

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON-161  
Marine Aircraft Group-16  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
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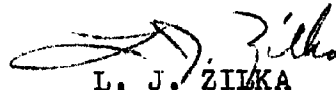
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 31 May 1970

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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.

  
L. J. ZILKA  
Acting

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON-161

LTCOL. B. H. MANN  
1-31 May 19702. LOCATION

Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Vietnam 1 - 31 May

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer.....Major L. J. ZILKA.....1-31 May  
 S-1 Officer.....1/Lt. M. A. BOYLE.....1-31 May  
 S-2 Officer.....1/Lt. J. C. ADAMS.....1-31 May  
 S-3 Officer.....Major N. R. VAN LEEUWEN..1-31 May  
 Logistics Officer.....Major J. D. BOULTON.....1-31 May  
 Aircraft Maint. Officer...1/Lt. D. L. KOLEK.....1-10 May  
 Aircraft Maint. Officer...Major P. A. LOVE.....11-31 May  
 Aviation Safety Officer...1/Lt. B. A. FRALLIC.....1-31 May  
 NATOPS Officer.....Captain R. W. RENSCH.....1-31 May  
 Sergeant Major.....SgtMaj. J. GIBSON.....1-31 May

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May 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 1122.8 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 3,651 sorties, completing 2,054 tasks, transported a total of 8,899 passengers and delivered 181.8 tons of resupply cargo. The Squadron evacuated 114 emergency, 115 priority, and 157 routine Med-Evacs from field units to medical units in the DaNang complex.

During the month there were two (2) meritorious/combat and three (3) meritorious promotions for enlisted personnel.

During the month there were seven (7) Air Medals, one (1) Purple Heart and fifteen (15) Combat Air Crew Wings awarded to enlisted personnel.

During the month, the Squadron had one (1) Aircraft Accident ("Charlie" damage), ten (10) Aircraft Incidents and one (1) Aircraft Ground Accident. Injuries sustained by individuals in the Aircraft Incidents, were one (1) Major and one (1) Minor and were due to Enemy Fire.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 May 1970 - Air Medals awarded to Corporals H. E. KELLER, A. A. MORELLI, L. M. WILSON, W. A. VON HAGEL; Lance Corporals A. J. HALL, P. S. DUGDALE and G. E. SMITH.
- 2 May 1970 - Combat Air Crew Wings awarded to Corporals B. T. ASBURY, T. (-) CAVALIERO, S. D. RIGGS, L. W. SULLIVAN; Lance Corporal W. L. WILSON and PFC R. L. BOLAND Jr.
- 10 May 1970 - Aircraft Incident: Aircraft damage "Limited"; injuries, none.
- 11 May 1970 - Two Aircraft Incidents: Aircraft damage "Limited"; injuries, none (DEA).
- 13 May 1970 - Combat Air Crew Wings awarded to Corporals C. E. BIRD IV, C. J. MATISE Jr.; Lance Corporal J. M. BAEZ and PFC T. F. MARINO.
- 14 May 1970 - Aircraft Incident: Aircraft damage "Limited"; injuries, none.
- 15 May 1970 - Combat Air Crew Wings awarded to Staff Sergeant T. W. WASDEN, Corporal W. J. WASHINGTON, Lance Corporals S. L. BAILEY, R. D. CHASE and G. (-) GONZALES.
- 16 May 1970 - Aircraft Incident: Aircraft damage "Limited"; injuries, none (DEA).
- 17 May 1970 - Aircraft Incident: Aircraft damage "Limited"; injuries, none (DEA).
- 20 May 1970 - Aircraft Ground Accident: Aircraft damage "Limited"; injuries, none (DEA).
- 22 May 1970 - Promotions: Meritorious/Combat to Corporal, R. D. CHASE; Meritorious to Corporal, L. T. GLASER and R. (-) LOBO.

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- 26 May 1970 - Promotions: Meritorious/Combat to Lance Corporal, T. L. CLARK; Meritorious to Lance Corporal, T. F. MARINO.
- 29 May 1970 - Four (4) Aircraft Incidents: Aircraft damage "Limited", injuries one (1) Major and one (1) minor (DEA).
- 30 May 1970 - Purple Heart awarded to Corporal W. J. WASHINGTON for wounds received in an aircraft incident on 29 May 1970.
- 31 May 1970 - Aircraft Accident: Aircraft damage "Substantial"; injuries, none.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

There are no supporting documents in this report.

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