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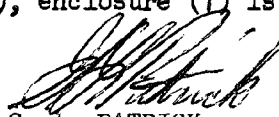
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commander Task Group 79.5

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Encl: ✓ (1) Command Chronology for period 1-30 September 1968

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.


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Part I1. Organizational Data

a. Commanding Officer	G. L. PATRICK, LTCOL	1Sep-30Sep68
b. Executive Officer	J. E. PRATHER, MAJ	1Sep-30Sep68
c. Operations Officer	R. D. TAYLOR, MAJ	1Sep-30Sep68
d. Administrative Officer	R. A. BROWN, 1/LT	1Sep-30Sep68
e. Maintenance Officer	A. D. DAVIS, MAJ	1Sep-30Sep68
f. Logistics/Supply Officer	L. R. ADAMS, CAPT	1Sep-30Sep68
g. NATOPS Officer	R. G. MITCHELL, MAJ	1Sep-30Sep68
h. Safety Officer	V. S. REED, MAJ	1Sep-30Sep68

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

a. HMM-165, Marine Aircraft Group 15, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMFPac, FPO, San Francisco, 96602

b. 1 September 1968 - 30 September 1968

3. Average Strength of Squadron

<u>NAVAL AVIATORS</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>FLIGHT SURGEON</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>BOEING REP</u>	<u>G.E. REP</u>
45	4	1	165	2	1

4. Important Visitors to Squadron

a. None

Part II

1 September 1968. HMM-165 spent the day getting ready for on loading to the USS TRIPOLI, LPH-10, and at 1700 the White Knights put 18 CH-46's into the air. Of the eighteen aircraft to lift from Phu Bai, seventeen arrived at the USS TRIPOLI, a credit to the efforts of all concerned. LTCOL G. L. PATRICK led the flight.

2 September 1968. The first day of supporting the Special Landing Force, the White Knights were primarily occupied with administrative and liaison runs to the DaNang areas. Major A. D. DAVIS led his section of CH-46's to the command post of the 2nd Battalion/ 7th Marines lifting 10,500 pounds of cargo and 52 passengers.

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3 September 1968. Three sections of White Knights on Mission 81 B lifted 37,000 pounds of cargo and 175 passengers while running ship to ship and ship to shore shuttles.

4 September 1968. Weather limited operations to only one Mission, 51 B, which was completed by two White Knight aircraft led by LtCol. G. L. PATRICK.

5 September 1968. No flight operations were held today due to the typhoon which struck the coast of South Viet Nam near Hue.

6 September 1968. Mission 81 B was completed while lifting 1,600 pounds of cargo and 52 passengers between the C/P of 2/7 and the USS TRIPOLI. The White Knights also gave support to Marine Aircraft Group 16 in completing Mission 84 B, a resupply mission of the Special Forces outposts at Thong Duc.

7 September 1968. Due to the decreased activity of 2/7, HMM-165 sent a division of CH-46's ashore to support Marine Aircraft Group 16. Led by Major J. E. PRATHER, the White Knights lifted 17,000 pounds of cargo to outposts south of DaNang. Mission 81 B, was completed by two sections of White Knights resulting in 19,000 pounds of cargo and 104 passengers lifted on the ship to shore shuttle.

8 September 1968. HMM-165 sent five aircraft to MAG-16 with LtCol. G. L. PATRICK as the flight leader. Four of the White Knights gave support to the Republic of Korea Marines as they lifted 36,500 pounds of cargo and 48 troops to the outposts south of DaNang. The fifth White Knight aircraft gave support to recon forces located south of DaNang completing an overfly and resupply mission. Completion of Mission 81 B resulted in 3,600 pounds of cargo and 91 passengers lifted while shuttling ship to shore.

9 September 1968. Two sections of White Knight aircraft were detached to MAG-16. The first section led by Major A. D. DAVIS gave support to the Republic of Korea Marines on Mission 9 and lifted 31,000 pounds of cargo and 155 troops. The second section, with 1/Lt. A. S. EDGAR working Mission 21 and Capt. S. D. TURNER flying armed escort for the first section compiled 23 sorties.

