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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART 1
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165

COMMANDER

G. L. PATRICK
1 Feb - 25 Feb
T. E. RAINES
26 Feb - 28 Feb

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None.

ATTACHED UNITS

None.

2. LOCATION

1 February through 28 February 1969: Marble Mountain Air Facility,
Da Nang, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

A. Commanding Officer	G. L. PATRICK, LtCol.	1-25Feb69
	T. E. RAINES, LtCol.	26-28Feb69
B. Executive Officer	V. S. REED, Maj.	1-28Feb69
C. Operations Officer	A. C. MACAULAY, Maj.	1-28Feb69
D. Administrative Officer	J. H. LEIGHTON, Capt.	1-28Feb69
E. Maintenance Officer	R. G. MITCHELL, Maj.	1-28Feb69
F. Logistics/Supply Officer	D. L. DAVIS, Maj.	1-28Feb69
G. NATOPS Officer	F. S. BASTIEN, Capt.	1-28Feb69
H. Aviation Safety Officer	P. R. QUAM, Capt.	1-28Feb69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>Naval Aviators</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>Flight Surgeon</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
45	3	1	165
<u>Boeing Rep</u>	<u>G. E. Rep</u>		
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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 Feb 69. Major V. S. REED led a flight of six White Knight aircraft to An Hoa for continued support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON. 335 troops and 29.9 tons of cargo were lifted during 157 sorties in 43.9 hours of flight time.

2 Feb 69. White Knight totals for the day were 272 troops and 34,000 pounds of cargo lifted during 29.1 flight hours. Lieutenant L. B. JIVIDEN and Lieutenant G. V. BLACKBIRD successfully extracted recon team "Pickwick Papers" while under heavy enemy fire.

3 Feb 69. HMM-165 med-evac aircraft flew 30 missions today. 95 battlefield casualties were lifted from forward positions to rear hospital pads. Small arms fire was received during an evacuation for the Republic Of Korea Marine Corps.

4 Feb 69. The White Knights flew 86 sorties in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON today. 246 combat troops and 23,000 pounds of cargo were lifted from the An Hoa combat base to mountain top positions to the southwest.

5 Feb 69. Major R. G. MITCHELL and a flight of 4 White Knight 46's lifted engineer survey teams, 309 support troops and associated combat supplies to a new fire support base farther west than any as yet established. During 32.9 hours of flight time over 23,000 pounds of cargo was air transported into the zone.

6 Feb 69. Today the White Knights flew 169 sorties in 45.4 hours of flight time. 587 troops and 33,000 pounds of cargo were helo-lifted to 1st Marine Division forward positions.

7 Feb 69. Heavy enemy resistance was encountered in resupply operations today. Numerous 50 Caliber and automatic weapons fire incidents occurred during the helo-resupply in the mountains. Despite the heavy ground fire, the White Knights delivered 9,000 pounds of cargo and 89 troops to the TAYLOR COMMON area.

8 Feb 69. LtCol. G. L. PATRICK led 6 White Knight 46's during 212 sorties in the TAYLOR COMMON area. 90,000 pounds of cargo and 488 combat troops were helo-lifted to the mountainous terrain during the day.

9 Feb 69. Captain P. R. QUAM flew six med-evac missions in the An Hoa area. 24 ARVN and USMC casualties were air lifted to secure areas for intensive medical care.

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10 Feb 69. Captain L. R. ADAMS led a flight of White Knights to An Hoa for continued support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON. The flight lifted 32.3 tons of cargo and 259 troops during 132 sorties.

11 Feb 69. Major V. S. REED led a flight of six White Knights to An Hoa for continued support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON. Over 100,000 pounds of cargo and 155 troops were helo-lifted to forward positions during the 55 hours of flight time.

12 Feb 69. LtCol. G. L. PATRICK received enemy fire while lifting emergency med-evacs from the An Hoa area. During the 4.9 hours of flight time, LtCol. PATRICK air-lifted 26 battlefield casualties from field positions to rear hospital areas at Da Nang.

13 Feb 69. Lieutenant J. W. GROULX flew 4.5 hours while inserting reconnaissance patrols deep in the mountainous terrain southwest of An Hoa. Two patrols were inserted and one extracted from known enemy infiltration routes.

14 Feb 69. Lieutenant James SCHWEND and a section of White Knight aircraft flew 8.3 hours in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON. 23,150 pounds of combat cargo and 104 troops were lifted during the 35 sorties.

15 Feb 69. Major R. G. MITCHELL and six HMM-165 46's flew 227 sorties in the performance of backload operations for Operation TAYLOR COMMON. 917 troops were helo-lifted from the mountainous zones to the An Hoa combat base.

