj W. R. KELLEY, Clubs/Mess Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 Maj R. A. AYERS, Communications Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 Maj A. TRENT, IRO/Base Services Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 Maj C. A. WIMMLER, Base Operations Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 Maj C. A. WHITE, OIC Zulu Company, 1-31 May 1971  
 Capt K. R. CLARK, Electronics Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt R. A. ANDERSON, GCA Watch Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt P. M. GIGLIO, GCA Watch Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt W. J. O'SULLIVAN, Tower Control Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt J. L. WEBB, GCA Watch Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt R. C. AHLBORN, Asst OIC Zulu Company, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt B. T. BABIN, Asst OIC Utilities, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt D. T. BELL, Legal Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt F. P. DOMINO, Asst Communications Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt R. B. DUNN, Asst Communications Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt D. D. DZARA, TAFDS Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt D. S. GOBLE, Provost Marshall Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt J. W. HODSON, OIC Heavy Equipment, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt R. F. HOLIHAN, Asst Mess Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt C. A. LAMB, Asst Utilities Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt R. M. MCGOVERN, Legal Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt E. H. OERTLI, Utilities Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt H. G. FORTINBERRY, CAO/Asst IRO Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 1stLt R. A. TOLTON, OIC Officers Club, 1-31 May 1971  
 CWO-2 J. W. HORTON, Administrative Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 CWO-2 A. H. DANIELS, Material Officer, 1-31 May 1971  
 CWO-2 P. S. MAYO, OIC Crash Crew, 1-31 May 1971  
 CWO-2 P. N. PANOS, OIC Motor Transport, 1-31 May 1971  
 WO-1 M. E. THOMAS, Asst OIC Motor Transport, 1-31 May 1971

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
26	595

USN	
OFF	ENL
3	18

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	20

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. This report covers the period 1-31 May 1971. During this period Marine Air Base Squadron 16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility.

## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OR SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Administration.

a. Personnel. No Marine Officers were joined during this period and seven (7) enlisted joined from other westpac commands. There was one (1) officer transferred to other westpac commands and no enlisted transferred to other westpac commands. There were no Marine Officers transferred to CONUS, but there were one hundred and fourteen (114) enlisted transferred to CONUS. During this period we sent forty (40) enlisted personnel TAD to Santa Ana, California in connection with relocation of this Squadron.

b. There were the following promotions: Three (3) to Private First Class; One (1) to Lance Corporal; Nineteen (19) to Corporal and Eight (8) to Sergeant.

c. There were the following reductions in rank: Five (5) Lance Corporals reduced to Private First Class.

2. Air Freight.

a. During the period 1-31 May 1971, Air Freight moved the following Air Freight and Passengers:

- (1) Weight: 315,201 lbs.
- (2) Cubic Feet: 150,200
- (3) Passengers: 201

3. Crash Crew.

## a. Personnel

- (1) MAAF: 16
- (2) U. S. Army: 30

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b. Equipment.

(1) All of the Crash Crew Equipment was turned over to the Army as of 27 May 1971. As of the 27th of May all Crash Crew responsibilities were taken over by the Army and Crash Crew was relieved of all duties.

c. Emergency Responses.

- (1) Stand Bys: 4
- (2) Wash Downs: 7
- (3) Structural Fires: 0
- (4) Defuels: 2
- (5) Hover Checks: 0
- (6) Crashes: 0

4. TAFDS.

a. During the period of 1-31 May 1971, TAFDS issued the following amounts of fuel at Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam.

115/145

N/A

JP-4

857,663

b. TAFDS has completed embarkation for mount-out and all gear is standing by to be staged.

5. Zulu Company.

## a. Special Operations

- (1) Mobile Alert Platoons were called out 1-5 May 1971.

## b. Ground Defense

- (1) Layed 175 rolls of concertina wire.
- (2) Filled and layed 3500 sandbags.
- (3) Rebuilt Bunkers #4, and #3. Towers #9 and #10 were completed and rebuilt tower #9.

## c. Logistics

- (1) No requests for materials were submitted due to the fact that the Army will be taking over on 1 June 1971.

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6. Heavy Equipment.

## a. Personnel

(1) During the period of 1-31 May 1971, Engineer Equipment joined no personnel and transferred seven (7) 1341's to CONUS and one (1) 1141, Generator Electrician to CONUS.

## b. Maintenance

(1) During this period, Engineer Equipment opened twenty-two (22) workorders and nineteen (19) of these were closed out.

## c. Operations

(1) During the period 1-31 May 1971, Engineer Equipment completed 547 Engineer Equipment request.

7. Utilities

a. Personnel. On 1 May 1971, the Utilities Section was comprised of fifty-eight (58) enlisted personnel and three (3) officers. During the period of 1 May to 31 May 1971 Utilities Section sustained a loss of twenty-one (21) men due to rotation to CONUS. As of 31 May 1971, Utilities Section was comprised of three (3) officers and thirty-seven (37) enlisted on hand.

b. Carpenter Shop. The Carpenter Shop completed seventy-two (72) work requests for S-4 and completed six (6) trouble calls for a total of seventy-eight (78) major and minor work requests. The Carpenter Shop also completed various boxes and other accessories for embarkation.

c. Electric Shop. During the period covered, the Electric Shop has completed 169 trouble calls and nine (9) S-4 work requests for a total of 178 Major and minor jobs completed.

d. Plumbing Shop. The Plumbing Shop has completed 28 trouble calls and did replace the water lines and pumped out drains at the Enlisted Mess, Officer Mess, and both "E" showers.

e. Water Point. During the month of May the Water Point has purified 2,356,000 gallons of potable water. Of this 214,600 gallons were issued to trucks for both potable and nonpotable uses, and 2,141,400 gallons were pumped into the plumbing system aboard this base.

f. Refrigeration Shop. During 1-31 May 1971, the Refrigeration Shop has completed thirty-two (32) trouble calls. Replaced fan belts on several generators and worked on air conditioners for different sections.

