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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON-362
Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein)
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, MACV
APO San Francisco, California, 95502

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5750

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Special Landing Force

Subj: Command Chronology

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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, 1-30 November 1966

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 NOVEMBER - 30 NOVEMBER 1966

PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Squadron Staff:

Commanding Officer: LtCol Marshall B. ARMSTRONG
 Executive Officer: Major Richard P. BRAY
 Administrative Officer: Capt Donald B. HIRSCH
 Intelligence Officer: Capt Thomas K. TIERNEY
 Operations Officer: Major Harold E. LEWIS
 Material Officer: Capt James B. HIPPERT
 Maintenance Officer: Major James T. GORDON

2. Task Organization:

a. Throughout the reporting period, HMM-362 functioned alongside BLT 3/26 as a helicopter transport squadron in the Special Landing Force.

b. HMM-362 was located aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LHA-2) 1-9 November, and aboard the USS Vancouver (LPD-2) 10-30 November.

3. Personnel Strength

Marine Officers:	55	(52 Naval Aviators)
Marine Enlisted:	171	
Navy Officers:	1	
Navy Enlisted:	3	
Total:	230	

PART TWO: NARRATIVE

During the period 1-2 November, HMM-362 transferred squadron and battalion personnel and equipment from the USS Valley Forge to the USS Iwo Jima in Danang harbor. Total flight time for the lift was 93.2 hours during which 906 passengers and 96.2 tons of cargo were moved.

Activity from 3-6 November consisted of routine administrative flights to Ky Ha, Danang, Chu Lai and Dong Ha, as well as to other ships in the SLF. Instrument training flights were also scheduled during this period.

On 7 November day and night carrier qualifications were conducted in addition to gunnery practice and routine administrative flights to Ky Ha and Danang.

On 8 November 1966 instrument training flights were flown in addition to routine administrative missions to Danang, Marble Mountain, and the USS Vancouver.

Flights on 9 November again consisted of routine administrative flights to Danang and Marble Mountain.

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PART TWO: NARRATIVA - Continued

On 10 November HMM-362 transferred 18 UH-34D's from the USS Iwo Jima to the USS Vancouver. A detachment of 5 aircraft remained aboard the USS Iwo Jima and proceeded to Okinawa with the ship. The transfer of 212 passengers and 45.8 tons of cargo was completed in 187 sorties and 29.7 hours flight time. On a routine administrative flight to Dong Ha, YL-49 received light small arms fire from (YD 5045). Fire was returned with unknown results. No hits or injuries resulted.

On 11 November the USS Vancouver was enroute to Subic Bay and no flights were scheduled.

On 12 November HMM-362 transferred the 18 aircraft aboard the USS Vancouver to the seaplane ramp at NAS Cubi Point. A total of 6.4 hours were flown and 60 passengers lifted.

No flights were scheduled on 13 November.

During the period 14-19 November, activity consisted of routine administrative flights to John Hay Air Base, Clark Air Base, MANILA and Sangley Point. In addition, much emphasis was placed on training as instrument and indoctrination flights for several new squadron pilots were flown daily.

During the period 20-22 November all flights were cancelled due to inclement weather caused by passage of Typhoon "Nancy".

On 23 November 4 aircraft were utilized for a company lift from the NAS Cubi Point seaplane ramp to Green Beach and return. Also flown were routine administrative flights to San Miguel, Clark Air Base and Sangley Point. A total of 273 passengers were lifted in 105 sorties for 16.8 hours flight time.

Activity on 24 November consisted of routine administrative flights to John Hay Air Base, San Miguel and Green Beach.

On 25 November a company lift from the NAS Cubi Point seaplane ramp to Green Beach and utilizing 2 aircraft was completed in 3.3 hours flight time.

Routine administrative flights to John Hay Air Base flown on 26 November.

No flights were scheduled on 27 November.

On 28 November 1 aircraft was utilized to conduct external load hook-up training for battalion personnel.

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On 29 November activities consisted of a company lift from the NAS Cubi Point seaplane ramp to Santa Rita Mountain. Routine administrative flights to John Hay Air Base were also flown. Totals for the day were 27.1 flight hours, 100 sorties and 302 passengers carried.

On 30 November 5 aircraft were utilized to complete a company lift to Santa Rita Mountain. Total was 6.7 hours flight time, 71 sorties and 209 passengers carried.

PART THREE: OPERATING STATISTICS

Flight Hours	485.8
Sorties	1,814
Passengers/Troops	2,514
Ton Cargo	164.2

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