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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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

Organizational Data

1. Command Composition

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	FULTON, F. K.	LTCOL	1-31 May 1969
XO, MAG-16	PEARD, R. W.	LTCOL	1-31 May 1969
Adjutant	WORK, R. G.	CWO-3	1-31 May 1969
S-1	SWANSON, R. D.	LTCOL	1-31 May 1969
S-2	CIVELLI, J. R.	MAJOR	1-12 May 1969
	EKHOLM, W. H.	MAJOR	13-31 May 1969
S-3	MILLER, T. F.	LTCOL	1-4 May 1969
	DUMONT, T. J.	LTCOL	5-13 May 1969
	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LTCOL	14-31 May 1969
S-4	DONALDSON, J. R.	LTCOL	1-31 May 1969
CO, H&MS-16	GOBAT, C. W.	LTCOL	1-25 May 1969
	LASETER, J. W.	LTCOL	26-31 May 1969
CO, MABS-16	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LTCOL	1-9 May 1969
	ARCHBOLD, J. C.	MAJOR	10-31 May 1969
CO, VMO-2	MORRIS, C. S.	LTCOL	1-31 May 1969
CO, HMM-165	RAINES, T. E.	LTCOL	1-31 May 1969
CO, HMM-263	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LTCOL	1-13 May 1969
	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LTCOL	14-31 May 1969
CO, HMM-364	BRADY, E. R.	LTCOL	1-31 May 1969
CO, HML-167	CONARD, J. W.	LTCOL	1-31 May 1969
CO, HMH-463	RYAN, R. M.	LTCOL	1-31 May 1969

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
HML-167 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMH-463 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-165 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-263 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN
HMM-364 Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

Squadron	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
H&MS-16	56	415	0	0
MABS-16	22	655	3	26
VMO-2	50	234	1	0
HML-167	41	125	0	0

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HMH-463	34	164	1	0
HMM-165	46	156	1	0
HMM-263	43	171	1	0
HMM-364	41	157	1	0
MAG-16	333	2,077	8	26

4. Important Visitors to the Command

DATE	NAME	PURPOSE OF VISIT
10 May 1969	Brigadier General R. H. SPANJER Assistant Wing Commander (Designate) First Marine Aircraft Wing	General Orientation tour and briefing
28 May 1969	Brigadier General S. JASKILKA Assistant Division Commander First Marine Division	General Orientation tour and briefing
28 May 1969	Colonel R. L. LAMAR Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 (Designate) First Marine Aircraft Wing	General Orientation tour and briefing
30 May 1969	Brigadier General W. A. BURKE United States Army Deputy Chief of Staff - Plans (Designate) Third Marine Amphibious Force	General Orientation tour and briefing

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. MAG-16 completed another month of heavy commitments in support of the various units in ICTZ with the majority in support of III MAF, the First Marine Division and the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade. MAG-16 aircraft flew 23,929 sorties and 8062 flight hours in support of the following operations: OKLAHOMA HILLS, PIPESTONE CANYON, VICTORY DRAGON XI, DARING REBEL, VIRGINIA RIDGE, PURPLE MARTIN, APACHE SNOW and other administrative and small unit operations. MAG-16 supported the First Marine Division with 15,187 sorties and 4599 flight hours, III MAF with 4548 sorties and 1378 flight hours, and the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade with 2330 sorties and 517 flight hours. The remaining 1864 sorties were in support of the Third Marine Division, Task Force Hotel, U.S. Army Special Forces, ARVN units, the Danang Naval Support Activity and SAR at Chu Lai Airfield.

2. The transport squadrons of MAG-16 lifted 3417 tons of cargo and set a new record with 32,801 passengers in support of the units in I Corps. The majority of this support was for the First Marine Division in Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS and the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade in Operation VICTORY DRAGON XI. In addition to the troop transport and logistic support, MAG-16 aircraft flew many hours of visual reconnaissance, helicopter escort, tactical air coordination (Airborne), artillery and naval gunfire spotting, photo reconnaissance, reconnaissance team inserts/extracts, night illumination, medevac escort, DCP (Detection Concealed Personnel), VIP, command and control, administrative/liaison, SAR, suppressive fire mission, convoy escort and personnel sensor emplacement.

3. Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS was terminated on 29 May 1969. The retrograde operations were accomplished without incident and all men, guns and material were safely deposited in the permanent facilities at Hill 10, 55, and 37. MAG-16 flew 4016 sorties and 1100 hours during the month in support of Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS lifting 7716 passenters and 1364 tons of cargo. In addition to logistic support, MAG-16 provided many hours of visual reconnaissance, medevac, helicopter escort and tactical air coordination.

4. The "White Knights" of HMM-165 were assigned the responsibility of training crews and delivering personnel sensors as part of First Marine Air Wing Operation Plan 405-68. The training and aircraft reconfiguring was accomplished with little difficulty, and the "White Knights" were ready for the emplacements within a few days after receiving the commitment.

5. HMH-463 began receiving CH-53D's to replace the present CH-53A models. The CH-53D will enable HMH-463 to provide better logistical support since the "D" model can lift considerably more than the CH-53A. The CH-53D also gives MAG-16 an integral TAR (Tactical Aircraft Recovery) capability.

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6. The AH-1G "Huey Cobra" has been used very successfully since its introduction into MAG-16 in late April. The increased ordnance load combined with the accuracy with which it can be employed has proven invaluable. The "Cobra" was used on all gunship missions, but was employed primarily on those escort and fire suppressive missions that generally receive the most enemy fire.

7. The helicopter escort and fire suppressive missions flown by the gunships of HML-167 and VMO-2 and the OV-10A "Bronco" of VMO-2 accounted for 47 KBA (Confirmed), 4 boats (sampans) and 8 structures destroyed during the month of May.

8. The weather in the Danang area was generally favorable for flight operations during the month with low ceiling and restricted visibility in the numerous thunderstorms occurring in the afternoon.

9. The following occurrences are listed by date:

18 May 1969 - Marble Mountain Air Facility received several mortar rounds causing substantial damage to a UH-1 of the 212th Combat Support Aviation Battalion.

20 May 1969 - Two 122mm rocket rounds impacted at MMAF with negative damage.

10. Special Operations

a. Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS, conducted on "Charlie Ridge" southwest of Danang, was supported by transport squadrons HMM-165, 263 and 364 and the "Heavy Haulers" of HMH-463 lifting 1364 tons of cargo and transporting 7716 troops. The three medium helicopter squadrons provided 24 hours medevac support and were escorted by the gunships of HML-167 and VMO-2. The OV-10A's of VMO-2 provided visual reconnaissance, TAC(A), artillery spotting and fire suppression.

b. Operation VICTORY DRAGON XI of the ROK Marine Corps 2nd Brigade required heavy support from MAG-16. MAG-16 aircraft flew 2330 sorties in 517 flight hours transporting 3605 passengers and 253 tons of cargo. HML-167 and VMO-2 provided gunship escort for the transport helicopters.

c. VMO-2 provided visual reconnaissance, channel guidance, fire suppression and TAC(A) while escorting the Swift Boats and Junk Landing Force of the Danang Naval Support Activity.

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PART III

Significant Events

1. Personnel Changes

a.	Number Dropped	258
b.	Number Joined	240
c.	Promotions	
	(1) Maj to LtCol	1
	(2) 1stLt to Capt	1
	(3) SSgt to GySgt	4
	(4) Sgt to SSgt	3
	(5) Cpl to Sgt	10
	(6) LCpl to Cpl	135
	(7) PFC to LCpl	8
	(8) Pvt to PFC	5

2. Awards

Distinguished Flying Cross

Major V. S. REED	HMM-165
Major J. M. DAVIS	MABS-16
Captain B. D. WADDELL	VMO-2

Purple Heart Medal

GySgt S. J. OUERT	MABS-16
GySgt W. C. WESTENDORF	HMM-165
Sgt J. B. ABELL	VMO-2
Sgt J. B. BOBENREITH Jr.	HMM-263
Sgt H. G. GLOVER	MABS-16
Sgt R. C. MC CLENDON	MABS-16
HM2 A. W. ARMSTRONG	MABS-16
LCpl C. A. FLYNN III	MABS-16
LCpl J. D. GROCE	HMM-263
LCpl W. R. GOZA	HMM-165

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Purple Heart Medal (Continued)

