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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 October 1968; submission of

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1C (U)

Encl: √(1) MAG-16 Command Chronology (S) with Appendices

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. MAG-16 is located at Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

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PART I

Organizational Data

1. Command Composition

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	W. L. MAC QUARRIE	Colonel	1-31 October 1968
XO, MAG-16	F. M. KLEPPSATTEL, Jr.	LtCol	1-13 October 1968
XO, MAG-16	G. C. DOSTER, Jr.	LtCol	14-31 October 1968
Adjutant	R. G. WORK	CWO-3	1-31 October 1968
S-1 Officer	F. W. CRONE	Major	1-15 October 1968
S-1 Officer	R. M. BALCH	Major	16-31 October 1968
S-2 Officer	R. G. FLYNN	Captain	1-22 October 1968
S-2 Officer	J. R. CIVELLI	Major	23-31 October 1968
S-3 Officer	G. C. DOSTER Jr.	LtCol	1-18 October 1968
S-3 Officer	E. R. BRADY	LtCol	19-31 October 1968
S-4 Officer	J. W. CONARD	LtCol	1-31 October 1968
CO, H&MS-16	W. L. WHELAN	Major	1-7 October 1968
CO, H&MS-16	C. W. GOBAT	LtCol	8-31 October 1968
CO, MABS-16	L. W. PARISH	LtCol	1-31 October 1968
CO, VMO-2	S. J. FULTON	LtCol	1-31 October 1968
CO, HMM-164	W. E. SMILANICH	LtCol	1-31 October 1968
CO, HMM-165	G. L. PATRICK	LtCol	5-29 October 1968
CO, HML-167	T. F. MILLER	LtCol	1-31 October 1968
CO, HMM-362	J. E. SCHLARP	LtCol	1-31 October 1968
CO, HMH-463	J. G. WALKER	LtCol	1-7 October 1968
CO, HMH-463	R. W. PEARD	LtCol	8-31 October 1968
CO, 245thSAC	G. K. LEE, Jr.	Major AUS	1-31 October 1968

2. Task Organization

H&MS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
MABS-16 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
VMO-2 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-164 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-165 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN (5-29 October 1968)
HML-167 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-362 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMH-463 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

Squadron	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
H&MS-16	55	505	Ø	Ø

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Squadron	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
MABS-16	25	682	3	24
VMO-2	45	223	1	Ø
HMM-164	52	238	Ø	Ø
HMM-165	48	165	1	Ø
HML-167	30	146	Ø	Ø
HMM-362	54	208	1	Ø
HMH-463	50	192	1	Ø
MAG-16	359	2359	7	24

4. Important Visitors to the Command.

DATE	NAME	PURPOSE OF VISIT
10 Oct 1968	Honorable Paul R. IGNATIUS (Secretary of the Navy)	Briefing and OV-10A Flight
12 Oct 1968	Honorable Jack MOSKOWITZ (Deputy Ass't Secretary of Defense, Civil Rights and Industrial Relations)	Briefing and Tour
29 Oct 1968	Lieutenant General L. W. WALT (Ass't Commandant of the Marine Corps) Lieutenant General R. E. CUSHMAN (Commanding General, Third Marine Amphibious Force) Lieutenant General H. NICKERSON (Director of Manpower)	Briefing, Tour; Awards Presentation and static display of the OV-10A and the UH-1E configured for Fire-Fly and APD missions.

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PART II

Narrative Summary for October 1968

During October, MAG-16 flew mainly in support of the 1st MARDIV. Other commitments included support of III MAF, 3rd MARDIV, ROKMC, Special Forces and Navy units. MAG-16 aircraft participated in the following Operations: Victory Dragon III, Mameluke Thrust, Maui Peak, Burlington Trail, Henderson Hill and Wheeler/Wallowa.

Statistically MAG-16 flew 7,468.7 hours, accumulating 20,201 sorties, carrying 33,414 passengers and 3,542.4 tons of cargo. CH-53 aircraft lifted 16 downed helicopters to maintenance facilities. Six of these were recovered from the field. The CH-46s flew 1,790 hours primarily on re-supply and troop lift missions. The versatile UH-1Es flying gunship escort, firefly, airborne personnel detection, VIP, visual reconnaissance, and command and control missions amassed 2,274 hours.