10 September 1968. The White Knights continued their support of the ROK Marines as three aircraft led by Major R. D. TAYLOR lifted 35,000 pounds of cargo and 58 troops in completing Mission 9. Another flight of CH-46's led by Major V. S. REED gave support to the 3rd Marine Division and completed their mission while lifting 6,000 pounds of cargo and 91 troops to outposts south of the DMZ. Mission 81 B was completed with totals showing

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10,000 pounds of cargo and 125 passengers lifted during the ship to shore shuttle.

11 September 1968. Major R. G. MITCHELL led his section of White Knights ashore in support of the Republic of Korea Marines. In completing Mission 9, the section lifted 24,000 pounds of cargo and 27 troops. Mission 81 B was carried out by two sections led by LtCol. G. L. PATRICK and Capt. S. D. TURNER. Totals showed 13,000 pounds of cargo and 95 passengers lifted while shuttling ship to shore.

12 September 1968. With LtCol. G. L. PATRICK as flight leader, three White Knight aircraft launched to the area of An Hoa south of DaNang. Working on Mission 16, the flight lifted 9,000 pounds of cargo and 164 troops while coming under fire on three different occasions. Capt. L. R. ADAMS utilized his CH-46 effectively in lifting 6,500 pounds of cargo and 89 passengers while shuttling ship to shore. Major R. G. MITCHELL led his section to the An Hoa area also on Mission Number 16. Totals for the section showed 15,600 pounds of cargo and 122 troops lifted and the area continued to give evidence of enemy presence as the section came under fire on three occasions. Major A. D. DAVIS led his section of White Knights on Mission 82 B, an administrative shuttle. Eleven hundred pounds of cargo and 42 passengers were lifted in completing the mission.

13 September 1968. With Major A. D. DAVIS as flight leader, three White Knights carried out Mission 9 supporting ROK Marines. Encountering fire at their first drop zone, they continued to complete the mission, lifting 31,000 pounds of cargo and 103 troops. Major V. S. REED led his section of CH-46's on Mission 86 B supporting units of 2nd Battalion 7th Marines in the field while lifting 800 pounds of cargo and 92 troops to outposts south of DaNang.

14 September 1968. Two White Knights worked three Missions, 9, 37, and 44. Led by Major R. D. TAYLOR the section lifted 4,000 pounds of cargo and 85 troops. Second Battalion 7th Marines received support from HMM-165 as Capt. J. J. SMITH led his section south of DaNang on Mission 15. Totals showed 5,000 pounds of cargo and 165 troops lifted. Mission 81 B supporting the SLF was completed by the White Knights resulting in 6,000 pounds of cargo and 95 troops lifted. Major A. D. DAVIS led his section on Mission Number 82 B lifting 3,000 pounds of cargo and 18 passengers in completing the mission.

15 September 1968. The ROK Marines received support from the White Knights as Major V. S. REED led his section south of DaNang. Thirteen thousand five hundred pounds of cargo and 33 troops were lifted in completing Mission Number 9. Capt. S. D. TURNER was the section leader as two White Knights completed two overflights of recon zones south of DaNang.

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Major A. D. DAVIS led the way as a flight of 3 CH-46's completed Mission 15. Despite encountering enemy fire in the drop zone, they successfully lifted 11,000 pounds of cargo and 62 troops to an outpost south of DaNang. Completion of Mission 81 B by HMM-165 resulted in 5,000 pounds of cargo and 66 passengers shuttled ship to shore.

16 September 1968. Operation MAMELUKE THRUST gained support from HMM-165 as two sections of White Knights, led by Major R. G. MITCHELL and 1/Lt. E. L. FISCHER carried out Mission 15. Totals showed 13,000 pounds of cargo and 140 troops lifted to outposts south of DaNang. First Lieutenant J. R. RUDOLPH completed Mission 5 I and returned 5 POW's for interrogation to DaNang. With 1/Lt. W. B. RING as section leader, Mission Number 9 supporting the ROK Marines, was completed with totals showing 13,000 pounds of cargo and 21 troops lifted. Mission 81 B was completed by two sections led by Major R. D. TAYLOR and Capt. J. J. SMITH while lifting 11,000 pounds of cargo and 89 passengers during the ship to shore shuttle.

