

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON-161  
 Marine Aircraft Group-16  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
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 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-16 (Attn: S-3)  
 Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 30 April 1970  
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 Encl: ✓(1) Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-161 Command  
 Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a),  
 Enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. Downgraded at 3 year intervals; declassified after 12  
 years.

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON-161

LTCOL. B. H. MANN  
1-30 April2. LOCATION

Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam 1 - 30 April

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer.....Major L. J. ZILKA.....1-30 April  
 S-1 Officer.....Major L. G. POOL.....1-7 April  
 S-1 Officer.....1/Lt. M. A. BOYLE.....8-30 April  
 S-2 Officer.....1/Lt. J. C. ADAMS.....1-30 April  
 S-3 Officer.....Major T. E. MURLEY.....1-7 April  
 S-3 Officer.....Major. N. R. VAN LEEUWEN..8-30 April  
 S-4 Officer.....1/Lt. J. C. CARON.....1-7 April  
 Logistics Officer.....Major J. D. BOULTON.....8-30 April  
 Aircraft Maint. Officer...1/Lt. D. L. KOLEK.....1-30 April  
 Aviation Safety Officer...1/Lt. B. A. FRALLIC.....1-30 April  
 NATOPS Officer.....1/Lt. B. A. FRALLIC.....1-7 April  
 NATOPS Officer.....Captain R. W. RENSCH.....8-30 April  
 Sergeant Major.....SgtMaj. J. GIBSON.....1-30 April

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

Marine		Navy		Other	
<u>OF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of April 1970, HMM-161 continued to fly combat missions in support of the 1st Marine Division, ROKMC and the ARVN units located in the DaNang area. Squadron aircraft and crews accumulated a total of 1,045.9 flight hours while primarily being involved in such tasks as Med-Evac, re-supply, troop lifts and strikes, administrative lifts and numerous recon inserts and extracts. In accomplishing these assigned missions, the Squadron flew 3,597 sorties, completing 2,021 tasks, transported a total of 8,260 passengers and delivered 206.6 tons of resupply cargo. The Squadron evacuated 107 emergency, 151 priority, and 160 routine Med-Evacs from field units to medical units in the DaNang complex.

HMM-161 began development of the Starlite System for use by Marine helicopters in night partolling of the "Rocket Belt" to detect enemy rockets and mortars.

The Squadron passed two inspections during the month: an Embarkation Inspection and an A & M Inspection. Also, during the month two individuals received the Navy Commendations Medal with Combat "V".

During the month, the Squadron had one aircraft accident (DEA) and four aircraft incidents with two individuals being injured.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 5 April 1970 - Aircraft Accident: Aircraft damage "A"; injuries, "B" to one individual (DEA).
- 6 April 1970 - Aircraft Incident: Aircraft damage "Limited"; injuries, none.
- 20 April 1970 - Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" awarded to SSgt. L. M. SPAZAFUMO.
- 23 April 1970 - Date of first flight by HMM-161 using the Starlite System.
- 25 April 1970 - The various Embarkation Sections of HMM-161 successfully passed an Embarkation Inspection conducted by MAG-16.
- 28 April 1970 - Aircraft Incident: Aircraft damage "Limited"; injuries, "B" to one individual.
- 29 April 1970 - Aircraft Incident: Aircraft damage "Limited"; injuries, none.
- 29 April 1970 - Aircraft Incident: Aircraft damage none; injuries, none.
- 29 April 1970 - HMM-161 passed the MAG-16 A & M Inspection.
- 29 April 1970 - Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" awarded to Cpl. D. L. SANTOS.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

There are no supporting documents in this report.

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