Oct. 1st: A HMM-362 UH-34D attempting a hoist medevac pickup at coordinate AT911375 was destroyed as a result of enemy action, all crewmembers escaped without injury. (HMM-362 Command Chronology, Part IV 00936-68).

3rd: An engine failure caused one CH-46 from HMM-164 to land in a stream bed at coordinate ZC173834. Crew members were rescued without injury; however, the aircraft was considered unsalvageable due to location and the close proximity of enemy forces. (HMM-164 Command Chronology, Part III 00930-68).

5th: HML-167 gunships and an OV-10A from VMO-2 joined forces to rescue an Air Force pilot who had ejected from an F-4. The pilot located on Charlie Ridge, an area heavily populated by enemy troops reported he was under fire from the West. Captain JEFFRIES maneuvered his UH-1E into a hover and the Air Force pilot was hauled aboard by the crew chief and the gunner as Captain JEFFRIES lifted the helicopter from the confined zone. (HML-167 Command Chronology, 0924-68). Though the second UH-1E provided suppressive fire, the rescue aircraft was hit by several bursts of A/W fire.

8th: A MAG-16 Civic Action vehicle was destroyed by a satchel charge, wounding the driver, PFC D. H. SICHER who lost his left forearm. The attack took place while MABS-16 Medical Team was on a MEDCAP Mission at Hoa Long Village dispensary. (Civic Action Command Chronology, Item E).

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9th: Marine combat artist Major Albert LEAHY flew in a VMO-2 OV-10A to photograph and sketch the 1st MARDIV TAOR. (VMO-2 Command Chronology, Part IV 0925-68).

10th: A HMM-165 CH-46 was shot down while attempting a reconnaissance team insertion. The crew sustained minor injuries and the aircraft was destroyed by fire. Another CH-46 in the flight picked up the crew and troops. (HMM-165 Command Chronology, 0935-68).

11th: A CH-46 from HMM-265 and a UH-34 from HMM-362 collided in the air over coordinate AT793545. All occupants of the aircraft were killed. (HMM-362 Command Chronology, 00936-68 Part II and VMO-2 Command Chronology, Part IV 0925-68).

22nd: At approximately 1005H a VMO-2 OV-10A was shot down and crashed at coordinate AT992554 while in a target marking run. A VMO-2 gunship landed immediately and recovered the pilot's remains. A reaction force was lifted to the area and after an extensive search found the body of the Aerial Observer. (VMO-2 Command Chronology, Part IV 0925-68).

29th: HMH-463 was presented the U.S. Navy Meritorious Unit Award by LtGen L. W. WALT. The award was presented for squadron performance during the period 15 September 1967 to 31 October 1967 in support of Operation KING FISH at Con Thien. (HMH-463 Command Chronology, Part IV 0927-68).

30th: The throttle control cable on a HMM-362 UH-34D was shot away on lift off from a medevac zone, the crew chief receiving minor shrapnel wounds. The aircraft was flown to An Hoa and a full autorotative landing was safely accomplished. (HMM-362 Command Chronology, Part IV 0936-68).

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PART III

Significant Events

1. Personnel Changes

a.	Number Joined	80
b.	Number Dropped	208
c.	Promotions	
	(1) Major to LtCol	5
	(2) 2ndLt to 1stLt	3
	(3) WO to CWO-2	2
	(4) SSgt to GySgt	2
	(5) Sgt to SSgt	2
	(6) LCpl to Cpl	26
	(7) Pfc to LCpl	16
	(8) Pvt to Pfc	10

2. Awards

a. Distinguished Flying Cross Medal

Captain Curtis A. BARR, Jr.	VMO-2
Captain Stephen P. LAWRENCE	HML-167

b. Bronze Star Medal

Sergeant Douglas O. HARPER	HML-167
Corporal Robert L. GNEITING	VMO-2

c. Navy Commendation Medal

First Lieutenant Billie F. WEAVER	HMM-164
Lance Corporal Garret N. HATCHER	HMM-362

