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1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby forwarded.


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PART TWO

Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-30 September 1967. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain, Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sanh. New construction and improvements to the existing facilities are continually in progress at each of the four sites.

PART THREE

Significant Events

1. Personnel. Five Marine Officers, 92 Marine Enlisted, and 6 Navy Enlisted were joined. Two Marine Officers, 105 Marine Enlisted, and 5 Navy Enlisted were dropped.

2. Awards. The following awards were presented:

- a. 22nd Air Medal; Captain W. E. EVERETT, 079407, USMC
- b. 20th Air Medal; Captain C. M. HAVICAN, JR., 089259, USMCR
- c. 12th Air Medal; Lance Corporal C. J. HARMON, 2177618, USMC
- d. 10th Air Medal; Private First Class M. E. BASSETT, 2172360, USMC
- e. 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Air Medals; Corporal D. L. MALLORY, 2134312, USMC
- f. 1st Air Medal; Lance Corporal J. R. NANCE, 2247916, USMC
- g. Navy Commendation Medal; Hospitalman 2nd Class G. C. TESELLE, 4732754, USN
- h. Good Conduct Medal; Sergeant B. F. KONRAD, 2030078, USMC
- i. Good Conduct Medal; Sergeant N. A. PARRISH, 2124433, USMC
- j. Good Conduct Medal; Corporal R. COLLINS, 2118411, USMC
- k. Meritorious Mast; Corporal R. W. FINCH, 2168572, USMC

3. Civic Action. The Med-Cap held a total of 43 sick calls between the Stella Maris Orphanage, Stella Maris Dispensary and W. E. C. Orphanage. The following number of patients were treated:

Men	110
Women	1764
Children	450
Total	2324

4. Ground Defense. During the month of September at MMAF additional bunkers and fighting holes were built and observation towers were under construction. At Phu Bai, Dong Ha and Khe Sanh defense positions were constantly being worked on and improved. Enemy contacts were as follows:

MMAF	0
Phu Bai	1
Dong Ha	16
Khe Sanh	0

5. Supply/Materiel. A complete inventory of all Motor Transport Equipment by serial number was completed by the Navy Supply Section. Over twenty-five hundred requisitions were processed.

6. Motor Transport. During the month of September the MMAF Motor Transport Section traveled 80,395 miles, the section hauled 1,444,575 gallons of water, 29,800 gallons of MOGAS, 62,400 gallons of Diesel Fuel, 3,335 gallons of A/C Oil, 98,400 gallons of JP Fuel, 2,406 short tons of cargo, and transported 56,222 passengers. The Phu Bai/Dong Ha Section traveled 30,017 miles. The section hauled 369,000 gallons of water, 50,472 gallons of fuel, 2,375 gallons of A/C Oil, 156 short tons of cargo and transported 65,535 passengers.

7. TAFDS. On 3 September, the aviation gasoline line at Dong Ha was destroyed by an enemy artillery attack. The line was operational within twenty-four hours. On 29 September an artillery attack at Dong Ha destroyed two pieces of hose and damaged two 10,000 gallon tanks. During the month this section issued the following amounts of fuel at the locations indicated:

	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
MMAF	220,716	509,663
Phu Bai	215,240	362,990
Dong Ha	<u>107,294</u>	<u>165,427</u>
Total	543,250	1,038,080

8. Base Operations. During the month of September Base Operations completed the Barrel Revetment Program. A total of 84 aircraft revetments were constructed from more than 7,000 barrels.

a. The MATCU-68 Detachment at MMAF recorded 3,029 fixed wing operations, 15,106 helicopter operations, and 148 IFR operations.

b. The Air Freight and Passenger Section loaded freight and passengers as follows:

<u>FIELD</u>	<u>FREIGHT IN LBS</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>
MMAF	552,320	2,351
Phu Bai	494,986	2,242
Dong Ha	<u>46,200</u>	<u>272</u>
Total	1,093,506	4,865

c. The Crash Crew responded as follows:

<u>FIELD</u>	<u>MED E VACS</u>	<u>AC STANDBYS</u>	<u>STRUCTURAL</u>	<u>AF CRASH</u>	<u>AIRCRAFT FIRE</u>
MMAF	1	23		1	1
Phu Bai	190	29			
Dong Ha	1	8	3		
Khe Sanh	12	8	1	1	

d. The Weather Section continued to support all MAG-16 aircraft operations, as well as supplying winds aloft data to Devastate Delta in Dong Ha.

9. Food Services.

a. MMAF. There were approximately 216,555 meals fed during the month of September. Bakery products utilized approximately 24,000 lbs of flour.

b. Phu Bai. There were approximately 63,059 A-Ration meals and 3,062 B-Ration meals served during the month of September.

c. Dong Ha. The mess hall at Dong Ha was destroyed by enemy rocket and artillery attacks and at present hot coffee and C-Rations are being served at the Dong Ha Base Chapel. Hot meals are being provided for approximately 160 personnel of Dong Ha in the Ninth Marines mess hall.

10. Base Services/Utilities

a. Water Point. The Water Point Personnel processed 1,444,575 gallons of water during the month of September, of this, 85,600 gallons were non-potable.

b. Paint Shop. During the month of September the paint shop personnel completed twenty-two projects. A total of fifty (50) signs were painted during the month.

c. Electric Shop. The electric shop personnel completed forty-four (44) projects and numerous trouble calls during the month.

d. Plumbing Shop. The plumbing shop completed twenty-two (22) work requests and numerous trouble calls during the month of September.

e. Refrigeration Shop. Refrigeration personnel answered fourteen (14) trouble calls during the month of September.

f. Carpenter Shop. During the month of September the carpenter shop personnel completed approximately forty-seven (47) trouble calls.

g. Generator Shop. During the month of September the generator shop personnel performed all first and second echelon maintenance with a minimum of breakdown.

h. Laundry. During the month of September the Base Laundry processed 21,155 pounds of clothing.

i. Progress Report for Phu Bai and Dong Ha. During the month of September the Utility Section at Dong Ha was basically engaged in clearing away and salvaging of equipment and materials from the aftermath of previous attacks on the base. Continuous improvements and development of Phu Bai Airfield prevailed.

11. Exchange. During the month of September the exchange sales were \$61,363.00. Sales for James S. LEE were \$2,459.80. Sales for Saehan Photo service were \$1,321.20.

12. Ordnance. On 3 September the Ammunition Supply Point at Dong Ha was destroyed by enemy action. During the month the ordnance section personnel issued 617,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 3,820 rounds of 2.75 white phosphorus and high explosive rockets and over four tons of assorted chemical and smoke agents.

Documentation: None