17 September 1968. Three sections of White Knights went ashore to give support to MAG-16. LtCol. G. L. PATRICK led the first section on Mission Numbers 9 and 39. Utilizing their CH-46's fully they lifted 37,000 pounds of cargo and 36 troops in 9.4 total flight hours. Capt. S. D. TURNER was the section leader of the second section which lifted 2,600 pounds of cargo and 24 troops in completing Mission 23. With Capt. G. V. OTTO in the lead, the second section completed Mission 15 in support of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST while lifting 500 pounds of cargo and 23 troops. Mission 81 B was completed by two sections led by Major A. D. DAVIS and Capt. J. J. SMITH. Totals showed 13,000 pounds of cargo and 139 passengers shuttled ship to shore.

18 September 1968. HMM-165 sent six White Knight aircraft ashore on Mission 9 supporting the ROK Marines. The three sections led by Major V. S. REED, Capt. L. R. ADAMS and 1/Lt. G. A. MCKINNEY, lifted 41,000 pounds of cargo and 142 troops in completing the mission. Major R. G. MITCHELL led his section south of DaNang on Mission 84 B which completed showed 3,000 pounds of cargo and 57 troops lifted in support of the ARVN Forces. Capt. G. V. OTTO was the section leader as Mission 16 was completed by the White Knights while lifting 6,000 pounds of cargo and 61 troops. Mission Number 81 B when completed showed 1,600 pounds of cargo and 139 passengers shuttled between ship and shore.

19 September 1968. The 5th Marines operating south of DaNang in the An Hoa area received very ample support from the White Knight flight led by Major R. D. TAYLOR. Twenty three thousand pounds of cargo and 129 troops were lifted by the division. Major V. S. REED led his section on Mission 16 south west of DaNang. Supporting outposts of the 5th Marines they lifted 23,000 pounds of cargo and 130 troops to landing zones in the mountains

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north of An Hoa. Mission 81 B supporting 2/7 resulted in 82 passengers and 1,000 pounds of cargo lifted between the c/p and the USS TRIPOLI.

20 September 1968. With Major A. D. DAVIS leading the section of White Knights, Mission 9 in support of the ROK Marines was completed with 3,300 pounds of cargo and 28 troops lifted to outposts south of DaNang. Major R. G. MITCHELL as section leader, Mission 15 was completed with totals showing 3,600 pounds of cargo and 79 troops lifted to positions south of Hill 55. Mission 81 B resulted in 3,800 pounds of cargo and 89 passengers lifted to and from the Command Post in support of 2/7. Mission 83 B was completed with totals showing 1,150 pounds of cargo and 35 passengers lifted during the ship to shore shuttle.

21 September 1968. Supporting the 5th Marines on Mission 16, the section of White Knights led by Capt. L. R. ADAMS lifted 20,000 pounds of cargo and 103 troops to positions south of Hill 55. Missions 24 and 26 were completed by the section of CH-46's led by LtCol. G. L. PATRICK with totals showing 19,00 pounds of cargo and 68 troops lifted to positions west of DaNang. Mission 85 B supporting the SLF resulted in 7,200 pounds of cargo and 75 passengers lifted during the shuttle from the Command Post to the TRIPOLI. Missions 81 B, 82 B, and 83 B when completed had totals of 5,500 pounds of cargo and 105 passengers lifted.

22 September 1968. Mission 15 was carried out by a section of White Knights led by Major V. S. REED. Totals showed 9,000 pounds of cargo and 78 troops lifted in completing the mission. Capt. S. D. TURNER led his section on Mission Number 9 supporting the ROK Marines. In completing the mission the section lifted 18,000 pounds of cargo and 24 troops. Major A. D. DAVIS was the flight leader as three White Knight CH-46's gave support to Marine units located in the field south of Hill 55. They completed a troop lift of 254 combat troops and then lifted 6,300 pounds of supplies to their positions. Mission Number 81 B totals for the day showed 33,000 pounds of cargo and 102 passengers shuttled from ship to shore.

