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From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code MD)
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, December 1969

1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness and is forwarded herewith.

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From: Commanding General
 To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
 Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
 (2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
 Subj: 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Command Chronology, December 1969
 Ref: (a) CG FMFPac 2nd End on CG, FMAW ltr 3:ADH:adh over 5750
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 Encl: (1) HMM-161 Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1969
 (2) HMM-262 Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1969

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are hereby resubmitted.

2. This Headquarters was unable to obtain a copy of HMM-361 Command Chronology for the subject reporting period. HMM-361 left RVN for MCAS(H) Santa Ana, California on 30 January 1970.

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Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology; resubmission of
Ref: (a) 1st MAW ltr 3:STP:rwg over 5750 of 19 March 1970
Encl: (1) HMM-161 Command Chronology for period 1 thru 31 December 1969
(2) HMM-262 Command Chronology for period 1 thru 31 December 1969
1. As directed by reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

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Marine Aircraft Group-16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPAC
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-16

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for period 1 through 31 December 1969

1. In accordance with reference (a), the subject report is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY OF
MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON-161
PHU BAI, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM
1-31 DECEMBER 1969

ENCLOSURE (1)

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CONFIDENTIALPART I. Organizational Data (U)a. Command and Staff (U)

Commanding Officer.....	Major R. W. CARR.....	1-14	DEC 69
Commanding Officer.....	LtCol B. H. MANN.....	15-31	DEC 69
Executive Officer.....	Major L. G. POOL.....	1-24	DEC 69
Executive Officer.....	Major L. J. ZILKA.....	25-31	DEC 69
S-1 Officer.....	1stLt J. M. CHAPIN.....	1-17	DEC 69
S-1 Officer.....	Capt H. L. BRAND.....	18-31	DEC 69
S-2 Officer.....	1stLt J. A. BOULIE.....	1-31	DEC 69
S-3 Officer.....	Capt R. W. RENSCH.....	1-31	DEC 69
S-4 Officer.....	1stLt S. H. PHILLIPS.....	1-4	DEC 69
S-4 Officer.....	1stLt J. R. WAGNER.....	5-31	DEC 69
A/C Maint. Officer.....	1stLt D. L. KOLEK.....	1-31	DEC 69
Aviation Safety Officer.....	1stLt B. A. FRALLIC.....	1-31	DEC 69
NATOPS Officer.....	1stLt B. A. FRALLIC.....	1-31	DEC 69
SgtMaj.....	SgtMaj J. GIBSON.....	1-31	DEC 69

b. Designation/Location (U)

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-161, Marine Aircraft
Group-16, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FEFMAC
Thu Bai, Republic of South Vietnam 1-31 December 1969

c. Average Strength (C)

Officers Assigned (Naval Aviators).....	56
Officers Assigned (Ground).....	3
Officers Assigned (Navy).....	1
Enlisted.....	<u>154</u>
Total Strength.....	214

d. Important Visitors (U)

On 15 December Colonel J. P. BRUCE was on hand for the
change of command ceremonies held at HMM-161.

On 28 December 1969 Major General William G. THURSH paid
an informal visit to HMM-161

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PART III.

a. Personnel Promoted:

To Captain

H. L. BRAND

To Sergeant

J. W. EDMUNDS
H. D. HOFFMAN
T. . PORLOSKI
H. B. MADDEN

To Corporal

T. D. JOHNSON

b. Personnel Transferred/Joined

Transferred

1stLt J. A. CHAPIN
1stLt J. N. BONNER
1stLt F. H. PHILLIPS
Sgt S. D. HILL
Sgt M. L. LILLAR
Sgt B. W. JOHNSON
Sgt L. L. GRAY
Cpl A. G. WILSON
Cpl C. L. MUTH
Cpl R. P. GILL
Cpl J. . PARKER
Cpl A. E. EICHORN
Cpl J. G. MILLER
Cpl D. D. MICHEL
L/Cpl T. L. THOMPSON
L/Cpl H. R. HOWLAND
L/Cpl L. G. MATHENY
L/Cpl S. W. SMITH
L/Cpl R. P. BOISVERT

Joined

LtCol B. H. MANN
Major J. J. ZILKA
Major T. E. HURLEY
1stLt R. W. HINSON
1stLt J. C. McGARIGLE
1stLt A. J. GORDON
1stLt E. H. ARMSTRONG
1stLt M. A. BOYLE
1stLt R. D. KREKELLER
1stLt W. D. YOUNG
SSgt D. G. KIRBY
Cpl D. L. WEBBER
Cpl R. J. WIESE
Cpl T. P. CARROLL
L/Cpl C. R. BAKER
L/Cpl W. E. CONNER
L/Cpl G. HALL
L/Cpl G. M. PINSON
L/Cpl W. G. SPEARS
L/Cpl D. G. HACKING
PFC L. L. GOWARD

c. Casualties:

1stLt J. M. CHAPIN WIA

d. Important Events

15 DEC - HMM-161 conducted a change of command ceremony.
LtCol B. H. MANN assumed command of the Squadron from
Major R. W. GARR

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CONFIDENTIALPART III. Narative Summary (C)

Operating in support of the First Marine Division and Republic of Korea Marines located in the DaNang TAOR, during the month of December, HMM-161 flew a total of 2,765 sorties. The Squadron was primarily engaged in MedEvac, Resupply, Reconnaissance, and Administrative missions. Low ceilings and very limited visibility hampered helicopter operations in the working area the major portion of the month. Despite the hazardous weather conditions, pilots and crews of HMM-161 repeatedly flew into landing zones that were intermittently or totally obscured by cloud cover to deliver badly needed resupply cargo or to extract Med Evac casualties. The Squadron completed 1,502 tasks, transported 4,988 passengers and delivered 413.7 tons of resupply cargo. There were 87 emergency, 146 priority, and 251 routine MedEvacs evacuated from the field to medical facilities in the DaNang complex. The Squadron logged a total of 1103.1 hours flight time for an annual total of 14,905.2 hours in 1969. The level of our operations remained relatively stable throughout the month. One aircraft was brought down due to direct enemy action. However the pilot, 1stLt G. L. LONG made a very successful emergency landing thus preventing injuries to the crew or major damage to the aircraft. On 15 December 1969, Major R. W. CARR turned over command of HMM-161 to LtCol B. H. MANN in change of command ceremonies conducted at Chu Bai, in the Republic of Vietnam.

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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON-161
Marine Aircraft Group-16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPAC
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-16

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 thru 31 December 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8

Encl: ✓(1) Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-161 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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Marine Aircraft Group-16
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 31 December 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON-161

COMMANDERMAJ R. W. GARR 1-14DEC
LTCOL B. H. MANN 15-31DEC2. Location

Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam 1-31 December 1969

3. Staff Officers

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 9 DEC - On 9 December 1969 1stLt J. M. CHAPIN was wounded while flying a Med-Evac mission.
- 15 DEC - On 15 December 1969, Major R. W. CARR turned over command of HMM-161 to LtCol B. H. MANN in a change of command ceremonies conducted at Phu Bai, in the Republic of Vietnam.
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PART IV

Supporting Documents

There are no supporting documents attached.

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