LCpl J. E. HARRIS	HMM-364
PFC W. H. HINKLE	HMM-165
PFC P. W. PLOTT	MABS-16

3. Casualties

a. Hostile

Rank	Name	Date	Place
Maj	MYERS, R. D.	5 May 69	13 mi. SW Danang
Sgt	ALTAZAN, J. A.	9 May 69	14 mi. SW Danang
Maj	WATKINS, D. C.	20 May 69	An Hoa
LCpl	ELDRED, S. P.	19 May 69	8 mi. SW Danang
LCpl	COLLIER, C. A.	27 May 69	14 mi. SW Danang
LCpl	BRINK, C. S.	26 May 69	5 mi. NW An Hoa
LCpl	BARTON, L. F.	26 May 69	5 mi. NW An Hoa
LCpl	DUMM, D. K.	19 May 69	27 mi. SW Danang

4. Morale/Welfare. (MAG-16 Chaplain's Command Chronology)

a. MAG-16 personnel continued using the tennis and handball courts as well as the weight lifting room. The recreation hut and beach areas were used for several squadron parties. The beach continues to provide many enjoyable off-duty hours of sunning, swimming, surfing and sailing.

b. The Chaplains' ministry and allied activities are represented in the following statistics:

Divine Services	Sunday/Att.	Weekday/Att.	Total/Att.
Protestant Worship	8/268	- -	8/268
Catholic Worship	15/466	17/133	32/599
Latter Day Saints	4/30	4/23	8/53
Assembly of God	- -	2/31	2/31
Episcopal	- -	1/4	1/4

5 Catholic Services at 5th and 7th Comm.

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5. Civic Action. (MAG-16 Civic Action and Chaplain's Command Chronologies)

a. Medical/Dental. Doctors and Corpsmen from MAG-16 aided the Hoa Long Dispensary and Catholic Orphanage. Medical treatment was rendered to 1,152 villagers and orphans. Eighty villagers and orphans received dental treatment.

b. Education. 8000VN$ in General Walt Scholarships was distributed by the MAG-16 Civic Action during May 1969.

c. Projects. Milk and clothing were given to the Sacred Heart Nursery through the cooperation of the MAG-16 Chaplain and Mr. Don HALL, a North American Aviation Tech Rep. Seven hundred-fifty pounds of clothing and more than 1400 pounds of food were given to the China Beach Orphanage.

6. Intelligence/Counter-intelligence. (MAG-16 S-2 Command Chronology)

a. A total of 171 fire incidents were reported during May 1969, 64 less than during April. Thirty-seven of these incidents resulted in aircraft hits, 33 less than during April 1969. Eighty-nine Aircrew Spot Reports of intelligence value were reported during May 1969.

b. Statistical Data:

(1) Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 50.1

(2) Flight Hours per Aircraft Hit: 231.6

(3) Flight Hours per Aircrew Spot Report: 96.3

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

HMM-165	CH-46 A/D
Hours	1365.1
Sorties	5104
Pax	8625
Evacs	963
Cargo (Tons)	566.4

HMM-263	CH-46D
Hours	1175.1
Sorties	4288
Pax	7771
Evacs	638
Cargo (Tons)	567.6

HMM-364	CH-46D
Hours	1169.7
Sorties	4341
Pax	7922
Cargo (Tons)	454.2
Evacs	790

HMH-463	CH-53A
Hours	594.6
Sorties	1938
Pax	5096
Cargo (Tons)	1826.7
Evacs	74
TAR	4

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VMO-2	AH-1G	UH-1E	OV-10A
Hours	426.1	391.0	1503.1
Sorties	938	783	653
Pax	---	5	----
KBA (C)	---	---	47

HML-167	UH-1E
Hours	1838.1
Sorties	5785
Pax	3260
KBA (C)	----

H&MS-16	UH-34D	C-117D
Hours	42.6	69.1
Sorties	64	48
Pax	29	88
Evacs	--	--
Cargo (Tons)	0.4	3.1

MAG-16	TOTAL
Hours	8,571.5
Sorties	23,942
Pax	32,801
Evacs	2,465
Cargo (Tons)	3,418.4
TAR	4
KBA (C)	47

