

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 164  
Marine Aircraft Group 15  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMFPac  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commander Task Group 79.5

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 February 1969 to  
28 February 1969

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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) BrigO 5750.1C

Encl: ✓(1) HMM-164 Command Chronology

1. In compliance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1)  
is submitted herewith.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February 1969 to 28 February 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander  
HMM-164 LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY 1-28 Feb 69

Subordinate Units

None

Attached Units

None

2. Location  
1-15 Feb 69 USS TRIPOLI, LPH-10  
16-28 Feb 69 HUE/PHU BAI

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj.	A. F. RIDBECK	1-28 Feb 69
Operations Officer	Maj.	E. A. BIRZER	1-28 Feb 69
Administrative Officer	Capt.	R. J. BLANCHFIELD	1-28 Feb 69
Maintenance Officer	Maj.	D. D. WILSON	1-28 Feb 69
Logistics/Supply Officer	Maj.	J. M. EICHELBERGER	1-28 Feb 69
Intelligence Officer	Capt.	F. L. GAUSE	1-28 Feb 69
NATOPS Officer	1stLt.	T. U. WALL	1-28 Feb 69
Safety Officer	Capt.	R. E. WEINBERG	1-28 Feb 69

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>NAVAL AVIATORS</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>FLIGHT SURGEON</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>BOEING REP</u>	<u>G.E. REP</u>
43	4	1	199	2	1

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period of 1 February to 15 February 1969 HMM-164 supported Special Landing Force Bravo and the embarked Battalion (3/26). During this period Operation Bold Mariner/Russell Beach was completed and 3/26 was also lifted to a new position near An Hoa. Aircraft from HMM-164 augmented First Marine Aircraft Wing during the period 16 February 1969 through 28 February 1969. Flight operations were conducted in support of the 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, and the 2nd ROK Brigade. The squadron also supported SLF "B" during this period with four aircraft and crews accompanying the SLF to Cubi Pt., P. I. aboard the USS TRIPOLI.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 Feb 69 Due to very restrictive weather conditions squadron aircraft were able to conduct only limited missions. Two squadron aircraft were able to assist the vertical replenishment of the USS TRIPOLI from the USS MARS.
- 2 Feb 69 Again low ceilings and visibility severely hampered flight operations.
- 5 Feb 69 The backload of BLT 3/26 commenced with squadron transporting KILO Company to the USS OGDEN and LIMA Company, W/1/13 and a Recon Platoon to the USS TRIPOLI.
- 6 Feb 69 The backload continued with C/1/13 being lifted to the USS MONTICELLO and 15 tons of ammunition lifted from the LSA at White Beach to the USS OGDEN.
- 9 Feb 69 The Operation Bold Mariner/Russell Beach was completed with the backload of the remainder of the troops and equipment from White Beach.
- 10 Feb 69 3/26 was lifted ashore near An Hoa.
- 14 Feb 69 Seven aircraft provided to First Marine Aircraft Wing for augmentation of their assets.
- 16 Feb 69 The squadron off-loaded at Hue/Phu Bai in a total time of less than four hours. Four aircraft and crews remained aboard the USS TRIPOLI in support of the SLF "B" at Cubi Pt.

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## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

STATISTICAL SUMMARY (Taken from after action reports, corrected daily flight schedules and daily sitrep reports)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEDEVAC</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>	<u>CARGO/TONS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
1	20	67	65.5	130	8.8
2	0	99	5.0	50	5.9
3	2	356	103.6	321	46.7
4	0	261	32.7	120	21.8
5	1	679	20.1	159	25.0
6	32	357	21.7	172	36.2
7	0	271	15.7	82	18.2
8	1	337	67.3	222	34.8
9	0	523	16.8	128	30.6
10	0	1110	27.0	295	77.6
11	0	543	49.9	241	58.6
12	0	223	41.0	180	31.1
13	0	348	9.5	87	21.1
14	1	443	16.1	170	42.6
15	0	192	5.9	76	17.0
*16-28	301	1426	123.2	1052	361.4
**16-28	<u>0</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>10.2</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>46.4</u>
	358	7519	631.2	3586	883.8

\*While stationed at MAG-36 Hue/Phu Bai the squadron in support of 1st MAW.

\*\*Cubi Pt. detachment in support of SLF "B"

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Encl: (1) Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 164 Command Chronology  
for 16 February 1969 to 28 February 1969

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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R. T. TRUNDY

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*CMD CHRON*

*16 FEB - 28 FEB 1969*

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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Commanding Officer | LTCOL. Richard T. TRUNDY 064964 |
| Executive Officer     | MAJ. Alvin F. RIBBECK 066077    |
| Operations Officer    | MAJ. Edward A. BIRZER 069691    |

PART II - AIR OPERATIONS

1. Aircraft from HMM-164 augmented 1st MAW during the period 16 February 1969 through 28 February 1969. Flights operations were conducted in support of the 1st MARDIV, 3rd MARDIV, and the 2nd ROK Brigade. Data relating to flight hours, sorties, tasks, tons of cargo, passengers and medevacs is contained in the Stastical Summary of Air Operations (Enclosure (1), Part-III).

PART III - STASTICAL SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS

<u>FLT HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>CARGO (TONS)</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>	<u>MEDEVACS</u>
361.4	932	166	86.4	1320	301

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