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d. Purple Heart Medal

Captain Robert G. FLYNN	H&MS-16
Captain Joseph E. BROWNE	VMO-2
Corporal Rexford G. DOUGHTERY	HMH-463
Lance Corporal Walter K. LUBY	VMO-2
Lance Corporal Don E. WHITMAN	HMM-164

e. Air Medals

HML-167	108
HMM-164	38
HMH-463	56
HMM-362	300
H&MS-16	8

f. Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

Lieutenant Colonel Walter H. SHAUER, Jr. MABS-16

3. Casualties

RANK	NAME	DATE	PLACE
LCpl	N. K. ALLOWAY	1 October 1968	Quang Nam Province, RVN
1stLt	M. M. BOSWELL, Jr.	7 October 1968	20 Miles SW Danang, RVN
PFC	D. M. SICHER	8 October 1968	4 Miles SE Danang, RVN
*Capt	S. W. MARTIN	11 October 1968	15 Miles SW Danang, RVN
*1stLt	P. E. SCHRYUER	11 October 1968	15 Miles SW Danang, RVN
*LCpl	L. L. HARRIS	11 October 1968	15 Miles SW Danang, RVN
*LCpl	L. C. KLEINHANS	11 October 1968	15 Miles SW Danang, RVN
Sgt	D. R. SNOOK	19 October 1968	12 Miles SW Danang, RVN
**Capt	E. W. KIMMEL	22 October 1968	10 Miles S Danang, RVN
Cpl	R. A. HIAN	24 October 1968	15 Miles SW Danang, RVN
LCpl	S. P. PRESTON	30 October 1968	12 Miles SW Danang, RVN
HM-1	W. L. JENKINS	30 October 1968	12 Miles SW Danang, RVN

* Indicates KIA in a Mid-air collision (MAG-16, S-1 Command Chronology)
** Indicates KIA in an OV-10A crash (MAG-16, S-1 Command Chronology)

4. Morale-Welfare. (Chaplains Command Chronology) During the month of October 1968, MAG-16 Chaplains provided Sunday and daily religious services at Marble Mountain Air Facility in addition to weekly services at An Hoa Airfield.

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The Group Catholic Chaplain also conducted masses at the chapels of the 5th Comm Bn. and MCB-128. The Chaplains ministry and allied activities are reflected in the following figures:

Divine Services	Sunday/Att		Weekday/Att		Total Services/Att	
Protestant	8	398	27	512	35	910
Catholic	13	582	26	195	39	777
L. D. S.	4	36	5	31	9	67
TOTALS	25	1016	58	738	83	1754

Memorial Services	Number	Attendance
	4	351

a. Schedule of Weekly Religious Services:

Sunday	Catholic Confession	0730
	Catholic Mass	0800
	Protestant Sunday School	0900
	Protestant Divine Services	1000
	Latter Day Saints Services	1330
	Catholic Confession	1730
	Catholic Mass	1800
	Protestant Evening Services	1900
Monday-Wednesday & Friday-Saturday		
	Catholic Confession	1730
	Catholic Mass	1800
Thursday	Catholic Confession	1200
	Catholic Mass	1230
Monday through Saturday		
	Protestant Devotion Services	1800
Tuesday and Thursday		
	Bible Discussion	1800
Thursday	Latter Day Saints Services	1930
Saturday	Protestant Choir Practice	1830

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5. Civic Action. (MAG-16 Civic Action Command Chronology)

a. Medical/Dental. During the month of October 1968, doctors and corpsman from MAG-16 assisted at the Stella Maris Dispensary/Orphanage, and the Hoa Long Village Dispensary. In their continuing effort to win the trust and confidence of the local populace, the medical department treated 1754 patients and gave checkups to MAG-16 Vietnamese employees. One hundred and seventy-nine villagers were given dental care during the month of October.

b. Education. The Civic Action Officer presented 9 "General Walt" Scholarships to students at the Hoa Long primary school. Seven (7) children whose parents work aboard Marble Mountain Air Facility also received funds.

c. Projects. On a long-term project a Vietnamese girl from Nui Kim Son hamlet worked at MAG-16's dispensary as a nurses aid. The MAG-16 medical staff provided training in proper medical practices and procedures so that eventually the girl will be able to assist her own people in Nui Kim Son.