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g. Base Laundry. During the Month of May the Base Laundry produced a total of 605 bundles of clothing, at a total weight of 7,940 pounds. The Base Laundry is closed and is now in the process of standing down.

8. Motor Transport.

a. During the period of 1-31 May 1971, the Motor Transport Section of Marine Air Base Squadron 16 has accomplished the following:

Hauled.....	180,000	gallons of water
Hauled.....	15,561	gallons of MO-gas
Hauled.....	14,582	gallons of Diesel
Hauled.....	29,247	gallons of JP-4
Hauled.....	4,620	gallons of 115/145
Hauled.....	3,790	tons of cargo
Hauled.....	54,060	Passengers
Traveled.....	138,839	Miles

9. Material.

## a. Marine Corps Section

- (1) Distributed sixty (60) pieces of equipment to Squadrons.
- (2) Transferred approximately five hundred thirty (530) pieces of equipment to the United States Army.

## b. Weapons Section

- (1) Issued two (2) weapons.
- (2) Recovered two hundred fifty (250) weapons.

## c. Navy Section

- (1) Cancelled all documents.
- (2) Transferred three (3) pieces of equipment to the U. S. Army
- (3) Submitted four (4) surveys on unserviceable equipment.

## d. Embarkation Section

- (1) Updated MEDS cards and worksheets.
- (2) Completed inventory and packing bulk gear.

## e. General

- (1) Completed Group A & M inspection, (Marine Corps and Navy) with satisfactory results.

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10. Food Service Section.

a. There were approximately 173,910 meals fed at the Marble Mountain Air Facility messhall during the month of May, which includes all normal meals and party rations.

b. There were approximately 4,320 hot night meals, and 2,780 night sack lunches prepared during the month of May.

c. There were 8,780 party rations prepared by both the Enlisted and Officer Mess during the Month of May 1971.

d. There were approximately 3,250 noon sack lunches prepared during the Month of May 1971.

e. The Marble Mountain Bakery used approximately 6,700 lbs of flour in the preparation of pastry and rolls during the month of May. Bread was procured from the FLC Bakery.

f. The Marble Mountain Enlisted and Officer Messes are being turned over to the Army after six (6) years of Marine Control. Effective 1 June 1971, the Army will be in control.

11. Communications.

a. Maintenance. During this reported period, the Elect-Maint Section performed the following:

- (1) 153 pieces of equipment turned in for maintenance
- (2) 148 pieces of equipment repaired
- (3) 2 pieces of equipment awaiting work
- (4) 3 pieces of equipment awaiting parts
- (5) 1 piece of equipment DXED

## b. Wire Section:

(1) During the period of 1-31 May 1971, the Marine Air Group 16 trouble shooters answered 27 trouble calls within the Marine Air Group 16 compound.

(2) During this period, the Marine Air Base Squadron 16 trouble desk reported 43 dial phones, in a down status, to the DCO and of these only 8 remain in a down status.

(3) After the tropical storm of 2 May 1971, it was necessary to reconstruct two (2) of our cables between the Marine Air Group 16 Switchboard and the Marine Air Group 16 Frame.

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## c. Communication Center

(1) The Marine Air Group 16 Communication Center processed a total of 2033 incoming messages and 666 outgoing messages during this reporting period. The following is a break-down by classification:

	Top Secret	Secret	Confidential	Unclass	Total
Incoming	0	91	445	1497	2033
Outgoing	0	13	59	594	666
Total	0	104	504	2091	2699

12. Civic Action Officer.

a. Medical. No Med-Caps or Dent-Caps were held at any of the various villages because of this unit being relocated. Still there were 437 people treated at the dispensary. All Medical supplies were donated to ARVN hospital in Danang.

## b. Additional Projects.

(1) Danang camera tours and the Vietnamese language classes were canceled due to this unit standing down.

13. Officer of the Chaplain.

## a. Chaplain Activities.

(1) During the Month of May, Marine Air Group 16, Chaplains provided Sunday and Weekday services. In addition to numerous consulting sessions, the Chaplains supervised Bible study and discussion classes.

(2) During this period covered, there were thirty (30) boxes of clothing donated to the Sacred Heart Orphanage and Linen and School Supplies donated to the Bishop of Danang. Represented the Navy Chaplains Corps at the celebration of Buddha's birthday at the Vietnamese Naval Station in Tien Sha. There were approximately 500 Vietnamese Officers and men participating in the celebration.

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None. *MT Sec C/Chronology*

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MOTOR TRANSPORT SECTION  
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30 May 1971

From: Motor Transport Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, MABS-16  
Via: Group S-3  
Group S-4

Subj: Command Chronology Report.

Ref: (a) CG, 3rd MAB.

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