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

a. The total monthly operations conducted at Marble Mountain Air Facility during May 1969 are as follows:

Fixed Wing Operations:	4,498
Helicopter Operations:	24,641
Total Operations:	29,139
GCA Operations:	487
IFR Departures:	14

b. The total monthly operations conducted at An Hoa Airfield during May 1969 are as follows:

Fixed Wing Operations:	884
Helicopter Operations:	8,351
Total Operations:	9,235

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

a. Contact with VC/NVA during the month of May 1969 was one mortar attack on 18 May which caused negative damage or casualties. On 20 May two 122mm rocket rounds impacted in an unoccupied sandy area causing no damage or casualties. Construction on a new command post bunker for the Third Platoon of Zulu Provisional Rifle Company has begun.

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

a. Military construction continued during May 1969. RMK-BRJ completed work on two maintenance hangars and the access taxiway to the crosswind runway. Navy Public Works personnel will paint and mark the runway. An

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inspection team from COMNAVFORV visited MAG-16 on 16 May. Photographs of the base were taken to support requests for Fiscal Year 1971 projects. Emphasis was placed upon improving the enlisted living areas, construction of an adequate dispensary and a post office building. The installation of new equipment in the Air Traffic Control Tower was completed and in operation on 31 May.

b. Marble Mountain Air Freight processed 622 passengers and 60.3 tons of cargo. TAFDS personnel dispensed 42,372 gallons of AVGAS and 859,594 gallons of JP-4 at MMAF; 11,484 gallons of AVGAS and 196,373 gallons of JP-4 at An Hoa Airfield; and 177,663 gallons of JP-4 at Hill 55. The Motor Transport section travelled 83,903 miles carrying 25,924 passengers, 483 short tons of cargo, 105,400 gallons of water, 21,239 gallons of MOGAS, 19,250 gallons of diesel fuel and 100,334 gallons of JP-4.

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PART IV

Supporting Documents

	MAG-16 S&C Log Number
Command Chronology of H&MS-16 Appendix 1	0475-69
Command Chronology of MABS-16 Appendix 2	CO, MABS-16 ltr JCA:trc over 5750 of 5 June 1969
Command Chronology of VMO-2 Appendix 3	0474-69
Command Chronology of HML-167 Appendix 4	0478-69
Command Chronology of HMM-165 Appendix 5	0464-69
Command Chronology of HMM-263 Appendix 6	0479-69
Command Chronology of HMM-364 Appendix 7	0476-69
Command Chronology of HMH-463 Appendix 8	0477-69
Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-1 Appendix 9	S-1 O ltr 1:TMN:jwp over 5213 of 6 Jun 69
Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-2 Appendix 10	0465-69
Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4 Appendix 11	S-4 O ltr 4:JRG:sk over 4000 of 4 Jun 69
Command Chronology of MAG-16 Chaplain Appendix 12	MAG-16 Chap ltr 19:day over 5750 of 2 June 1969
Command Chronology of MAG-16 Comm Officer Appendix 13	Comm O ltr 10:JMD:jac of 2 Jun 69
Command Chronology of MAG-16 Civic Action Appendix 14	CA O ltr RM:mhn of 3 June 1969

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GROUP S-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Part 1 Organizational Data

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

Period Covered 1-31 May 1969

TASK ORGANIZATION

H&MS-16, MMAF, RVN
MABS-16, MMAF, RVN
VMO-2, MMAF, RVN
HMM-165, MMAF, RVN
HMM-263, MMAF, RVN
HMM-364, MMAF, RVN
HML-167, MMAF, RVN
HMH-463, MMAF, RVN

COMMAND AND RANK COMPOSURE

BILLET	NAME	RANK	PERIOD
CO, MAG-16	FULTON, F. K.	LtCol	1-31May69
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S-2	CIVELLI, J. R.	Maj	1-12May69
	EKHOLM, W. H.	Maj	13-31May69
S-3	MILLER, T. F.	LtCol	1-4May69
	DUMONT, T. J.	LtCol	5-13May69
	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	14-31May69
S-4	DONALDSON, J. R.	LtCol	1-31May69
CO, H&MS-16	GOBAT, C. W.	LtCol	1-25May69
	LASETER, J. W.	LtCol	26-31May69
CO, MABS-16	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LtCol	1-9May69
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CO, VMO-2	MORRIS, C. S.	LtCol	1-31May69
CO, HMM-165	RAINES, T. E.	LtCol	1-31 May69
CO, HMM-263	HOFSTETTER, R. E.	LtCol	1-13May69
	CUNNINGHAM, W.	LtCol	14-31May69
CO, HMM-364	BRADY, E. R.	LtCol	1-31May69
CO, HML-167	CONARD, J. W.	LtCol	1-31May69
CO, HMH-463	RYAN, R. M.	LtCol	1-31May69