On 25 October 1968, the MAG-16 Civic Action officer in conjunction with HMH-463 Commanding Officer, distributed twenty-one (21) boxes of assorted school supplies to the Hoa Long school and to refugee children, These supplies were made available through the Captain DEETZ Memorial Fund.

Captain DEETZ was a pilot in HMH-463 and was killed in the spring of 1968 when his aircraft crashed into a mountain while returning to MAG-16 from Phu Bai.

6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence. (MAG-16 S-2 Command Chronology) During the month of October 1968, 295 fire incidents were reported to MAG-16 S-2 by pilots returning from combat operations. The October figure represents a decrease of thirty-five (35) fire incidents reported from September's figure of 330. Seventy (70) of the 295 reports indicated that the aircraft had been hit by enemy fire. This was an increase of six (6) aircraft hit from the month of September.

Enemy small arms, 30 caliber and 50 caliber ground fire was credited with wounding six (6) crewmen and five (5) passengers (3 U.S., 2 ARVN) in MAG-16 aircraft. There was strong suspicion that ground fire also killed one pilot whose aircraft crashed. However, due to the condition of the body upon recovery, the autopsy performed was unable to determine the exact cause of death.

Statistical Data:

a. Flight hours per fire incident: 25.3, up .7 from September.

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b. Flight hours per aircraft hit: 106.5, down 20.2 from September.

c. Flight hours per aircrew spot report: 94.3 down 58.8 from September Ordnance fired by MAG-16 aircraft resulted in fifteen (15) confirmed KBA; ten (10) structures destroyed and three (3) structures damaged.

7. Air Operations. (MAG-16 Squadron Command Chronologies)

HMM-362	UH-34D	HMM-164	CH-46A/D
Hours	1247.6	Hours	1247.1
Sorties	3650	Sorties	5304
Pax	1829	Pax	14437
Evacs	1158	Evacs	199
Cargo (Tons)	16.5	Cargo (Tons)	804.0

HML-167	UH-1E	VMO-2	UH-1E	OV-10A
Hours	1287.8	Hours	986.9	1075.3
Sorties	3707	Sorties	1290	499
Pax	2780	Pax	7	0
Evacs	10	Evacs	0	0
Cargo (Tons)	0	Cargo (Tons)	0	0

HMM-165 (5-29 October 1968)	CH-46A	245th SAC	OV-1A,B,C/U-6A
Hours	940.0	Hours	658.0
Sorties	3793	Sorties	350
Pax	8033	Pax	0
Evacs	238	Evacs	0
Cargo (Tons)	600.7 T	Cargo (Tons)	0

HMH-463	CH-53A	TAR
Hours	542.8	10 UH-34 (2 Field, 8 Admin)
Sorties	1843	5 UH-1E (4 Field, 1 Admin)
Pax	4927	1 CH-46 (Admin)
Evacs	0	0
Cargo (Tons)	2079.1 T	0

H&MS-16	C-117D	UH-34D	CH-53A	TOTAL	MAG-16	TOTAL
Hours	117.9	23.3	---	141.2	Hours	8126.7
Sorties	93	22	---	115	Sorties	20,551
Pax	1401	--	---	1401	Pax	33,414
Evacs	--	--	---	--	Evacs	1,605
Cargo (Tons)	36.0	0.1	---	36.1	Cargo (Tons)	3,542.4T

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8. Air Control. (MABS-16 Command Chronology)

a. During the month of October the following listed operations were conducted at Marble Mountain Air Facility:

Fixed Wing Operations	3,765
Helicopter Operations	24,169
IFR	38
GCA	284
Special VFR	517

9. Special Operations. (MAG-16 S-3 Records)

a. Operation VICTORY DRAGON III was supported by MAG-16 based aircraft on 1-13, 15 and 16-31 October for a total of 661.1 hours; and 3,369 passengers/troops and 439.9 tons of cargo were carried. This was accomplished in 2,556 sorties.

b. Operation MAMELUKE THRUST was supported by helicopters from Marine Aircraft Group 16 on 3, 5, 20, 22-26 October. During this period, MAG-16 aircraft carried 1468 passengers/troops, 191.6 tons of cargo and made 677 sorties. This was accomplished in 132.8 hours.

