



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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July 1969 to 31 July 1969

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

HMM-164

LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY 1-31Jul69

Subordinate Units

None

Attached Units

None

2. Location

1-31 Jul 69 USS VALLEY FORGE, LPH-8

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj.	A. F. RIBBECK	1-17 Jul 69
	Maj.	R. D. FOWNER	18-31 Jul 69
Operations Officer	Maj.	R. D. FOWNER	1-17 Jul 69
	Maj.	W. J. SMITH	18-31 Jul 69
Administrative Officer	Capt.	R. J. BLANCHFIELD	1-31 Jul 69
Maintenance Officer	Maj.	D. D. WILSON	1-21 Jul 69
	Capt.	G. T. KANE	22-31 Jul 69
Logistics/Supply Officer	Maj.	G. M. LARSON	1-31 Jul 69
Intelligence Officer	1/Lt.	B. K. GIGLER	1-17 Jul 69
	W.O.	G. G. CARLEY	18-31 Jul 69
NATOPS Officer	1/Lt.	T. U. WALL	1-17 Jul 69
	1/Lt.	H. A. WRIGHT	18-31 Jul 69
Safety Officer	Capt.	R. E. WEINBERG	1-17 Jul 69
	1/Lt.	A. G. ORCUTT	18-31 Jul 69

4. Average Monthly Strength

NAVAL AVIATORS	AGO	FLIGHT SURGEON	ENLISTED	BOEING REP.	GE REP.	NAVY ENL
39	4	1	246	1	0	2

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-7 July 1969, HMM-164 was located aboard the USS Valley Forge (LPH-8) in Subic Bay, Republic of the Phillipines. The ship was in Subic Bay for rehabilitation and training with both HMM-164 and BLT 2/26 aboard. Flight operations were conducted in support of SLF "B" and BLT 2/26. Missions were primarily C&C, Admin/Liason and Training. During this same period a detachment of eight (8) aircraft, twenty-one (21) pilots, and limited support personnel and equipment was located at the Hue-Phu Bai Airfield, RVN, augmenting the 1st MAW. Missions flown were primarily re-supply (in support of the ROKMC), C&C and Medevac (in support of the 1st MarDiv) and mortar watch. On 8 July 1969 the LPH-8 returned to the ICTZ and the detachment was brought back aboard. During the period 8-23 July, HMM-164 continued to support SLF "B" and BLT 2/26 and augmented the 1st MAW with available aircraft. On 24 July a helo assault with BLT 2/26 commenced Operation BRAVE ARMADA in Quang Ngai Province, RVN. HMM-164, operating exclusively in support of SLF "B" and BLT 2/26 during the period 24-31 July, flew troop lift, reconnaissance, resupply, medevac, C&C and admin/liason missions. Aircraft availability remained consistantly 60 percent and over during the Operation, enabling HMM-164 to provide extensive helicopter support for BLT 2/26 ashore.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

6 Jul 69	Major D. D. Wilson, flying YT-8 experienced a transmission failure at coord. BT 116515. No damage or injuries resulted. The aircraft was externalized to MMAF by a CH-53.
6 Jul 69	The squadron left Subic Bay aboard the LPH-8 to return to RVN.
8 Jul 69	The LPH-8 arrived on station in RVN and the detachment was brought back aboard.
9 Jul 69	1/Lt. A. T. Schramm, flying YT-14, answered a call on UHF Guard and picked up the crew of a downed CH-46 at Coord. AT 946594. SA fire was being received in the zone, however no hits were received.
14 Jul 69	1/Lt. A. T. Schramm, flying YT-17, experienced a transmission failure near Danang. An emergency landing was made at MMAF. No damage or injury resulted.
21 Jul 69	Night Carrier Landing Practice was conducted for 9 squadron pilots.
22 Jul 69	Night Carrier Landing Practice was conducted for 12 squadron pilots.
24 Jul 69	An 11 plane troop lift, led by LtCol. R. T. Trundy, opened Operation Brave Armada. BLT 2/26 was moved ashore near Binh Son, Quang Ngai Prov., into three landing zones.
25 Jul 69	1/Lt. A. G. Orcutt, flying YT-00, received CS Gas in an LZ at Coord. BS 685990 while on an emergency medevac mission. The gas was accidentally released during the explosion of an enemy self firing device.

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26 Jul 69

1/Lt. R. R. Kielhofer, flying YT-5, took six hits while sitting in a Company LZ at Coord. BS 048670. No injuries resulted and the aircraft was flown back to the LPH-8.

27 Jul 69

Major G. M. Larson, flying YT-5, received enemy small arms fire while on an emergency Recon extraction at Coord. BS 048670. Three hits were received, however no injuries resulted and the mission was successfully completed.

30 Jul 69

While on a troop lift into Coord. BS 684954, 7 squadron aircraft came under enemy small arms fire. Two aircraft were hit. Damage was minor, no injury resulted and the mission was successfully completed.

30 Jul 69

1/Lt. B. K. Gigler experienced an engine failure at sea while carrying 10 combat equipped marines. An emergency landing was made on the beach at Coord. BS 677032. No damage or injuries resulted.

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## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

STATISTICAL SUMMARY (Taken from after actions 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>MEDEVACS</u>	<u>CARGO (TONS)</u>
1	37.8	175	24	203	5	11.3
2	27.0	141	21	138	5	8.0
3	23.2	90	10	188	1	5.5
4	45.3	191	12	240	0	16.2
5	39.6	244	21	305	0	12.0
6	31.7	162	10	204	3	19.9
7	7.4	30	4	49	0	0.5
8	27.6	85	11	189	0	18.9
9	24.0	119	15	247	0	17.0
10	21.6	76	11	196	0	6.6
11	8.1	38	6	118	0	4.4
12	19.6	115	11	446	0	8.0
13	25.5	138	13	314	0	19.7
14	27.6	122	11	345	0	5.3
15	28.6	149	14	343	0	10.2
16	20.8	132	13	380	0	3.3
17	40.0	174	19	381	1	13.9
18	36.9	203	15	343	1	22.5
19	39.0	253	19	469	5	4.3
20	46.1	257	14	619	3	28.1
21	34.3	149	16	337	0	30.0
22	23.4	145	17	387	0	1.0
23	16.1	111	10	263	0	5.0
24	65.0	315	26	1154	6	20.4
25	20.1	97	6	202	2	7.0
26	30.0	131	24	341	3	3.8
27	45.8	257	29	562	6	27.8
28	39.2	184	38	308	18	23.9
29	45.9	335	19	664	11	12.0
30	42.9	279	21	304	3	22.7
31	46.7	299	27	650	7	14.0
TOTALS	986.8	5196	507	10,889	80	403.2

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