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AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

SQUADRON	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
H&MS-16	56	415	0	0
MABS-16	22	655	3	26
VMO-2	50	234	1	0
HML-167	41	125	0	0
HMH-463	34	164	1	0
HMM-165	46	156	1	0
HMM-263	43	171	1	0
HMM-364	41	157	1	0

Following Personnel Changes 1-31 May 1969:

a. Number of Joinings: 240

b. Number of Drops: 258

c. Promotions:

Maj to LtCol:	1
1stLt to Capt:	1
SSgt to GySgt:	4
Sgt to SSgt:	3
Cpl to Sgt:	10
LCpl to Cpl:	135
PFC to LCpl:	8
Pvt to PFC:	5

CASUALTIES

RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
Maj	MYERS, R. D.	064370/7576	VMO-2	Pilot

HOSTILE: 051305H May69. 13 mls. southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on recon mission in OV-10 when A/C received small arms fire through canopy which threw plexiglas in his face causing injury.

Sgt	ALTAZAN, J. A.	2303933/6320	HMM-364	Crew Chief

HOSTILE: 091600H May69. 14 mls. southwest of Danang, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission. Left A/C to carry wounded Marine to A/C when wounded Marine was hit again by enemy round throwing Marine and Altazan to ground causing injury to left medial collateral and abrassion left knee.

Maj	WATKINS, D. C.	076555/7563	HML-167	Pilot

HOSTILE: 201140H May69. An Hoa, Quang Nam Province, RVN. While sitting at An Hoa for refueling on UH-1E, came under enemy rocket attack. Suffered shrapnel wound left leg.

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RANK	NAME	SERNO/MOS	UNIT	POSITION
LCpl	ELDRED, S. P.	2343553/5212	H&MS-16	N/A

HOSTILE: 190730H May69. 8 mls. southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on UH-1E APD mission when A/C received small arms fire causing shrapnel which wounded man in left heel.

LCpl	COLLIER, C. A.	2333246/6320	HMM-364	Crew Chief

HOSTILE: 271312H May69. 14 mls. southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Flying on CH-46 on medevac mission when A/C received small arms fire. COLLIER received missle wound left foot.

LCpl	BRINK, C. S.	2245116/6320	HMM-263	Gunner

HOSTILE: 261930H May69. 5 mls. northwest of An Hoa. While flying as gunner on CH-46 on a night emergency resupply mission received small arms fire causing schrapnel which wounded man in lower left leg.

LCpl	BARTON, L. F.	2510566/6351	HMM-263	Gunner

HOSTILE: 261930H May69. 5 mls. northwest of An Hoa. While flying as gunner on CH-46 on a night emergency resupply mission received small arms fire. Man received gun shot wound in right lower leg and through and through missle wound upper right thigh.

LCpl	DUMM, D. K.	2367841/6219	HML-167	Gunner

HOSTILE: 190845H May69. 27 mls. southwest of Danang, RVN. Flying in UH-1E on APD mission. Received small arms fire into aircraft causing shrapnel which which wounded man in back of neck.

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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 6a

1. In compliance with reference (a), the intelligence input for the MAG-16 Command Chronology for May 1969 is submitted herein.

2. Ground Activity. During the month of May the enemy conducted the following attacks against Marble Mountain Air Facility.

18 May - 7 rounds of 82mm mortar - No Damage
20 May - 1 round of 122mm rockets - No Damage

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire Incidents. 171 fire incidents were reported during the period, down 64 from the previous month; 37 of which resulted in aircraft hits, down 33 from the previous month.