c. During the month of October, MAUI PEAK was supported on 8 thru 11 and 17 thru 21 October. MAG-16 aircraft flew a total of 628 sorties, for 184.0 hours while carrying 1,391 passengers/troops and 145.1 tons of cargo.

d. MAG-16 aircraft supported the U.S. Army in Operation BURLINGTON TRAIL on 21 October. They flew 6 sorties and carried 3 passengers, carried 0.3 tons of cargo and flew 2.6 hours.

e. Operation HENDERSON HILL was supported on the 25th, 27th and 31st of October. MAG-16 aircraft flew 108.6 hours logging 553 sorties, carrying 1291 troops/passengers and 81.1 tons of cargo.

f. Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA was supported on the 17th and 19th of October by MAG-16 aircraft for a total of 12.3 hours logging 36 sorties and lifting 15.5 tons of cargo.

10. Ground Defense. (MABS-16 Command Chronology)

a. In October, additional bunkers were built and defense positions were improved throughout MAG-16's area. The installation of perimeter observation towers was completed. Ground defense platoons were mustered and trained to maintain MAG-16's Quick-Reaction defense capability.

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11. Logistics. (MAG-16 S-4 Command Chronology)

a. The joint Marine/Army ammunition storage area is 90% completed.

b. Work continues on the crosswind runway which is 80% completed.

12. Communications. A radio relay link was established between An Hoa Airfield and MAG-16, via Wing, creating a direct phone communications circuit. At the same time a radio net (Helicopter Liaison Net) was established between the 5th and 7th Marine Regiments and the COC Bunker at MAG-16 for closer ground-air coordination.

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Command Chronology of HMM-362 - Appendix 7	0936-68
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
245th SURVEILLANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY
212th COMBAT SUPPORT AVIATION BATTALION
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TO: Commanding Officer
MAG 16
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FROM: Commanding Officer
245th SAC
APO 96337

SUBJECT: Command Chronology for period 1-31 October 1968; submission of
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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted.

2. Command Composition

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO	LEE, GORDON K. JR.	MAJ	1-31 October 1968

3. Task Organization

Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

4. Air Operations - Period 1-31 October 1968

Type Aircraft	OV-1A,B,C U-6A
Hours	658
Sorties	350
Pax	N/A
Evacs	N/A
Cargo (tons)	N/A

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GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Part 1 Organization Data

MAG-16, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam

Period covered 1-31 October 1968

TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
MABS-16 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
VMO-2 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HML-167 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-362 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-164 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMH-463 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSURE

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	MAC QUARRIE, W. L.	Col	1-310ct68
XO, MAG-16	KLEPPSATTEL, F. M., Jr.	LtCol	1-130ct68
	DOSTER, G. C.	LtCol	14-310ct68
Adjutant	WORK, R. G.	CWO-3	1-310ct68
S-1	CRONE, F. W.	Maj	1-150ct68
	BALCH, R. M.	Maj	16-310ct68
S-2	FLYNN, R. C.	Capt	1-220ct68
	CIVELLI, J. R.	Maj	23-310ct68
S-3	DOSTER, G. C.	LtCol	1-180ct68
	BRADY, E. R.	LtCol	19-310ct68
S-4	CONARD, J. W.	LtCol	1-310ct68
CO, H&MS-16	WHELAN, W. L.	Maj	1-70ct68
	GOBAT, C. W.	LtCol	8-310ct68
CO, MABS-16	PARISH, L. W.	LtCol	1-310ct68
CO, VMO-2	FULTON, S. J.	LtCol	1-310ct68
CO, HML-167	MILLER, T. F.	LtCol	1-310ct68
CO, HMM-164	SMILANICH, W. E.	LtCol	1-310ct68
CO, HMM-362	SCHLARP, J. E.	LtCol	1-310ct68
CO, HMH-463	WALKER, J. G.	LtCol	1-70ct68
	PEARD, R. W.	LtCol	8-310ct68

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AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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VMO-2	45	223	1	0
HMM-362	54	208	1	0
HMM-164	52	238	0	0
HML-167	30	146	0	0
HMH-463	50	192	1	0

Following Personnel Changes 1-31 October 1968:

A. Number of Joinings: 80

B. Number of Drops: 205

C. Promotions:

Maj - LtCol: 5
2ndLt - 1stLt: 3
WO - CWO-2: 2
SSgt - GySgt: 2
Sgt - SSgt: 2
Cpl - Sgt: 10
LCpl - Cpl: 26
PFC - LCpl: 16
Pvt - PFC: 10

CASUALTIES

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
LCpl	ALLOWAY, N. K.	2329414/6320	HMM-164	Gunner

HOSTILE: 1 October 1968. 3 miles southwest of Phu Loc, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on recon extract mission when aircraft received enemy small arms fire causing schrapnel which injured gunner in left forearm.

