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

Subj: Command Chronology; submission of

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1A

1. In accordance with reference (a), significant events within the Logistics field for the period 1 through 31 December 1968 are as follows:

a. Military Construction moved ahead rapidly during December, resulting in several completions through out the Air Facility. The Crash Crew building was completed and a MAG-16 self-help program was initiated to provide a vehicle apron and access road to the runway, making this building fully operational by 29 December 1968. Four (4) Squadron Operations buildings were completed and turned over to MAG-16. On 3 December HMM-463 took possession of the first building and initiated a self-help improvement program which included tiling the decks, building bunkers and preparing a PSP mat area to accomodate ground handling equipment. Seven (7) days later, 10 December, VMO-2 relocated into the second new Operations building and HMM-364 moved into the third on 30 December. The fourth building will be occupied by HMM-263 upon arrival in January 1969. The Group Training building reached its completion on 20 December and will be utilized for training, education and a hobby shop area for MAG-16 personnel. End of the month MILCON status (civilian contractors) showed the Motor Transport buildings 99% complete, the main sewer system 95% complete, HMM-463 Maintenance hangar 90% complete, and one-half of the dispensary 50% complete. Construction was started on two (2) New MILCON projects during December, the taxiway for the crosswind runway and the A/C Maintenance hangar on the West side of the field.

b. During December work continued on Minor New Construction and many self-help projects were completed. Public Works estimaters and designers started work on two (2) infiltration galleries, GCA pad, O2/CO2 facility, water tower,

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officers quarters, 5 ton chain falls and vehicle/pedestrian runway crossing lights. Self-help crews relocated four (4) S.E.A. Huts, assisted Group Supply in cleaning up debris caused by POL locker fire and built a PIO platform in front of the H&MS Squadron office. Bunker material was issued to all Squadrons enabling them to build/replace bunkers around working areas. Two (2) ten hole heads were constructed by Public Works and a four hole head was relocated to the enlisted club to accommodate Vietnamese female workers. A 120 gallon hot water heater was installed in the enlisted shower and the runway strobe lights were installed and connected.

c. Logistics personnel arranged and assisted in preparing the area utilized for the parade presented to Lt. General H. BUSE Jr., Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific on 16 December 1969.

d. During December the Logistics section was heavily involved with supporting and assisting the embarkation and debarkation of four (4) tactical Squadrons and a twelve (12) plane detachment. HMM-165 arrived on the 6th, HMM-362 departed on the 8th and HMM-364 arrived on the 10th. HMM-164 departed on the 29th as the first elements of the H-34 detachment arrived. Heavy Equipment and trucks were provided to these units and general support was given where required. All billeting, office and hanger areas were inspected, re-assigned and minor repairs were made. Due to the overlap of these Squadrons many Base loading problems arose and personnel, facilities and aircraft had to be shuffled several times.

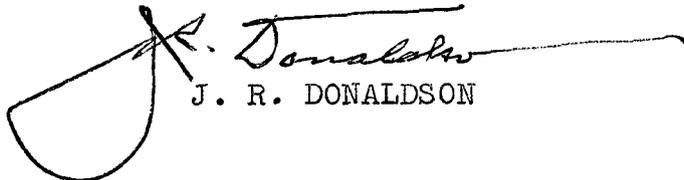
e. Serious Base loading problems presently exist at Marble Mountain Air Facility. Several solutions and recommendations were formulated and forwarded to First Marine Aircraft Wing for review and action.

f. Logistics work was interrupted briefly on 17 December due to a mortar attack. All rounds impacted in the ARVN and III MAF area however and no repairs were required. There was no battle damage incurred at Marble Mountain Air Facility during December.

g. During the month of December the Marble Mountain Air Facility Air Freight section processed 1534 passengers and 14,032 cubic feet of cargo weighing 269,771 pounds. During the same period the Tactical Air Fuel Dispensing System personnel dispensed 55,505 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 1,322,197 gallons of JP-4 fuel. Marble Mountain Air Facility utilized 55,419 gallons of this AVGAS and An Hoa airstrip utilized the remaining 86 gallons. The JP-4 utilization was divided

between Marble Mountain Air Facility - 884,691 gallons,
An Hoa - 326, 999 gallons, and Hill 55 - 110,507 gallons.

h. The Motor Transport section traveled 85,060 miles transporting 31,410 passengers, 583 short tons of cargo, 407,560 gallons of water, 26,287 gallons of MOGAS, 20,447 gallons of diesel fuel, 1492 gallons of AVGAS, 550 gallons of Av Oil, and 111,893 gallons of JP-4 fuel.



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5 Jan 1969

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

Subj: Monthly Chronology Report for the month of December 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 December is hereby submitted.

2. Religious Activities

A. Protestant

Sunday services	9
Attendance	438
Offerings	\$369.55
Bible study	8
Attendance	39
Sunday Bible class	5
Attendance	13
Choir practice	4
Attendance	18
Communion services	2
Communicants	59

B. Catholics

Sunday Masses	15
Attendance	576
Offerings	\$382.90
Weekday Masses	39
Attendance	481

C. Latter-Day Saints

Sunday services	5
Attendance	40
Weekly services	3
Attendance	21

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3. Command Activities

Check in - - - - -	226
Check out - - - - -	162
Counseling cases - - - - -	152
Red Cross Messages - - - - -	71
Memorial services - - - - -	2
Attendance - - - - -	-102

4. Civic Action

2,000 lbs. of surveyed P.X. goods to St. John's Seminary

Supplied 500 gifts for children of Tinh Lanh Churches and An Hai Church

Arranged for 16,000 lbs. of rice, bulgur, fish sauce, and canned fish to be flown to Pastor Quang (Tinh Lanh Church) for the needy people in the vicinity of Ninh Binh village approx. 15 miles south of An Hoa.

