

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 164  
 Marine Aircraft Group 15  
 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMFPac  
 FPO, San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commander Task Group 79.5

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 May 1969 to 31 May 1969

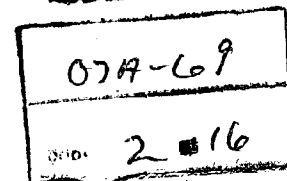
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
 (b) FMFPAGO 5750.8  
 (c) BrigO 5750.10

Encl: (1) ~~HMM~~-164 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.
2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

## Organizational Data

1. Designation

HMM-164

Commander

LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY 1-31 May 69

Subordinate Units

None

Attached Units

None

2. Location

1-2 May 69 Hue/Phu Bai

3-31 May 69 USS Valley Forge LPH-8

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj. A. F. RIBBECK	1-31 May 69
Operations Officer	Maj. R. D. FOWNER	1-31 May 69
Administration Officer	Capt. R. J. BLANCHFIELD	1-31 May 69
Maintenance Officer	Maj. D. D. WILSON	1-31 May 69
Logistics/Supply Officer	Maj. G. M. LARSON	1-31 May 69
Intelligence Officer	1/Lt. B. K. GIGLER	1-31 May 69
NATOPS Officer	1/Lt. T. U. WALL	1-31 May 69
Safety Officer	Capt. R. E. WEINBERG	1-31 May 69

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>NAVAL AVIATORS</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>FLIGHT SURGEON</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>BOEING REP</u>	<u>G. E. REP</u>
42	6	1	220	2	1

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

HMM-164, located at Phu Bai during 1-2 May 69, conducted flight operations in support of III MAF and indirectly in support of SLF "B". A detachment of four aircraft operated in support of SLF "B" aboard the USS Valley Forge (LPF-8) while the ship went to Subic Bay, P. I. for rehabilitation. On 3 May 1969, the ship returned to RVN and both the squadron and BLT 3/26 were brought aboard. From 3 May to 31 May 1969, the squadron augmented 1st MAF and provided extensive support for SLF "B" and BLT 3/26. The squadron assumed a "Ready Status" while the SLF "B" was acting as a contingency reserve force during the month. Missions were flown in support of the 1st and 3rd MARDIV's (primarily command and control missions) and the 2nd ROK Brigade (resupply missions).

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 May 1969 The squadron conducted only limited flight operations due to aircraft availability.

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3 May 1969 The squadron unloaded aboard the USS Valley Forge and conducted flight operations in support of SLF "B" while assisting in the unload of BLT 3/26.

6 May 1969 Night carrier qualifications were conducted. Lieutenants HOLDEN, KRANKER, SMITH, VITOSKY FLETCHER and COTE were qualified.

7 May 1969 YT-7, piloted by 1st Lt. J. C. ASTLE, had an engine failure over Danang Harbor. A restart attempt was successful and the aircraft was landed at Marble Mountain Air Facility with no damage or injury. Night carrier landing practice was conducted for eight squadron pilots; LtCol. TRUNDY, Lt's. O'CONNOR, SCHRAMM, DAVIS, HOXTON, ZOENICA, JERNIGAN, and BOTHE.

11 May 1969 Brigadier General WILLIAMS, CG, 9th MAB, visited the LPH-8. DFC's were presented to LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY and Capt. W. W. DUBOSE.

12 May 1969 While flying a resupply mission in support of the 2nd ROK Brigade, YT-1, flown by 1/Lt. J. L. SPENCE took automatic weapons fire at coordinate AT 126530, taking two hits. No injuries resulted and the mission was completed.

14 May 1969 YT-1 and YT-14, piloted by 1/Lts. K. R. STUBER and R. R. KIELHOFER took S.A. fire at BT 116535 while supporting ROK forces. No hits resulted and the mission was completed.

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19 May 1969

While on an emergency medevac mission in support of ROK forces, 1/Lt. A. T. SCHRAMM flying YT-12 took S.A. fire. No hits resulted and the mission was completed.

20 May 1969

1/Lt. H. G. LARUE, flying a ROK resupply mission in YT-3, was contacted by an AO reporting five VC hiding on a river bank. Because no other support was available, Lt. LARUE delivered .50 caliber fire on the position. Results unknown.

21 May 1969

LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY and Major G. M. LARSON flying YT-16 and YT-14 on a ROK resupply mission took fire at coordinate BT045595. Both A/C received hits and returned to LPH-8. The mission was completed using replacement A/C. No injuries resulted.

26 May 1969

Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Mr. John CHAFFEE, visited the LPH-8. Seven squadron aircraft participated in a demonstration Sparrow Hawk and medevac drill. Air medals were presented to 1/Lt. K. R. STUBER, CPL. G. J. KONVINSKI, CPL. D. G. OKADA, CPL. R. D. DO LING and CPL. H. Q. MAYS.

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## PART IV

STATISTICAL SUMMARY (Taken from after action reports, corrected daily flight schedules, and daily situation reports)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>	<u>MEDEVAC</u>	<u>CARGO</u>
1	27.9	111	12	298	5	4.4
2	7.3	12	3	72	0	1.5
3	46.9	150	27	236	0	39.3
4	8.5	51	3	132	0	1.0
5	24.8	120	18	336	0	4.0
6	23.7	182	16	528	0	3.0
7	21.7	96	11	434	0	8.7
8	22.5	115	16	315	0	6.4
9	42.1	167	14	522	7	3.6
10	37.3	203	19	504	1	20.0
11	36.6	211	19	605	1	25.1
12	39.0	176	18	838	4	29.5
13	35.4	163	8	427	0	31.5
14	32.0	172	12	626	0	28.1
15	18.1	85	11	197	0	21.1
16	16.9	56	10	305	0	6.5
17	30.1	135	10	525	0	8.1
18	12.6	54	7	206	0	4.7
19	44.1	194	20	479	4	19.7
20	31.1	179	15	351	1	27.2
21	30.8	141	16	342	1	28.9
22	31.6	120	12	407	0	10.4
23	24.4	200	34	395	0	4.4
24	23.1	62	14	328	0	2.1
25	15.2	54	7	242	0	3.9
26	12.5	61	14	175	0	1.9
27	32.5	76	9	463	37	23.0
28	39.3	236	16	557	0	30.7
29	41.1	210	19	470	9	21.3
30	32.2	175	19	441	5	19.0
31	40.2	226	17	544	10	22.5
TOTAL	881.6	4193	446	12,300	85	461.5

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