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1st Marine Aircraft Wing (REAR)
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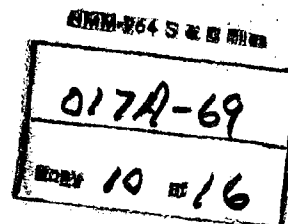
Encl: (1) HMM-164 Command Chronology

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HMM-164 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 OCTOBER 1969 to 31 OCTOBER 1969

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

HMM-164

Commander

LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY 1-3 Oct 1969
Maj. R. D. FOWNER 4-31 Oct 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. Location

1-20 Oct 69 - USS New Orleans
21-31 Oct 69 - Naha, Okinawa

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj. R. D. FOWNER	1-3 Oct 69
	Maj. W. J. SMITH	4-31 Oct 69
Operations Officer	Maj. W. J. SMITH	1-3 Oct 69
	Maj. B. L. SHAPIRO	4-16 Oct 69
	Capt. K. L. HOLM	17-31 Oct 69
Admin Officer	2/Lt. C. E. HUTSON	1-31 Oct 69
Maintenance Officer	Capt. G. T. KANE	1-2 Oct 69
	Maj. C. L. VERNILYEA	3-31 Oct 69
Logistics/Supply Officer	Maj. B. L. SHAPIRO	1-2 Oct 69
	Capt. A. H. GATES	3-31 Oct 69
Intelligence Officer	W. O. G. G. CARLEY	1-31 Oct 69
NATOPS Officer	1/Lt. H. A. WRIGHT	1-31 Oct 69
Safety Officer	1/Lt. E. H. MALLETT	1-31 Oct 69

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>NAVAL AVIATORS</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>FLT. SURG.</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>BOEING REP</u>	<u>GE REP</u>	<u>NAVY ENL.</u>
44	5	1	203	2	1	3

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-9 October the squadron operated aboard the USS New Orleans (LPH-11) in DaNang waters in support of SLF Bravo. Excess aircraft augmented the First Marine Air Wing on a daily basis. Missions flown in augmentation were visual reconnaissance, command and control, medevac, resupply, and administrative/liaison in support of the First Marine Division and ROK Marine Corps.

On 3 October Major R. D. FOWNER relieved LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY as Commanding Officer, HMM-164.

On 10 October a squadron detachment of 5 CH-46A aircraft, 18 pilots and 49 enlisted personnel deployed to Chu Lai where it assumed SAR operations under the direction of Marine Aircraft Group 12 until 16 October. Also during this same period, i.e., 10-16 October, a squadron detachment of 5 CH-46A aircraft, 15 pilots and 39 enlisted personnel were deployed aboard the USS Varadero (LPD-2) for limited SLF Bravo operations.

On 15 October HMM-164 demonstrated various aerial capabilities possessed within the assets of the SLF to the participants and guests of the COMSEVENTHFLT 8th Vietnamese Awards Ceremony held aboard the USS New Orleans.

On 16 October Colonel C. W. BOYD relieved Colonel A. E. COFFEE as SLF Bravo Commander. The Change of Command Ceremony was highlighted by a HMM-164 ten plane fly-over.

On 19 October the squadron offloaded BLT 2/26 from the LPH into the DaNang TAOR. Completion of the offload, with the subsequent sailing of the USS New Orleans to Okinawa with the squadron embarked, marked the completion of HMM-164's Vietnam combat tour, which began in March of 1966.

On 23 October the squadron offloaded at NAF Naha and conducted intensive training flights, both day and night, in all phases of tactical operations during the period 24-31 October.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 3 Oct 69 Major R. D. FOWNER relieves LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY as CO, HMM-164 in a formal Change of Command Ceremony held aboard the USS New Orleans.
- 10 Oct 69 Major W. J. SMITH, with a squadron detachment of 5 aircraft, 18 pilots and 49 enlisted personnel deploys to Chu Lai for SAR operations under direction of MAG-12. Major B. L. SHAPIRO, with a squadron detachment of 5 aircraft, 15 pilots and 39 enlisted personnel deploys to the USS Vancouver for limited SLF Bravo operations.
- 12 Oct 69 While on an administrative flight between Chu Lai and DaNang at coordinates BT364273, Capt. E. F. WILEY and 1/Lt. R. D. KREKELER as pilot and co-pilot of YT-4, received small arms fire. One hit was sustained. Minor damage and no injuries resulted. Mission completed.
- 15 Oct 69 8th Vietnamese Award Ceremony conducted aboard USS New Orleans off DaNang, RVN. Numerous honored guests were in attendance. Included among these were Vietnam's Prime Minister Tran Thien KHIEM, Admiral J. J. HYLAND, Commander Pacific Fleet, Vice Admiral W. F. BRINGLE, Commander U. S. 7th Fleet, and Rear Admiral E. M. ROSENBERG, Commander Amphibious Force, U. S. 7th Fleet.
- 16 Oct 69 Colonel C. W. BOED relieves Colonel A. E. CORFEEN as SLF Bravo Commander in a formal Change of Command Ceremony held aboard the USS New Orleans. HMM-164 executes a ten plane fly-over in connection with the ceremony. LtGen. NICKERSON, CG III MAF, is the guest of honor. HMM-164 conducts a squadron awards ceremony. 48 pilots and enlisted aircrew members receive strike/flight air medals for combat support flights in RVN.
- 19 Oct 69 Squadron helo lifts BLT 2/26 into the DaNang TAOR. Completion of the offload marks the end of HMM-164's Vietnam combat tour.
- 23 Oct 69 HMM-164 arrives at Okinawa aboard USS New Orleans and offloads at MAF Naha.
- 24-31 Oct 69 Squadron conducts intensive day and night training flights from MAF Naha.