4. Intelligence Information

a. 89 aircrew spot reports of intelligence value were received from aircrews and other sources; this is a decrease of 20 from the previous month.

b. No reports of intelligence value were received from indigenous sources, no change from the previous month.

5. Statistical Data

a. Flight Hours per Fire Incident: 50.1 up 14.1 from the previous month.

b. Flight Hours per Aircraft Hit: 231.6 up 110.6 from the previous month.

c. Flight Hours per Aircrew Spot Report: 96.3 up 18.6 from the previous month.

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6. Enemy Casualties and Damage Inflicted. MAG-16 inflicted 59 KBMA (conf), 36 structures destroyed, 3 structures damaged, 4 boats destroyed, 2 boats damaged.

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

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Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1A

1. In accordance with reference (a), significant events within the logistics field for the period 1 through 31 May 1969 are as follows:

a. Military construction by RMK-BRJ on two maintenance hangars was completed during May and acceptance inspections were scheduled for 4 June. They further completed the access taxiway to the crosswind runway and it was accepted by the Naval Support Activity Da Nang on 9 May. The Naval Public Works Department was tasked to paint and mark this runway and operational procedures for its utilization are now being formulated.

b. On 16 May a team of civilian inspectors from COMNAVFORV Base Development Office, Da Nang visited MAG-16 to photograph and inspect all FY-71 projects requested by this Command. Photograph emphasis was given to the unsatisfactory conditions of existing facilities. These facilities/projects include the upgrading of all enlisted quarters, showers and heads, the completion of an adequate dispensary and a post office building.

c. Minor New Construction Projects continued to progress during May and on 31 May 1969 the ATC tower project # 14-2235D installation was turned over to operating personnel. Final acceptance of this project is pending receipt of as-built drawings. This was MAG-16's M.N.C. Project # M-16-44-69. Although MCB-4 construction crews were called off the job for a III MAF higher priority project, they still were able to continue, on a reduced basis, the construction of the helo hover pad. This project is now 75% complete. Minor New Construction Project M-16-36-69 was started in May. This project is another 750 LF of chain link fence for supply storage.

d. During May MABS-16 self-help crews, working in conjunction with MCB-4 and Navy Public Works, completed many projects. Concrete slabs were completed at the CO's quarters, the basketball court and the enlisted mess hall. A new air conditioned Med-Evac facility was completed and a generator shed at H&MS Avionics was constructed. Materials furnished through TSFC channels were picked up at Red Beach and a 12 foot high revetment was constructed around the new communications room in the Base Operations building.

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e. Repair crews from Public Works and the logistics section placed primary emphasis on electrical and erosion problems throughout the month. Increased electrical demands created many power outages and repair crews had to redistribute electrical loads throughout the air facility. A new Group Order establishing air conditioner procedures was published and an automatic Public Works air conditioner P.M. schedule was established. Runway and taxiway erosion problems were reviewed and repair crews were called in to correct these problems where necessary. Extensive repairs were made on the west fuel pit area.

f. On 18 May 1969 MMAF received several mortar rounds. Marine Aircraft Group 16 sustained negative damage, however the Army 212th Combat Support Aviation Battalion on the west side of the field received substantial damage to UH-1E aircraft. Again on 20 May MMAF went to condition one as two 122mm rocket rounds impacted inside the compound. Both rounds came to rest in uninhabited sandy areas resulting in negative damage.

g. On 2 May 1969 the logistics section activated the new Vietnamese garbage contract and service began on that date.

h. During the month of May the MMAF Air Freight section processed 622 passengers and 6522 cubic feet of cargo weighing 120,664 pounds. The tactical air fuel dispensing system personnel dispensed 53,856 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 1,233,630 gallons of JP-4 fuel. MMAF utilized 42,372 gallons of this AVGAS and An Hoa Airfield utilized the remaining 11,484 gallons. The JP-4 utilization was divided between MMAF 859,594 gallons, An Hoa 196,373 gallons and Hill Fifty-five 177,663 gallons.

i. The Motor Transport Section travelled 83,903 miles, transporting 25,924 passengers, 483 short tons of cargo, 105,400 gallons of water, 21,239 gallons of MOGAS, 19250 gallons of diesel fuel and 100,334 gallons of JP-4 fuel.