5. Chaplain's Activities

Attended Day of Reflection at St. John's Seminary on 19 Dec

Convened the Group Narcotics Board for inventory on 3 Dec

Attended Group Human Relations Board meeting

Taught English class at Danang Vocational High School 2 nights a week

Interviewed two Wycliffe Translators on I Corps Chapel of the Air, and showed Wycliffe Translators movie.

Attended Christmas Program at Sacred Heart Nursery

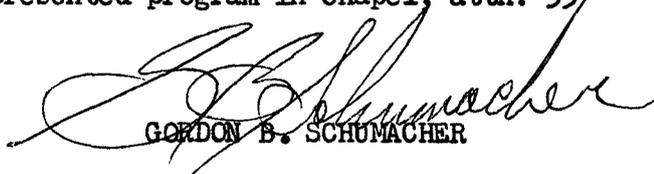
Attended Christmas Dinner at Tinh Lanh Church (Pastor Duc)

Attended Christmas Dinner at Christian & Missionary Alliance Compound (Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Stebbins)

Attended Chief of Chaplain's dinner at China Beach "O" Club; honoring R/Adm. Kelly, CHC, and Rev. Billy Graham

"China Beach Orphans" presented Christmas Play at Chapel; attn: 45

The Palermo Bros. of Youth for Christ International played for 15 min. in each of 3 messhalls and presented program in Chapel; attn: 35


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10:JMD:ebf
3 Jan 1969

From: Communications Officer
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, December 1968

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


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COMMUNICATIONS: Personnel gains kept pace with personnel losses during this period but not in respect to MOS Specialites. A personnel shortage continues to exist in the Communications Center (MOS 2542), with a new personnel shortage appearing in the Radio Section (MOS 2531/2533); however, by continuing the cross-training previously established and by the assignment of newly joined basic Wiremen (MOS 2511) to the Radio Section, all sections continue to operate efficiently.

A total of 6,278 messages were processed by the MAG-16 Communications Center, a decrease of 28 from the previous month. 44 hours of circuit outage was experienced during the month due to faulty equipment.

The following transactions were effected by the Repair Section:

1. 140 pieces of equipment processed.
2. 30 pieces of equipment evacuated to higher echelon of maintenance.
3. 22 pieces of equipment returned from higher echelon of maintenance.
4. 141 pieces of equipment returned to sections.
5. 115 requisitions processed by supply.

The Wire Section continues to repair, replace and maintain the extensive wire system supporting MAG-16.

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 4 Jan 1969

From: Civic Action Officer
 To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of January, 1969

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1C

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following statistics represent civic action accomplishments by MAG-16 during the period 01000H December to 312400H December 1968.

A. Medical/Dental Treatment

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

- (a) Catholic Orphanage
- (b) Hoa Long Dispensary

(2) Medical treatment was rendered to 1546 persons during December.

(3) Dental treatment was given to 40 villagers and orphans.

(4) The Hoa Long village nurse, trained at MAG-16 dispensary, is doing a competent job at MedCaps. And so this command's Vietnamese nurse no longer goes to the Hoa Long MedCaps.

B. Education

(1) The CA team gave the Hoa Long School principal \$4500VN for nine Gen. Walt Scholarships. These are given to students of high academic caliber, but lack sufficient funds to complete their education.

C. Projects

(1) An attempt to introduce new vegetables to the Hoa Long area was a mild success. It seems that the farmer, who agreed to lend his land for use as seedling beds, refuses to give the shoots to fellow farmers as was planned. One advantageous result of the project is that it proves new and wholesome vegetables are capable of growing in the area. This command's CA hopes tht other

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farmers will acknowledge this and will buy the seeds of these non-native vegetables.

(2) There were bright moments in agriculture during this reporting period. One insecticide tank sprayer and one can of insecticide were loaned to Hoa Long village. Under the direction of the village chief, most of the local farmers had an opportunity to make good use of these items. The CA team inspected the village's main farms and found that the potent insecticide had efficiently annihilated all ruinous bugs.

D. Distribution of Commodities

(1) MAG-16 CA team gave Hoa Long Shool Principal three boxes of assorted toys and two boxes of candy to use during the holiday season. One hundred and twenty-five pounds of clothing and shoes was given to the chief for the needy of his village.

(2) The CA team took three truckloads of lumber to Hoa Long Village. One is for a new school room and the other two are for repairs and reconstruction of homes affected by enemy terrorism.

(3) The CA team keeps a vigilant eye for families living in substandard conditions. To these, CA team gave fourteen bags of cement, ten pounds of clothing, six sheets of tin, and various pieces of lumber.

E. Summary

(1) Except on one occasion, there were no transportation problems for this Command's civic action. Originally, one six-by truck was assigned to CAQ/IRO. But since CAO has a perpetual use for the vehicle, IRO rarely employed it. The assignment of a separate vehicle to IRO resolved the issue.

(2) Moderate security problems confronted civic action during this reporting period. Aside from the usual nightly fire-fights with the enemy, a band of VC/NVA infiltrated Marble Mountain. Attempts to seek and destroy the enemy resulted in three friendly KIA, two officers and one enlisted. The mountain's Buddhist monks thwarted an attempt to seal up the caves by demolition teams. An AMTRAC triggered a mine near the Nui KIM Son bridge. And VC/NVA destroyed and/or damaged seven homes in the New Life refugee camp.

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