1stLt	BOSWELL, M. M., Jr.	094154/7564	HMH-463	Co-pilot

HOSTILE: 7 October 1968. 20 miles southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. While flying in UH-1E on armed escort mission making low pass over landing zone, aircraft received small arms fire wounding co-pilot in right heel.

PFC	SICHER, D. M.	2399559/2531	MABS-16	N/A

HOSTILE: 8 October 1968. Near Hoa Long Dispensary, Hoa Long Village, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Guard For MED CAP which was at Hoa Long Village. Standing about 10 feet from truck when explosion took place in truck causing schrapnel wounds left flank, back and stomach with traumatic amputation of left forearm.

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RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
Capt	MARTIN, S. W.	093980/7561	HMM-362	Pilot
1stLt	SCHRYVER, P. E.	094204/7561	HMM-362	Co-pilot
LCpl	HARRIS, L. L.	2253997/6332	HMM-362	Crew Chief
LCpl	KLEINHANS, L. C.	2173653/6332	HMM-362	Gunner

HOSTILE: 11 October 1968. Hill 52, 15 miles southwest of Danang TACAN, RVN. Flying in UH-34 which collided in mid-air with CH-46, crashed and burned. Pilot, co-pilot, crew chief and gunner all killed.

Maj	DAVIS, A. D.	065655/7562		
Sgt	SNOOK, D. R.	2033415/6320	HMM-164	Crew Chief

HOSTILE: 19 October 1968. 12 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on recond extract mission when aircraft took small arms and automatic weapons fire upon leaving landing zone causing schrapnel wounding crew chief in left side of mouth.

Cpl	HIAN, R. A.	2204555/6320	HMM-164	Crew Chief

HOSTILE: 24 October 1968. 15 miles south of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on troop insert mission when aircraft took intense small arms fire going into and leaving zone wounding crew chief in 3rd digital distal joint right hand.

Capt	KIMMEL, E. W.	088891/7576	VMO-2	Pilot

HOSTILE: 22 October 1968. 10 miles southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. While flying OV-10A on TACA combat mission in support of 1stMarDiv, crashed and/or was shot down while marking enemy target. Pilot was killed.

LCpl	PRESTON, S. P.	2277030/6311	HMM-362	Crew Chief
HM1	JENKINS, W. L.	4349683/8406	MABS-16	Corpsman

HOSTILE: 30 October 1968. 12 miles southwest of Danang, Quang Duc Province, RVN. While flying in UH-34 on emergency medevac mission, aircraft took 10-15 rounds of small arms fire upon landing in zone. Crew Chief received gunshot wound right lower leg with compound fracture lower leg, gunshot wound left knee and schrapnel wound left thigh. Corpsman received reclarial laceration and compound fracture right leg and thigh, laceration right upper arm and laceration artery and vein.

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MEMORANDUM

From: S-2 Officer
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Intelligence Input for Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1C, paragraph 6c

1. In compliance with reference (a), the intelligence input for the MAG-16 Command Chronology for October 1968 is submitted herein.

2. Antiaircraft Fire Incidents

a. 295 fire incidents were reported during the period, down 35 from the previous month; 70 of which resulted in aircraft hits, up 6 from the previous month.

b. Enemy AA fire caused 1 USMC KIA
6 USMC WIA
3 PASSENGERS WIA (U. S.)
2 PASSENGERS WIA (ARVN)

3. Intelligence Information

a. 79 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is an increase of 26 from the previous month.

b. No reports of intelligence value were received from indigenous sources; down 1 from the previous month.

