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MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, VIETNAM, MABS-16, 1-31Jan67

PART ONE

Organization Data

1. LtCol Rodney D. Mc KITRICK - Commanding Officer (1-4Jan67)
LtCol Charles E. WYDNER Jr. - Commanding Officer (5-31Jan67)
Major Raymond A. JASICA - Executive Officer (1-31Jan67)
Major James H. COFFIN - Camp Commander, Dong Ha, (1-31Jan67)
Capt Milton B. ROGERS - Communications Officer (1-31Jan67)
Capt John I. SCILEPPI - CO Zulu Co (1-18Jan67)
Capt Sidney B. WARNER - Base Operations Officer (28-31Jan67)
Capt Clarence D. SMITH - Motor Transport Officer (1-31Jan67)
Capt John R. WATTS - Food Services Officer (1-31Jan67)
Capt Dennis C. BEYMA - CO Zulu Co (19-31Jan67)
1stLt Michael S. FERNEAU - Material Officer (1-31Jan67)
2ndLt Jerry C. BLACK - Base Services Officer (1-31Jan67)
2ndLt Robert F. PRICE - Administrative Officer (1-31Jan67)
2ndLt James J. CASEY - Asst Comm Officer (1-31Jan67)
2ndLt James M. DUFRIEND - OIC MABS-16 Detachment Dong Ha (1-31Jan67)
2ndLt Avron J. WATTS - Aerology Officer (1-31Jan67)
2ndLt Thomas M. ERETH - Clubs Officer (1-31Jan67)
2ndLt Gary G. MEYERS - Base Operations Officer (1-27Jan67)
Asst Base Operations Officer (28-31Jan67)
2ndLt Delano C. WEATHERFORD - IRO (1-31Jan67)
2ndLt James F. RAY - Asst Comm Officer (15-31Jan67)
CWO-3 Charles H. DOWLING - Asst Motor Transport Officer (29-31Jan67)
CWO-2 George E. WALKER - Camp MaintO Phu Bai Det (1-31Jan67)
WO-1 Winfred B. HENSON - Asst Clubs Officer (30-31Jan67)
WO-1 James B. INGLETT - Clubs Officer Phu Bai Det (1-31Jan67)
WO-1 Paul J. MANLEY - Asst Material Officer (1-13Jan67)
WO-1 Jean P. HALL - Base Services Officer Dong Ha (1-31Jan67)
LtCdr Jack D. GRAHAM - Protestant Chaplain (1-31Jan67)
Lt Howard L. BABCOCK - Group Medical Officer (1-31Jan67)
Lt Dennis B. DIERENFIELD - Dental Officer (1-31Jan67)
Lt John W. WISHARD - Catholic Chaplain (1-31Jan67)
Lt Jay N. ROSENBERGER - Dental Officer (1-31Jan67)

2. Marine Officers - 23 Marine Enlisted - 756
Navy Officers - 05 Navy Enlisted - 012

PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31 January 1967. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain, Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sahn. New construction and improvements to existing facilities are continually in progress at each of the four sites. Personnel and equipment assigned to support Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sahn were not changed significantly.

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PART THREE

Significant Events

1. Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. WYDNER Jr. assumed command of Marine Air Base Squadron 16 on 5 January 1967.

2. Personnel. Five Marine and 2 Navy Officers and 64 Marine and 2 Navy Enlisted were joined. There were 76 enlisted promotions. 3 Marine and 2 Navy Officers and 31 Marine Enlisted were detached.

3. Awards. The following awards were presented:

a. 2nd, 3rd, 4th Air Medal; HM3 B. E. GOOCH 5906863
b. 2nd, 3rd Air Medal; SSgt R. F. DUGGER 1399931
c. Army Commendation Medal; SSgt G. M. DEBARTOLO 1909578
d. Good Conduct Medal; SSgt P. K. REID 1497960 4th Award
e. Good Conduct Medal; Sgt A. PELLEGRINI 2075186 1st Award
f. Good Conduct Medal; Cpl L. S. HEYWOOD 2035910 1st Award
g. Good Conduct Medal; LCpl A. L. MIDGETT 2091277 1st Award
h. Good Conduct Medal; Cpl W. W. KROLL Jr. 2040810 1st Award

4. Civic Action. The Med-Cap held a total of 18 sick calls between Son Thuy Village and the Catholic Convent. The following number of patients were treated:

Men	206
Women	400
Children	1147
Total	1753

5. Ground Defense. No probes were experienced during the month. The rehabilitation program of the defensive perimeter bunkers is nearing completion. Zulu Company and PMO personnel completed their move to the area formerly occupied by Force Recon Company. One Marine was killed while on post, through an accidental discharge.

6. Supply/Material. Continued interest was placed on providing increased numbers of personnel with garrison equipment and weapons. Section received three 3000 gallon water tanks. Navy surveyed photo gear and turned in twelve G. P. tents to shipping and receiving.