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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>REDEVACS</u>	<u>CARGO TONS</u>
1	33.0	155	13	373	Ø	7.5
2	16.7	72	6	173	Ø	Ø
3	17.9	83	12	316	Ø	8.0
4	7.3	32	3	144	Ø	4.0
5	13.4	71	8	267	Ø	5.0
6	17.0	76	8	249	Ø	5.5
7	20.3	108	10	379	Ø	Ø
8	8.1	31	4	163	Ø	Ø
9	20.8	85	17	156	Ø	3.7
10	24.8	87	12	383	Ø	4.0
11	21.1	65	10	318	Ø	1.8
12	19.3	97	11	225	Ø	2.3
13	23.0	87	13	336	1	3.6
14	37.1	124	17	228	Ø	5.9
15	39.7	104	12	416	Ø	6.0
16	22.7	148	9	416	Ø	1.0
17	36.7	99	14	306	Ø	4.9
18	29.8	202	10	323	Ø	80.7
19	33.2	214	12	1118	1	10.5
20	6.5	16	1	10	Ø	1.0
21	Ø.Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
22	3.3	4	2	Ø	Ø	Ø
23	3.3	19	2	49	Ø	Ø
24	7.3	17	10	92	Ø	Ø
25	13.8	30	13	93	Ø	Ø
26	Ø.Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
27	25.3	53	15	70	Ø	Ø
28	32.4	103	19	145	Ø	Ø
29	37.1	164	14	116	Ø	17.4
30	28.7	116	16	113	Ø	Ø
31	15.6	42	15	98	Ø	1.5
TOTAL	615.2	2524	308	7375	2	174.3

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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>MEDEVACS</u>	<u>CARGO (TONS)</u>
1	12.5	36	12	97	Ø	1.5
2	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
3	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
4	7.5	23	14	123	Ø	2.0
5	27.7	88	23	80	1	14.0
6	26.4	94	13	86	Ø	20.0
7	27.8	206	14	456	1	44.8
8	24.2	110	20	223	1	8.5
9	19.8	102	10	342	Ø	9.2
10	3.5	5	2	5	Ø	Ø
11	11.7	21	8	60	Ø	Ø
12	12.2	32	19	11	Ø	Ø
13	35.4	228	23	959	Ø	1.4
14	1.6	7	1	9	Ø	Ø
15	12.2	46	8	41	Ø	Ø
16	1.2	12	1	30	Ø	Ø
17	17.2	99	14	30	Ø	1.0
18	17.1	93	12	47	Ø	0.7
19	8.2	32	4	17	Ø	0.5
20	16.3	57	8	105	1	1.0
21	8.0	41	4	30	Ø	1.0
22	1.0	2	1	3	1	Ø
23	8.9	10	4	5	Ø	Ø
24	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
25	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
26	8.3	11	3	6	Ø	Ø
27	5.6	10	2	10	Ø	Ø
28	23.2	60	15	57	1	1.5
29	21.3	77	8	30	Ø	2.0
30	19.4	83	13	249	Ø	9.0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>378.2</u>	<u>1585</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>3111</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>118.1</u>

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATADesignation

HMM-164

Commander

Major R. D. FOMMER
 1-7 Nov 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

Location

1-3 Nov 69 USS New Orleans (Enroute between Okinawa and Philippines)
 4-7 Nov 69 NAS Cubi Point, Republic of Philippines

Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj. W. J. SMITH	1-7 Nov
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42	5 1	187	2	1	4

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 November 1969, HMM-164 departed Naha, Okinawa and unloaded aboard the USS New Orleans (LPH-11) at Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

The second and third of November saw the squadron embarked aboard the LPH enroute to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

On 4 November, HMM-164 offloaded ashore at NAS Cubi Point to conduct maximum day and night training flights.

On 7 November, HMM-164 under the direction of Special Landing Force Bravo, participated with BLT 1/9 in a PHIBLEX into the Zambales training area of NAVSTA Subic Bay.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Nov 69 HMM-164 onloads aboard USS New Orleans at Buckner Bay,
Okinawa.

2-3 Nov 69 Enroute to Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines.

4 Nov 69 HMM-164 offloads at NAS Cubi Point.

7 Nov 69 HMM-164 joins BLT 1/9 in a PHIBLEX into the Zamboales training
area at Subic Bay under the direction of Special Landing
Force Bravo.

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TOTALS	101.9	447	76	842	2	82.3