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4. Statistical Data

a. Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 25.3; up .7 from the previous month.

b. Flight Hours per Aircraft Hit: 106.5; down 20.2 from the previous month.

c. Flight Hours per Aircrew Spot Report: 94.3; down 58.8 from the previous month.

5. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 15 KBMA (Conf), 10 structures destroyed and 3 structures damaged.

Respectfully,

J. R. CIVELLI

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From: Group S-4
To: Group S-3

Subj: Command Chronology; submission of

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1A

1. Significant events in the logistics field for the period of 1 October thru 31 October 1968, are as follows.

a. RMK-BRM still working on new Motor Transport area.

b. Culvert installed across road behind VMO-2.

c. Joint Marine/Army ammunition storage area 90% completed.

d. Concrete storage area at shipping and receiving completed.

e. Crosswind runway 80% completed.

f. Air Freight processed from Marble Mountain Aircraft Facility during this period was:

WEIGHT	CUBIC FEET	PASSENGERS
286,081	12,180	1,531

g. Aviation fuels dispensed during this period was:

	115/145	JP-4
MMAF	115,197 Gal	942,419 Gal
An Hoa	6,918 Gal	183,775 Gal
Hill 55	NONE	123,473 Gal

h. Motor Transport Section transported the following during this period

(1) 318,500 Gal of Water
(2) 22,019 Gal of MOGAS
(3) 22,643 Gal of Diesel
(4) 935 Gal of AV Oil
(5) 68,745 Gal JP-4
(6) 28,549 Gal 115/145
(7) 120,079 Short tons of Cargo

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(8) 126,086 Passengers
(9) Traveled 63,892 Miles

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1 Nov 1968

From: Group Chaplain
To: Commanding Officer (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Monthly Chronology Report for the month of October 1968; submission of

Ref: (a) Wing Order 5750.16
(b) Group Order 5750.1C

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the following report of the Group Chaplain's activities for the month of October is hereby submitted.

2. Religious Activities

A. Protestant

Sunday services	8
Attendance	398
Offerings	$266.65
Evening Devotions	23
Attendance	103
Bible Class	4
Attendance	11
Choir Practice	4
Attendance	16
Communion services	3
Communicants	121
Attended Protestant Monthly Rally	7

B. Catholic

Sunday Masses	13
Attendance	582
Offerings	$348.50
Weekly Masses	26
Attendance	195

C. Latter-Day Saints

Sunday services	4
Attendance	36
Weekly services	5
Attendance	31

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3. Command Activities

Check in	87
Check out	132
Letters to NOK	72
Counseling cases	164
Red Cross Messages	49
Memorial Services	4
Attendance	351

4. Civic Action

200 lbs. of surveyed P.X. goods to St. John's Seminary

11,800 $VN to China Beach Orphanage (not Chapel Funds)

36,800 $VN to United Welfare & Relief Society (not Chapel Funds)

5. Chaplains' Activities

Attended Day of Recollection at St. John's Seminary on 17 October.

Met with Protestant Monthly Rally Committee on 1 October.

Convened the Group Narcotics Board for inventory on 9 October.

Conducted Divine Worship services at 1st Engineers on 6 and 13 October Total attendance 64, 32 communicants.

Presented Moral Guidance lectures for VMO-2 on 17, 24 and 31 October Total attendance 65.

Presented Group Indoctrination lecture on 7 October.

Attended the Commanding Officer's briefing on 2 and 30 October.

Conducted Sunday Mass at 5th Communications Battalion 6, 13, 20, and 27 October.

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10:JMD:ebf
3 Nov 1968

From: Communications Officer
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, October 1968

1. Attached are the comments from Communications for inclusion in the Command Chronology.

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COMMUNICATIONS: Personnel gains kept pace with personnel losses during this period. Currently a shortage exists of Communications Center and Wire personnel; however, by cross-training personnel from the Radio Section, the Message Center and Wire Section continue to operate efficiently. Total volume of messages handled by the MAG-16 Communications Center was 8,348, an increase of 1,665 from the previous period. 100 hours of down time was experienced during the month due to faulty equipment.

The following transactions were effected by the Repair Section:

1. 232 items of equipment processed.
2. 219 items of equipment returned to sections.
3. 8 items of equipment evacuated to higher echelon of maintenance.
4. 5 items of equipment were returned from higher echelon of maintenance.
5. 43 requisitions processed by supply.