16 Feb 69. Today the White Knights flew 182 sorties during 54.7 flight hours. 311 troops and 80,000 pounds of cargo were transported by the squadron.

17 Feb 69. Major V. S. REED and a section of CH-46's flew 9 hours during the night of 17-18 February. ARVN and USMC emergency casualties were extracted under cover of darkness and lifted to intensive care units in the Da Nang area.

18 Feb 69. Lieutenant James SCHWEND flew med-evac missions in the An Hoa area today. During 3.3 hours of flight time, he and his crew received enemy fire while lifting 21 casualties from enemy infested territory in the An Hoa vicinity.

19 Feb 69. Captain L. R. ADAMS led a White Knight flight during resupply operations at An Hoa. 14,000 pounds of cargo and 50 troops were lifted during 10.8 flight hours.

20 Feb 69. The White Knights assumed responsibility for med-evac missions throughout the Da Nang TAOR today. 41 USMC and ARVN casualties were helo-extracted from field positions during day and night flight operations.

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21 Feb 69. Lieutenant D. D. HUNDLEY flew day long casualty evacuation missions in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON today. During 4.1 hours of flight time 18 med-evacs were helo-extracted from field positions.

22 Feb 69. LtCol. G. L. PATRICK and a section of White Knights flew 74 sorties in support of the 1st Marine Regiment. 73,000 pounds of combat cargo and 24 troops were air lifted to forward positions for continuing operations in the area.

23 Feb 69. Today the White Knights lifted over 70,000 pounds of cargo and 219 troops during 38.2 hours of flight time. 88 ROK and US Marines were med-evaced under heavy small arms fire with one instance of grenades thrown at the aircraft.

24 Feb 69. Captain L. R. ADAMS rescued 36 battlefield casualties while receiving .50 caliber machinegun and 82mm mortar fire. During his last pickup his aircraft was shot down by a heavy concentration of enemy fire and Captain A. G. SPROULE landed to pickup the crew and med-evacs aboard the damaged aircraft. During the remainder of the day the White Knights flew 267 sorties during 71.6 flight hours while lifting 329 troops and over 100,000 pounds of cargo.

25 Feb 69. Major R. G. MITCHELL and Lieutenant J. W. GROULX flew 9.1 hours during night emergency extract missions of wounded allied personnel and civilians. Lieutenant D. D. HUNDLEY and Lieutenant M. W. WOLTER inserted 2 reconnaissance patrols in the TAYLOR COMMON area to observe enemy infiltration.

26 Feb 69. Captain L. R. ADAMS led White Knight resupply efforts for Operation TAYLOR COMMON. His section lifted 101,000 pounds of cargo and 54 troops to hilltop and flat land zones. Enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire was encountered during the days flying.

27 Feb 69. Today the White Knights of HMM-165 flew 195 sorties during 56.1 hours of flight time. 54 battlefield casualties were rescued despite heavy enemy fire around the pickup zones.

28 Feb 69. Captain L. R. ADAMS and Lieutenant G. H. SIGGINS flew 14.5 hours today in support of Operation TAYLOR COMMON. The White Knight section lifted 248 troops and 28,000 pounds of cargo during 59 sorties. Captain F. S. BASTIEN air lifted 40 med-evacs during the afternoon of the 28th. During 13 sorties Captain BASTIEN flew personnel from the USS Repose to Da Nang for air evacuation to Japan.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operations Participated In:

- a. DEWEY CANYON
- b. LINN RIVER
- c. TAYLOR COMMON
- d. VICTORY DRAGON VIII

2. Personnel:

a. Transfers To HMM-165

Officers 7

Enlisted 24

b. Transfers From HMM-165

Officers 10

Enlisted 10

c. Promotions

SSgt. M. L. BROWNING was promoted from Sgt.
Cpl. R. P. BISE was promoted from LCpl.
Cpl. R. C. BURRIS was promoted from LCpl.
Cpl. J. F. ELLIS was promoted from LCpl.
Cpl. M. P. GREERAN was promoted from LCpl.
Cpl. C. M. HAMILTON was promoted from LCpl.
Cpl. W. L. HARRIS was promoted from LCpl.
Cpl. M. J. SLEDZ was promoted from LCpl.
LCpl. H. J. ENGROFF was promoted from PFC.
LCpl. J. C. TOURTILLOTT was promoted from PFC.

d. Casualties Sustained

Cpl. I. J. WILLIAMS 2178806/6351 was wounded in action on
24 February 1969 when he was struck by enemy fire.

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3. Logistics:

a. During this reporting period HMM-165 flew 5,301 sorties, carrying 750.6 tons of cargo, 9,350 troops/passengers, 940 med-evacs for a total of 1,434.2 flight hours.

4. Maintenance:

a. Average availability for the period 1 February through 28 February 1969 was 89%.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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