

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 164
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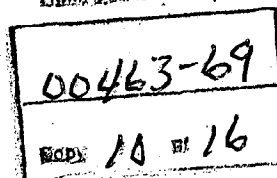
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

HMM-164

Commander

LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY 1-31 Aug 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. Location

1-12 Aug 69 U.S.S. Valley Forge LHM-8
13-31 Aug 69 Marble Mtn. Air Facility MAG-16

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj. R. D. FOWNER	1-31 Aug 1969
Operations Officer	Maj. W. J. SMITH	1-31 Aug 1969
Admin Officer	Capt. R. J. BLANCHFIELD	1-31 Aug 1969
Maintenance Officer	Capt. G. T. KANE	1-31 Aug 1969
Logistics/Supply Officer	Maj. G. M. LARSON	1-24 Aug 1969
	Maj. B. L. SHAPIRO	25-31 Aug 1969
Intelligence Officer	W.O. G. G. CARLEY	1-31 Aug 1969
NATOPS Officer	1/Lt. H. A. WRIGHT Jr.	1-31 Aug 1969
Safety Officer	1/Lt. A. G. ORCUTT	1-31 Aug 1969

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>NAVAL AVIATORS</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>FLT. SURGEON</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>BOEING REP</u>	<u>GE REP</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
41	5	1	182	1	1	4

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-7 August 1969, HMM-164 operating from the U.S.S. VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8), conducted flight operations in support of BLT 2/26 under the direction of SLF BRAVO in Operation BRAVE ARMADA, Quang Ngai Province, RVN. Missions flown in support of BLT 2/26 were, troop lift, reconnaissance, resupply, medevac, C&C, administrative and liaison. On 7 August, Operation BRAVE ARMADA terminated and the squadron backloaded BLT 2/26 aboard the VALLEY FORGE. The ship then sailed to Danang harbor where both HMM-164 and BLT 2/26 offloaded during the period 8-12 August, as the VALLEY FORGE was returning to CONUS. On 11 August, one squadron aircraft was lost at sea in an operational accident with no injury to personnel. On 13 August HMM-164 commenced flight operations from Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN, under the operational control of the FMAW. Missions flown were in support of the 1st Mar Div, ROKMC, and III MAF. On 27 August, a squadron detachment of 2 CH-46A aircraft, 5 officers and 21 enlisted were onboarded aboard the U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS to effect liaison for the forthcoming squadron and BLT onland in early September. On 28 August one squadron aircraft was lost in a high tactical LZ to direct enemy action. Three passengers sustained BRAVO injury.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Aug 69 1/Lt. ZOBENICA, flying YT-16 on a resupply mission at coord. BT 608931 received two hits from small arms fire. No damage or injuries. Mission completed.

2 Aug 69 1/Lt's OCONNOR, YT-8, and BERRY, YT-9, while extracting four emergency medevacs at coord. BT 650920 were subject to small arms fire. No hits received. Mission completed.

5 Aug 69 1/Lt. SCHRAMM, YT-9, and Major W. J. SMITH, YT-11, came under small arms fire while executing an emergency extraction of a recon team at coord. BT 651958. No hits received. Mission completed.

7 Aug 69 Operation BRAVE ARMADA terminates.

9 Aug 69 The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General L. F. CHAPMAN Jr. arrives aboard the U.S.S. VALLEY FORCE to receive briefing from CTG 79.5 and present award to HMM-164 and BLT 2/26 personnel. HMM-164 personnel receiving awards were LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY - Gold Star in lieu of 2nd DFC, Major G. M. LARSON - DFC, 1/Lt. R. H. JERNIGAN - DFC, and Sgt. W. E. ATYEO - Bronze Star.

11 Aug 69 1/Lt's CONNERY and PERINE, as pilot and co-pilot on YT-16, experienced loss of power on the number 1 engine immediately after takeoff from the U.S.S. VALLEY FORCE. Aircraft crashed at sea and sank. Pilots and aircrew escaped with no injury.

13 Aug 69 HMM-164 completes offload of BLT 2/26 and squadron from U.S.S. VALLEY FORCE. Flight operations commence from MMAF.

18 Aug 69 1/Lt. G. L. PIRTLE promoted to Captain. 2/Lt's P. L. KRANKER and R. D. KREKELER promoted to 1/Lt.

19 Aug 69 LCpl J. P. SCHAPER, crewchief YT-4, stepped outside aircraft while in an unsecure zone on a medevac mission to assist corpsman and tripped a self destruction device which wounded him.

20 Aug 69 YT-18, pilot BERRY, Mission 20, sustained 1 hit, SAF, 2000 feet AGL, coord. BT 192525. Continued to fly, mission completed.

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21 Aug 69 YT-2, Pilot MALKERSON, Mission 10, received SAF, 0 hits sustained, 700 feet AGL, coord. BT 037608. Continued to fly, mission completed.

25 Aug 69 YT-11, Pilot KIELHOFER, Mission 5, while conducting an emergency medevac from an unsecure field position, coord. AT 962272, came under intense sniper and automatic weapons fire approaching the LZ, while in the LZ, and upon departure from the LZ. No hits sustained. Mission completed.

27 Aug 69 A squadron detachment of 2 CH-46A aircraft, 5 officers and 21 enlisted were onloaded aboard the U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS (LPH-11).

28 Aug 69 YT-12, Pilot WRIGHT and co-pilot NICHOLSON, Mission 20, in conducting a combat approach to a high tactical landing zone to avoid fire, attempted wave off due to deteriorated RPM. Unsuccessful. Aircraft impacted ground, slid down hillside. Aircraft caught fire, destroyed. Crew unhurt. 3 passengers with BRUVO injury.

31 Aug 69 HMM-164 flew 18.6 total flight hours for the day. A total of 70 sorties carrying 199 passengers and 0.5 tons of cargo were flown in support of FMAW, ROKMC and 1ST MarDiv.

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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	39.2	223	25	453	5	21.5
2	36.8	193	23	363	18	5.5
3	41.5	217	23	323	6	15.5
4	40.2	199	23	407	17	25.2
5	43.5	205	27	300	16	26.2
6	32.0	195	16	454	Ø	19.1
7	41.1	240	22	898	1	8.8
8	49.9	262	27	501	8	20.5
9	9.3	43	7	111	1	0.5
10	39.2	224	21	311	Ø	3.5
11	25.9	131	12	312	Ø	26.0
12	27.5	115	16	130	Ø	33.0
13	8.9	53	6	113	Ø	6.0
14	29.7	180	20	358	2	5.5
15	27.4	129	18	270	Ø	10.5
16	40.9	166	15	427	2	3.0
17	33.6	191	20	419	1	21.0
18	35.1	133	16	156	35	20.5
19	38.2	167	19	208	4	6.2
20	46.9	184	25	202	10	19.5
21	48.2	195	23	251	Ø	28.0
22	17.1	63	8	125	Ø	2.7
23	28.4	121	13	262	Ø	3.6
24	18.9	73	13	235	Ø	0.5
25	24.6	106	9	29	58	1.0
26	15.3	46	7	106	Ø	1.0
27	27.4	107	9	218	Ø	11.6
28	28.2	102	8	198	Ø	2.5
29	28.8	76	8	161	Ø	8.5
30	20.5	120	21	Ø	32	Ø
31	18.6	70	9	199	Ø	0.5
TOT	962.8	4529	509	8,860	216	257.4

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