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5750
2 June 1969

From: Group Chaplain
To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology

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

In compliance with reference (a) and (b), the following is a report of the activities of the Group Chaplains for the month of May.

Gp Chaplain, MAG-16

Part I. Organizational Data:

Group Protestant Chaplain: Lt. G. B. Schumacher, 1-31 May
Group Catholic Chaplain: Lt. J. N. Sestito, 1-31 May
Chaplain's Clerk: Sgt. S. D. Pidgeon, 1-31 May
Chaplain's Clerk: LCpl. D. A. Vann, 1-31 May

Part II. Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights:

During the month of May MAG-16 Chaplains provided Sunday and weekday worship services. Bible study and discussion classes were held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Chapel movie program was inaugurated for Wednesday nights.

A statistical summary is included in Part IV, Supporting Documents.

Part III. Significant Events:

1. Personnel:

a. Chaplain Sestito attended a religious retreat at Kyoto, Japan, 16-24 May.
b. Chaplain Schumacher conducted burial at sea aboard USS RADFORD, DD-446, for LTJG. Douglas Dean Vaughn.

2. Civic Action:

a. 460 lbs. of milk and 300 lbs. of clothing delivered to Sacred Heart Nursery, courtesy of Mr. Don Hall, North American Tech. Rep.

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b. Delivered to China Beach Orphanage, United World Mission:
750 lbs. clothing
400 lbs. cereal
550 lbs. dehydrated soup
300 lbs. powdered milk
165 gals. hot food
23 cases vegetables
6 boxes fruit

c. 40 doses each of cholera and plague given to children at China Beach Orphanage.

d. MEDCAP established on a weekly schedule at Sacred Heart Nursery and China Beach Orphanage.

e. 100 lbs. clothing, 72 bars of soap, 6 tubes of Destin delivered to Happy Haven Leprosarium (United World Mission)

Part IV. Supporting Documents:

1. **Statistics:**

a.

Activities	Sunday/ Att.	Weekday/Att.	Total
Protestant Worship	8/268	- -	8/268
Communion	2/80	- -	2/80
Catholic Worship	15/466	17/133	32/599
Communion	15/261	17/116	32/377
Latter-Day Saints	4/30	4/23	8/53
Assembly of God	- -	2/31	2/31
Episcopal	- -	1/4	1/4
Bible Study	- -	6/42	6/42

5 Catholic services at 5th & 7th Comm.

b. Miscellaneous:
Counseling cases - - 217
Red Cross Messages - - 63
Baptisms - - 1

2. **Chaplains Activities:**

Group Indoctrination lecture - 75
Human Relations Meeting - 1
Chaplain Schumacher attended Catholic chaplains "Day of Recollection"
Chaplain Schumacher attended Protestant Monthly rally at 1st Eng. Bn.
Chaplain Schumacher visited MAG-16 detachment at An Hoa

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10:JMD:jac
2 June 1969

From: Communications Officer
TO: S-3 Officer

Subj: Comments for the Command Chronology, May 1969

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

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COMMUNICATIONS:

A personnel shortage continues to exist in the Radio Section (MOS 2531/2533) we are currently operating at 64% of M/L strength in this area; However, all sections continue to operate efficiently.

A total of 4856 messages were processed by the MAG-16 Communications Center, a decrease of 1508 over the previous month. Twenty one (21) hours of circuit outage was experienced during the month due to faulty equipment.

The following transactions were effected by the Repair Unit:

1. 91 pieces turned in for repair
2. 74 pieces repaired
3. 16 pieces evacuated to higher echelon
4. 12 pieces returned from higher echelon
5. 24 requisitions processed by supply

The Wire Section continues to repair, replace and maintain the extensive Wire System supporting MAG-16. A line was installed between the Command Bunker and new Medevac Pad improving telephone communications to that area.

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3 June I969

From: Civic Action Officer
To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for May, I969

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750. Ic

I. In accordance with reference (a), the following statistics represent Civic Action accomplishments by MAG-I6 during the period 0I000IH May to 3I2400 May I969.

A. Medical/Dental Treatment

(I) The doctors and corpsmen of MAG-I6 assisted the following dispensaries and orphanages during this reporting period:

(a) Hoa Long Dispensary
(b) Catholic Orphanage

(2) Medical treatment was rendered to II52 persons during May.

