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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 161  
 Provisional Marine Aircraft Group 39  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPAC  
 FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AAZ)  
 Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 39  
 (2) Commandin General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPAC

Subj: COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
 (b) MCO 5750.1  
 (c) FMFPAC O 5750.8

1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), the information contained herein is submitted.

*Paul W. Niesen*  
 PAUL W. NIESEN

HMM-161

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DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS  
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 Enclosure (3)

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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 161

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QUANG TRI, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM

17 May through 31 May 1968

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Commanding Officer	LtCol. PAUL W. NIESEN	18Jul67 to 31May68
Executive Officer	Major ROBERT W. BARBER	1Feb68 to 31May68
S-1 Officer	Lt. DONALD C. COLLINS	1Jan67 to 31May68
S-2 Officer	Lt. ROLAND A. FRECH	11Apr68 to 31May68
S-3 Officer	Major JOSEPH L. FELTER	1Feb68 to 31May68
S-4 Officer	Major CHARLES D. RIORDAN	1Aug67 to 31May68
Maint Officer	Major ROBERT N. SIMPSON	18Jul67 to 31May68
Personnel Officer	Major WILLIAM BOONE	1Feb68 to 31May68
Safety Officer	Captain LUFKIN S SHARP	1Aug67 to 31May68
NATOPS Officer	Captain MILTON T. WARRING	7Aug67 to 31May68
SgtMajor	SgtMajor JOHN H. GOODFELLOW	6Sep67 to 31May68

b. Designation/Location (U)

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 161. Provisional Marine Aircraft Group 39, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPAC, Quang Tri, Republic of South Vietnam.

c. Average Strength (C)

Officers Assigned (Naval Aviators)	53
Officers Assigned (Ground)	5
Enlisted Assigned	<u>217</u>
Total Strength	275

d. Important Visitors (U)

Visitors to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron during the period 17 to 31 May 1968, were MGen. NORMAN G. ANDERSON, Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPAC. and BGen. HOMER S. HILL, Assistant Commander, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPAC.

PART II (C) Narrative Summary

On 17 May 1968 Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 161 began offload of 24 CH-46D aircraft and squadron personnel, to Quang Tri, Republic of South Vietnam from USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) to begin tour of WestPac duties. Offload successfully completed HMM-161 began operations.

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PART III Significant Events (C)

- 17 May 1968: HMM-161 offloaded to Quang Tri Airfield, OpCon ProvMag 39.
- 18 May 1968: Squadron had Indoctrination Briefings.
- 19-22 May 1968: HMM-161 flew integrated missions with HMM-262 for area check-out.
- 23 May 1968: HMM-161 area and check-out completed, commenced squadron operations. Integrated night missions continued with HMM-262.
- 24-28 May 1968: Squadron provided normal helicopter support for ProvMag 39's area of responsibility.
- 29-31 May 1968: Squadron provided normal helicopter support for ProvMag 39's area of responsibility.