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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 24
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Brigade, FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 8 through 19 May 1971

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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262
Marine Aircraft Group 24
1st Marine Brigade, Fleet Marine Force
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Brigade
Via: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 24

Subj: Command Chronology for the period of 8 May to 19 May 1971.

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.2

Encl: (1) HMM-262 Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

8 May-19 May 1971

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONS

COMMANDER

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262

LtCol F. K. WEST, Jr.
8 May-19 May 1971

2. LOCATION

8-12 May 1971, Marble Mountain Air Facility, DaNang RVN.
13-17 May 1971, Embarked from Marble Mountain Air Facility, DaNang RVN to
MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.
17-19 May 1971, MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. John A. ROGERS	8-19 May 1971
Operations Officer	Maj. William H. REVER, Jr.	8-19 May 1971
Logistics Officer	Capt. David W. NELSON	8-19 May 1971
Administrative Officer	Capt. James H. LAVELLE	8-19 May 1971
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt. James V. STIGER	8-19 May 1971
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Maj. Connie A. BARSKY	8-19 May 1971
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major Michael F. DOYLE	8-19 May 1971

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	
42	167	0	0	



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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. HMM-262 was the last active CH-46D squadron in Vietnam. After standing down "Chatterbox" began the serious work of preparing for embarkation. On 13 May 1971 the main body of HMM-262 departed Marble Mountain Air Facility for MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. The main body of HMM-262 led by LtCol F. K. WEST, Jr. arrived at MCAS Kaneohe Bay on 17 May 1971.

2. The last components of HMM-262 departed Marble Mountain Air Facility, with the loading of "Chatterbox's" aircraft aboard the U.S.S. Iwo Jima on 19 May 1971.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel.

a. Transferred to HMM-262	0 Officers	0 Enlisted
b. Transferred from HMM-262	16 Officers	42 Enlisted
c. Promoted to present rank	0 Officers	0 Enlisted

2. Awards. No awards were presented during the period of 8-19 May 1971.

3. Operational Highlights.

13 May 1971

The main body of HMM-262 departed Marble Mountain Air Facility for MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. After a short stop in Okinawa, the main body departed in two groups; one arriving at Kaneohe on 16 May and the other on 17 May. LtCol F. K. WEST, Jr. arrived on 17 May and was greeted by Col R.E.CAREY, Commanding Officer of MAG-24.

19 May 1971

The thirty aircraft assigned to HMM-262 were loaded aboard the U.S.S. Iwo Jima. Each aircraft had to be towed a distance of nine miles to Deep Water Pier in order to be loaded. Maj. J. A. ROGERS, Executive Officer accompanied the aircraft.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. There were no supporting documents.

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1st Marine Brigade, Fleet Marine Force
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W. H. REVER, Jr.
Acting

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

8 May-30 June 1971

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONS

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262

COMMANDERLtCol F. K. WEST, Jr.
8 May-29 June 1971Maj C. M. LIVELY
29 - 30 June 19712. LOCATION8-17 May 1971, Embarked from Marble Mountain Air Facility, DaNang RVN to
MCAS Kanoeha, Hawaii.

17 May-30 June 1971, MCAS Kanoeha, Hawaii.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. John A. ROGERS	8 May-18 June 71
	Maj. William H. REVER, Jr.	18 Jun-30 June 71
Operations Officer	Maj. William H. REVER, Jr.	8 May-18 June 71
	Maj. Connie A. BARSKY	18 Jun-30 June 71
Logistics Officer	Capt. David W. NELSON	8 May-30 June 71
Administrative Officer	Capt. James H. LAVELLE	8 May-30 June 71
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt. James V. STIGER	8 May-30 June 71
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Maj. Connie A. BARSKY	8 May-18 June 71
	Capt. James R. FULLER	18 Jun-30 June 71
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major Michael F. DOYLE	8 May-30 June 71

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. HMM-262 was the last active CH-46D squadron in Vietnam. After standing down Chatterbox began the serious work of last minute embark details. On 13 May 1971 the main body of HMM-262 departed Marble Mountain Air Facility for MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. The main body of HMM-262 arrived at MCAS Kaneohe Bay on 17 May 1971 along with LtCol. F. K. WEST, Jr., commanding.
2. On 1 June 1971 HMM-262's aircraft arrived at NAS Barbers Point aboard the U.S.S. Iwo Jima. The first HMM-262 aircraft was flown to MCAS Kaneohe Bay by LtCol. F. K. WEST, Jr. on 3 June 1971. On 8 June 1971 a flyover of 24 birds was lead by LtCol WEST.
3. The first operational frag commitments were accepted on 14 June 1971 from MAG-24. During the month of June, HMM-262 aircraft flew 318.9 hours, 212 sorties, carried 22.8 tons of cargo and 554 passengers. Missions were flown in support of the 1st Marine Brigade and Marine Aircraft Group 24.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel.

a. Transferred to HMM-262	8 Officers	13 Enlisted
b. Transferred from HMM-262	15 Officers	50 Enlisted
c. Promoted to present rank	2 Officers	4 Enlisted

2. Awards. HMM-262 awarded three Navy-Marine Corps Medals and one Distinguished Flying Cross.

3. Operational Highlights.

13 May 1971

The main body of HMM-262 departed Marble Mountain Air Facility for MCAS Kaneohe, Hawaii. After a short stop in Okinawa, the main body departed in two groups; one arriving on 16 May and the other on 17 May. LtCol F. K. WEST, Jr. arrived on 17 May and was greeted by Col. R. CAREY, C. O. of MAG-24.

8 June 1971

HMM-262 had a flyover of 24 aircraft at MCAS Kaneohe. The aircraft arrived at NAS Barbers Point on 1 June so it is a credit to HMM-262 to have their aircraft operational so quickly. LtCol. F. K. WEST, Jr. led the flyover and he had the honor of having Brig. General V. A. ARMSTRONG, flying with him. Col. R. CAREY also participated in the flyover.

10 June 1971

HMM-262 was launched on an emergency SAR mission to the island of Kauai. The purpose of the mission was to try and locate the RIO of a downed F-4 aircraft. Although the search continued for three days combined efforts of the Navy, Coast Guard, and HMM-262 were unable to locate the downed RIO.

14 June 1971

HMM-262 accepted the first operational frag commitments from MAG-24. Missions consisted mainly of inter-island transport of Marines and logistic cargo with an average launch of seven aircraft per day.

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29 June 1971

LtCol F. K. WEST, Jr. was relieved as commander of HMM-262 by
Major C. M. LIVELY.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. There were no supporting documents.

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