23 September 1968. Two sections led by Major R. D. TAYLOR and 1/Lt. E. L. FISCHER completed Mission 9 supporting the ROK Marines. The four White Knights lifted 37,000 pounds of cargo and 147 troops in completing the Mission. Led by LtCol. G. L. PATRICK a section of CH-46's launched on Missions 40 and 26 with totals showing 33,000 pounds of cargo lifted in 6.7 total flight hours. Mission 81 B when completed showed 17,000 pounds of cargo and 112 troops lifted in support of 2/7.

24 September 1968. With Major R. G. MITCHELL and 1/Lt. W. B. RING leading their respective sections, the ROK Marines received ample support from the White Knights of HMM-165 as they lifted 53,000 pounds of cargo and 48 troops. First Lieutenant G. A. MCKINNEY was the section leader when two

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White Knights completed an overfly for the recon forces of the First Marine Division. Mission 81 B resulted in 5,200 pounds of cargo and 65 passengers lifted.

25 September 1968. Mission Numbers 81 B and 83 B were the only flight operations conducted today. Totals for the completed missions showed 8,000 pounds of cargo and 194 passengers.

26 September 1968. Two sections of White Knights gave support to units in the field south of DaNang. Major R. D. TAYLOR led his section on Mission 40 supporting the ARVN Rangers lifting 2,700 pounds of cargo and 180 troops. First Lieutenant E. L. FISCHER led his section on the same mission lifting 145 troops. Mission 81 B showed 2,000 pounds of cargo and 121 troops lifted in support of the SLF.

27 September 1968. LtCol. G. L. PATRICK led his section of White Knights on Mission Number 9. While giving support to the ROK Marines, the section lifted 5,000 pounds of cargo and 51 troops. Capt. J. J. SMITH led another section of CH-46's in support of the 5th Marines. Working out of Hill 55, the section lifted 52 troops to field positions. Mission 81 B showed 5,200 pounds of cargo and 182 passengers lifted during the shuttle between the LPH-10 and the 2/7 Command Post.

28 September 1968. Major V. S. REED was the section leader as the White Knights again gave support to the ROK Marines on Mission 9. Totals showed 42,800 pounds of cargo and 208 troops lifted in 11.2 total flight hours. Major R. D. TAYLOR led his section as they completed Mission 9, lifting 6,200 pounds of cargo and 55 troops. With 1/Lt. G. A. MCKINNEY as section leader, two White Knights gave support to the 7th Marines while lifting 175 combat troops on a troop lift east of Thong Duc. Mission 81 B was completed with 1,000 pounds of cargo and 130 passengers lifted.

29 September 1968. A section of White Knights led by 1/Lt. W. B. RING gave support to 1st Marine Division as they lifted 3,000 pounds of cargo and 48 troops to positions south of DaNang. Mission 22 was completed by two CH-46's led by 1/Lt. E. L. FISCHER. Totals showed 12,000 pounds and 44 troops lifted in completing the mission. The daily ship to shore shuttle, Mission 11 B, resulted in 15,600 pounds of cargo and 168 passengers lifted. Major V. S. REED led his section on Mission 15 in support of the 7th Marines. In completing the mission the section lifted 63 troops.

30 September 1968. Capt. L. R. ADAMS was the section leader of the two White Knights on Mission 9 supporting the ROK Marines. Twenty nine thousand pounds of cargo and 87 troops were lifted by the section in 7.6 total hours flight time. Mission 81 B supporting the forces of 2/7, show-

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ed 2,700 pounds of cargo and 91 passengers lifted. The White Knights reached their highest total flight time this fiscal year this month by flying a total of 1,206.3 hours.

Part III1. Listing of Significant Eventsa. Personnel.

(1) Transfers to HMM-165

(a) Officers none

(b) Enlisted none

(2) Transfers from HMM-165

(a) Officers none

(b) Enlisted 2

(3) Promotions

(a) none

(4) Casualties

(a) none

b. Operations. During this reporting period HMM-165 flew 3,618 sorties, carrying 7,850 troops/passengers and 559.0 tons of cargo for the total of 1,206.3 flight hours.

c. Maintenance.

(1) Average availability for the period 1 September through 30 September 1968 was 56 %.

Part IV1. Supporting Documents.

a. none

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