7. Motor Transport. The section traveled 47,736 miles during the month of January. The section hauled 792,000 gallons of water working on an around the clock schedule. There were twenty-five vehicles deadlined at the completion of this period.

8. TAFDS. The TAFDS section continued to support operations adjacent to Marble Mountain, Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sahn.

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b. Laundry. During the month of January, the laundry processed 16,850 pounds of clothing, and collected organizational gear to turn over to the civilian laundry service.

c. Water Point. The Water Point processed 885,185 gallons of water during the month of January. 15,800 gallons were distributed in support of various units in the area. Although the well motor on #2 well burned up, the water point continued to turn out and process enough water to complete their mission of supply to all of the group.

d. Sign Shop. During the month of January, the sign shop painted 89 signs of which about 28 of them were signs that required a lot of time and skill. A complete set of traffic signs were painted for the Motor Transport Section to be used throughout the base. The signs are bi-lingual.

e. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of January, the Refrigeration Shop removed an ME-10 and a water cooler that was no longer required in the messhall. A motor on a MQ-51 burned up and was replaced. An air conditioner was checked and parts were put on order for the Communications Section. The ice house produced 2,200 lbs of ice.

f. Electric Shop. The Electric Shop answered 93 trouble calls during the month of January. They wired up 21 new living quarters and a motor transport garage. The recreation room at Zulu Company was rewired. Construction was begun to improve the pole line in the 500 and 600 block. They rewired the new legal office. All three Vietnamese laundries were wired for lights.

g. Plumbing Shop. The Plumbing Shop put drainlines in for the new laundry; remove sink from the bakery shop; installed a potato peeler at the messhall; removed two sinks from the gallery and relocated them in the new potato house; installed new pipe line from well #3 to water point, and put in new pipe line at Zulu Company. The plumbing shop also pumped the leach beds daily and heated all the shower-including Zulu Company's.

h. Carpenter Shop. During the month of January, the Carpenter Shop accomplished the following: Made approximately 30 picture frames; installed various types of traffic signs throughout MMAF; built a new generator shed at 263 flight line; installed a retaining wall on the road west of the messhall; finished stripping the ceiling in group supply; installed side walls on the base chapel; make the old chaplains office site the new post office; installed cyclone screening at disbursing; built another water tower by the Enlisted Men's shower; built four new heads; completed a new Motor Transport Building; and completed various maintenance jobs throughout MMAF.

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LOCATION	JP-4	AVGAS 115/145
MMAF	331,498	175,552
Phu Bai	203,323	93,721
Dong Ha	157,576	99,707
Total gallons	692,397	368,980

9. Crash Crew. A total of forty-seven personnel (one officer, and forty-six enlisted) were on hand during this reported period. Of this total, three enlisted, TAD to this section from Marine Air Base Squadron 11 for duty at Khe Sahn were terminated on 10 January 1967. Crash Crew personnel from Marine Air Base Squadron 16 assumed this duty at Khe Sahn. Eight enlisted were assigned to Phu Bai Airport and five enlisted were assigned to Dong Ha Airport. Equipment assigned during the reported period consisted of seven MB-5 Crash Fire Trucks, three of which down for engines and one of which was down for survey. One M-530B Structural Fire Truck, as well as two Dry Chemical Airlift (Ansul) units mounted on M-35A1 trucks. Distribution of these units was as follows:

a. Marble Mountain Air Facility: Four MB-5 Trucks, (one operational) and one M-530B Truck.

b. Phu Bai Airport: Two MB-5 Trucks (one operational).

c. Dong Ha Airport: One MB-5 Truck and one Dry Chemical (Ansul) M-35A1 mounted.

d. Khe Sahn Airport: One Dry Chemical Unit (Ansul), M-35A1 mounted.

10. Base Operations/Weather. During the month of January 1967 two new pieces of equipment were installed in the weather office.

a. A new aneroid barometer for more accurate sea level and station pressure readings.

b. A VMQ-5 aerovane was installed to provide direct dial readings of wind directions and velocities.

11. Food Services. The Marble Mountain Mess served 213,900 meals. This total included regular meals and night rations. New drink dispensers were installed in the messhall at Marble Mountain Air Facility. Dong Ha received new bakers ovens and milk machines. Phu Bai also received milk machines and are scheduled to receive bakers ovens.

12. Base Development/Utilities. Five new personnel were joined and six were detached.

a. Generator Shop. During the month of January, the generator shop performed a total of five (5) third echelon repair jobs. They performed all first and second echelon maintenance with a minimum amount of breakdown. A 60KW generator was prepared for shipment to Rehab. The new Squadron (463) that came in brought a 30KW which we now maintain and service.

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13. Exchange. Monthly sales for the exchange during the month of January were $44,777.65. Monthly sales for James S. Lee during the month of January were $6,729.95. Pham Thi Xinh and Pham Hoang are steadly improving their working capacity in the Marble Mountain Exchange.

PART FOUR

Documentation: None

CHARLES E. WYDNER, JR.

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