

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 364
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1st Marine Aircraft Wing FMFPac
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16
Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 through 28 February 1971

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(b) GPO 5750.1

Re: ✓(1) Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 Command Chronology

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

2. Downgrading Instructions, Group 4, UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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Enclosure (1)

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364

1-23 Feb Lt Col H. W. STEADMAN
24-28 Feb Maj. N. R. VAN LEEUWEN

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1971. Marble Mountain Air Facility, Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major R. E. BOOKWOOD	1-19 February 1971
	Major N. R. VAN LEEUWEN	20-23 February 1971
	Major J. M. SOLAN	24-28 February 1971
Administrative Officer	Captian J. W. HORTON	1-28 February 1971
Operations Officer	Major N. R. VAN LEEUWEN	1-20 February 1971
	1stLt N. R. STOCKER	21-28 February 1971
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Captain C. F. KNOX	1-28 February 1971
Logistics Officer	Major J. M. SOLAN	1-28 February 1971
MESSRS Officer	1stLt S. A. KUX	1-20 February 1971
Flight Surgeon	Lt USN(MC) R. A. MOYER	1-28 February 1971
Intelligence Officer	1stLt R. D. MAGG	1-26 February 1971
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt D. L. NICHOLS	1-28 February 1971
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj A. J. RAPPOLD	1-28 February 1971

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officer	20	1	0	21
Enlisted	89	0	0	89

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On 14 February after leading a division in extracting combat troops from the Arizona Territory Maj VAN LEEUWEN and his co-pilot Lt KUX were called upon to do an emergency extract of a Recon Team located deep on Charley Ridge. Using a Spie Rig another Recon Team was successfully extracted from a dangerous situation.

On the 15th of February the "Purple Foxes" flew their last Swift combat mission. The following day found LtCol STEADMAN in the pilots seat and Sgt Maj RAPPOLD in the co-pilots seat as the last scheduled Swift flight launched for a few laps around the field.

In the ensuing days the Purple Foxes turned their attention to the tedious job of closing down the squadron for its deployment back to the States and eventual deactivation.

The 24th of February rolled around and the remainder of the squadron paid tribute to their "Papa Fox", LtCol H. W. STEADMAN as he was relieved by Maj. N. R. VANLEEUEWEN.

On the 25th of February all HMM-364 aircraft were towed to the Da Nang Deep Water Pier and loaded for their shipment from Vietnam bringing to an end the vital role the "Purple Foxes" played in the Vietnam Conflict. Over 45,000 combat hours were flown in Vietnam by HMM-364 carrying some 16,000 medevacs, over 10,000 tons of cargo and nearly a quarter of a million passengers.

PART III

2 February 1971 - YK-5 was destroyed in a crash due to Hostile fire. A Korean medevac was killed in the crash, the crew escaped with minor injuries.

24 February 1971 - LtCol H. W. STEADMAN was relieved of command by Maj N. R. VANLEEUEWEN

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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