(3) Dental treatment was given to 80 villagers and orphans.

B. Education

(I) This command's Civic Action gave out 8000VN$ in Gen. Walt Scholarships to worthy students of Hoa Long Village School and to dependents of employees on board.

(2) MAG-I6 CA purchased school supplies that were awarded to scholastically outstanding Hoa Long school students, CA personnel participated in the awards ceremonies which marked the end of the school year.

(2) CA requested fifty Vietnamese-English textbooks for use in teaching English at Hoa Long school. Personnel from HMM 263 and this section have already made arrangements with the school principal.

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(4) MAG-I6 CA spnsored a picnic to Tram Nam O Hamlet for the students and teachers of Hoa Long Village School. CA also reports that a C-4 Coke-can charge was left on one of the vehicles used to transport the students. Since only the blasting device exploded and not the C-4, there was neither propery damage nor casualties. Also during this reporting period, MAG-I6 CA supplied the lime and the village contractor white-washed the Hoa-Long School. There was no charge since CA had alreddy paid the contractor $34,000 for the construction of two schoolrooms.

C. U.S./ Vietnamese Conflicts

(I) A Navy Swift Boat sank five boats and their nets from Xom Son Thuy Hamlet while they were fishing in authorized waters. Due to a change of command at Tien Sha, the Navy at the Swift-boat level was unaware of the fishermens authorization. Representatives from 3rd. LVT's and GVN are presently negotiationg with the Navy for another temporary permit. Meanwhile, III MAF G-5 funded the purchase of nets and boats for the fishermen. In another indident involving Xom Son Thuy hamlet, U.S, Forces fired upon two fishermen, one died and the other remains in the hospital. MAG-I6 investigated these incidents and is making sure proper justice is meted out to all concerned.

(2) MAG-I6 CA inquired into complaints of three female detainees as to alleged misconduct of U.S. interrogation team. CA also inquired into a complaint by villagers and Buddhist leaders of Khue Bac concerning misdemeanor of a Ist MP Bn. patrol. All parties involved are well aware of the harmful effects of these actions and a sincere effort is being made to insure the same does not happen again.

D. General

(I) Swimmers caused a dam to rupture in Son Thuy Hamlet. Some brackish water polluted the fresh water used to irrigate the rice paddies during the dry season. MAG-I6 made arrangements with a nearby wathh-tower unit to have the dam mended. And to determine the salinity and usability of the polluted water, CA had water samples taken at five different points south of the ruptured dam. CA handed the samplings to Wing Civic Action.

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n (2) CA is negotiating with NSA Security for passes that would allow the Hoa Long Village Chief to get used lumber from the NSA dump. CA hopes this will make the villagers rely on themselves for building materials rather than relying on Civic Action.

(3) Civic Action took tin, lumber, and cement to Xom Son Thuy Hamlet Chief for constrction of a temple. Already the zealous villagers have erected the sides and roof and are about to lay the cement floor.

(4) MAG-I6 Civic Action arranged for MR. Eddie Chin (CORDS Agricultural Advisor) to visit Hoa Long Village farmlands. He talked with interested farmers about non-native crops and improved farming methods. One of the farmers volunteerd a portion of his land for Mr. Chin's production. And Mr. Chin is confident that his model garden will win over the farmers to his methods and crops.

(5) On May 4, MAG-I6 Civic Action sponsord a human-interst tour of Danang City for eighteen marines on board. The first stop was the Danang railroad yard and train station where the group saw old locomotives and was on hand to wave goodbye to the fearless passengers departing for Hue. To gain entrance to the next stop, a Cao Dai temple, everyone had to remove their shoes. Once inside, the marines were fascinated to learn that the Cao Dai Religion was a harmonious mixture of the world's major religions. Next on the itinerary was the Cham Museum. It contains artifacts of the Chams (a Hindu-type civilization) left behind when the Vietnamese drove them out. The final stop was the Danang market. Looking for refreshments, the marines soon discovered that the oranges and Cokes were fifty piastres each, and so naturally everyone settled on two-piastre popsicles. MAG-I6 also conducted two tours to Marble Mountain and plans to supplement its Personal Response orientation with these revealing tours.

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