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Marine Aircraft Group 16
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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16
(2) Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 - 17 August 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) WGO 5750.4

Encl: (1) HMM-165 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. Downgraded at three year intervals; declassified after 12 years DOD directive 5200.10.

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PART 1ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165

COMMANDER

T. E. RAINES
1 August - 17 August

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None.

ATTACHED UNITS

None.

2. LOCATION

1 August through 17 August 1969: Marble Mountain Air Facility, DaNang, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

A. Commanding Officer	T. E. RAINES, LtCol.	1-17 August 69
B. Executive Officer	C. H. KLINGENSMITH, Maj.	1-17 August 69
C. Operations Officer	R. S. PLASTERER, Maj.	1-17 August 69
D. Administrative Officer	D. D. BRADLEY, Capt.	1-17 August 69
E. Maintenance Officer	A. C. MACAULAY, Maj.	1-17 August 69
F. Logistics/Supply Officer	F. F. STANSFIELD, Capt.	1-17 August 69
G. NATOPS Officer	C. H. RYAN, 1stLt.	1-17 August 69
H. Aviation Safety Officer	C. H. RYAN, 1stLt.	1-17 August 69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>Naval Aviators</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>Flight Surgeon</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
32	4	1	172
<u>Boeing Rep</u>	<u>G. E. Rep</u>		
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 August 69. The Lady Aces began August with a modified schedule. The modification revolved around the move programmed for the middle of the month. Four White Knight aircraft were in Viet Nam's skies for a total of 5.9 flight hours.

2 August 69. The Lady Aces had their aircraft in the air 39.3 flight hours as twelve of our pilots spearheaded the work day. All missions flown were either C&C, SAR, or VIP. Being the day before the stand down, the squadron was working toward the move with all hands aboard.

3 August 69. Two missions were scheduled on the Lady Ace's last true flying day in Viet Nam. A bit of precision and refinement seemed eminent to protect the reputation which had been so long and honorably built.

4 August 69. All departments and shops were now readying themselves for the forthcoming move. No flights were scheduled and the maintenance teams were working on the aircraft. One aircraft was launched to the ship.

5 August 69. Same as August 4 with the exception of a bird being launched.

6 August 69. No flights were scheduled and an ACM was held at 0830H.

7 August 69. No flights scheduled.

8 August 69. All pilots who were not carrier qualified before this date were qualified today, and all the veteran pilots brushed up on their carrier approaches.

9 August 69. No flights were scheduled.

10 August 69. No flights were scheduled.

11 August 69. No flights were scheduled.

12 August 69. No flights were scheduled.

13 August 69. LtCol. T. E. RAINES led his reputed Lady Aces out of a combat zone and the embarkation upon the Valley Forge was carried out. A total of 9.9 hours were needed to load the gear aboard. At 2100H, the Valley Forge pointed toward Okinawa and the Lady Aces were off to a new place and a different duty.

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14 August 69. The Lady aces were aboard ship and the only excitement was that 40 - 60 knot winds would be across the deck the next day.

15 August 69. The ship made it past the half way mark, and all was well with the White Knights.

16 August 69. The ship arrived in the vicinity late in the day and was getting ready for the debarkation the following day.

17 August 69. It took the Lady Aces half the time to debark off the ship than it did to embark on the ship after LtCol. RAINES led a fly-over across the island of Okinawa. All the Lady Ace aircraft were in the sky at the same time and the offloading went very well.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operations Participated In:

a. VICTORY DRAGON XIV

2. Personnel:

a. Transfers To HMM-165

Officers 40

Enlisted 52

b. Transfers From HMM-165

Officers 0

Enlisted 6

c. Promotions

None

d. Casualties Sustained

None

3. Logistics:

a. During this reporting period HMM-165 flew 226 sorties, carrying 302.6 tons of cargo, 459 troops/passengers, and 0 med-evacs for a total of 213.2 flight hours.

b. Average availability for the period 1 August through 17 August 1969 was 92(%) percent.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.