A radio relay link was established between AN HOA airfield and MAG-16, via Wing, creating a direct phone communications circuit. At the same time a radio net (Helicopter Liaison Net) was established between the 5TH and 7TH Marine Regiments and the COC bunker at MAG-16 for closer Infantry-Air coordination.

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4 Nov 1968

From: Civic Action Officer
To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of October, 1968

Ref: (a) Group O 5750.1B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following statistics represent civic action accomplishments by MAG-16 during the period 10001H to 312400H October, 1968.

A. Medical/Dental Treatment

(1) The doctors and corpsmen of MAG-16 assisted the following dispensaries and orphanages during this reporting period:

(a) Stella Maris dispensary/orphanage
(b) Hoa Long dispensary

(2) Medical treatment was rendered to 1,754 persons during October.

(3) One hundred and seventy-nine (179) villagers were given dental aid.

(4) MEDCAP at the Hoa Long Dispensary continues to win the support of the people. Since 3rd Amtrac Bn. no longer gives assistance at the dispensary, MAG-16 has been having an increase of patients on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

B. Education

(1) The Civic Action Officer presented nine (9) General Walt Scholarships to students at the Hoa Long primary school. Seven (7) children whose parents work aboard Marble Mountain Air Facility also received funds. Each of these children are excellent students but lack the funds to sufficiently complete their education. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing allocates $8,000 VN per month, with each child receiving $500 VN per month.

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C. Projects

(1) During this reporting period, a combination of bad weather and a lack of villager's sincerity and honesty resulted in damage to one of the Hoa Long village schoolrooms. The entire roof was stripped of it's wood and tin. Civic Action is assisting in reconstruction of this project by giving needed materials.

(2) A long-term project ha s been started recently by Civic Action. A Vietnamese girl from Mui Kim Son ha mlet is working at the MAG-16 dispensary as a nurses aid. She will be trained by the MAG-16 medical staff in proper medical practices and procedures so that eventually she will be able to assist her own people in the village.

D. Distribution of Commodities

(1) On 5 October 1968, MAG-16 participated in the Hoa Long village primary school's Mid-Autumn Festival. Approximately 320 children from the school and refugee area were presented assorted cookies, candy, and gifts. The primary school principal presented gifts to Civic Action personell for their support.

(2) On 6 October 1968, gifts, toys, and candy were distributed to 100 children in My-Thi hamlet in celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival.

(3) On 25 October 1968, the MAG-16 Civic Action Officer in conjunction with HMH-463 Commanding Officer, distributed 21 boxes of assorted school supplies to the Hoa Long school and refugee children. These supplies were made available through the Captain Deets Memorial Fund c/o Operation H.O.P.E.

(4) The below listed commodities were distributed to Hoa Long village to support reconstruction of the school.

(a) Fifty (50) sheets of tin
(b) Five (5) 4 x 4's
(c) Twenty-six (26) assorted 2 x 6's and 2x 4's
(d) 10 bags of cement
(e) 20 cans of spray paint

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(5) The below listed commodities were distributed to various villagers through the village chief:

(a) 10 pounds of clothing
(b) 5 pounds of soap
(c) Agricultural equipment
(d) Checker sets
(e) One (1) rice thresher

E. Summary

(1) One serious incident occurred recently in Hoa Long village. On October 8, 1968, during MEDCAP at Hoa Long village dispensary, a MAG-16 Civic Action vehicle was destroyed by an enemy satchel charge. One (1) Marine in Civic Action was injured, resulting in the loss of his left forearm. It is fairly evident that this charge was placed on the vehicle b y a child from the nearby Nui Kim Son refugee Camp.

(2) Even though a vehicle was destroyed causing injury, there were definite advances this month in civic action. The Viet Cong failed to achieve their goal of persuading the local populace into refusing medical treatment at MEDCAP. In reality, they hindered themselves, as the number of people requesting treatment has gradually increased since this incident. By continuing MEDCAP in the Hoa Long village, the VC have been dealt a psychological and moral defeat.

E. B. Nelson

Distribution: (1) Civic Action Officer, 1st MAW
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