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→ MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 161 HMM-161
 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15
 9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE
 FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96602

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Ref: (a) MCO 5720.2
 (b) WGO 5750.1B

Encl: ✓(1) Combat Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the combat chronology report for the period 1 through 6 November 1966 is submitted.

2. This cover is downgraded to unclassified upon the removal of enclosure (1).

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1. SQUADRON HMM-161
2. LOCATION U.S.S. VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8)
3. REPORTING PERIOD 1-6 NOVEMBER 1966
4. COMMAND STAFF

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S-1 CAPT F. C. LEWIS 076554/7335
S-2 1stLt J. H. STREET 092212/7335
S-3 MAJ L. W. JARMAN 062139/7335
S-4 CAPT P. F. JANS 075407/7335
MAINT MAJ P. N. SAMARAS 069223/7335

SQUADRON STRENGTH

OFFICERS: 32 NA, 3 AG, 1 MC
ENLISTED: 127

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1 November 1966. The squadron was taken off the USS Iwo Jima after only one day on board and from want of a place to go unloaded to the Da Nang AB taxiway, where the squadron gear was left over night. Sixteen aircraft carried 65,000 pounds of cargo and 75 passengers.

2 November 1966. Today the squadron moved from the Da Nang AB taxiway to the USS Valley Forge. Sixteen aircraft carried 65,000 pounds of cargo and 75 passengers.

3 November 1966. Six aircraft flew courier hops to Phu Bai, Marble Mountain, and Da Nang. They carried 15 passengers.

4 November 1966. Five aircraft flew courier runs to Phu Bai and Marble Mountain. They carried 9 passengers.

5 November 1966. Second Battalion, Fourth Marines were loaded on board the USS Valley Forge today. Twelve aircraft carried 750 passengers and 20,000 pounds of cargo.

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- A. Personnel. During the period 1NOV66 to 6NOV66, no officers were joined or dropped for a total of 35 Officers. During the same period no enlisted were joined or dropped for a total of 127 on hand.
- B. Special Services. There were no special services activities between 1NOV66 and 6NOV66.
- C. ISO. Home town releases and short news articles have continued to be forwarded to appropriate home town news media and Far East military news papers.
- D. Awards and Decorations. There were no awards or decorations during the period 1NOV to 6NOV66.
- E. Casualties. During the period 1NOV66 to 6NOV66 there were no casualties.

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1. During the period 1 NOV66 to 6 NOV66, intelligence functions which were conducted by the S-2 Section were minimal due to intensive shipboard operations.
2. Briefings were conducted for officers and enlisted personnel stressing the importance of security of classified information and squadron operations during the preceding seven months. Briefings were also given on counter intelligence measures with reference to an over zealous interest in RVN operations and procedures were set forth for informing S-2 of time and places of such occurrences.
3. Normal intelligence training, including OJT were conducted by the S-2 section.

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1. Flight Operational Statistics

Hours Flown	125.7
Sorties	548
Pax	925
Cargo (tons)	75.0

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1. At 0730 on 1NOV1966, 2 aircraft launched from the USS Iwo Jima to Da Nang, to make arrangements for the squadron offload later on during the day. The offload was started by midday and completed by 1730. Personnel were billeted by Headquarters and Service Group 1 and all gear was stored in the hangers by Marine Air Freight.
2. At 1400 on the 2nd of November the Squadron commenced an unload to the USS Valley Forge. The onload was complete by 1630. Using 12 up aircraft, the Squadron has completed 2 onloads and 1 offload during the last four days.
3. The POL expenditures for the 1st to the 6th are unavailable at this time.

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MAINTENANCE

1. During the period 1 November to 6 November 1966, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 161 had physical custody of 16 aircraft and reporting custody of 21 aircraft. There were 5 aircraft at Futema that 161 had receipted for while at Phu Bai.

2. In the period 1 NOV to 5 NOV 66, HMM-161 flew 113.3 hours while maintaining an availability of 83.3%. The causes of non-availability were:

AVIONICS	6.3%
METAL WORK	4.2%
MAJOR COMPONENT CHANGE	3.1%
COMPONENT ADJUSTMENT	3.1%

3. The only major maintenance occurred when YR-21 BUNO 150219 incurred an engine failure.

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