

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 164
 Marine Aircraft Group 15
 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMFPac
 FPO, San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commander Task Group 79.5

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
 (b) FMFPACO 5750.8
 (c) BrigO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) HMM-164 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.
2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander
HMM-164 LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY 1-30 Apr 69

Subordinate Units

None

Attached Units

None

2. Location
1-17 Apr 69 USS VALLEY FORGE LPH-8
18-30 Apr 69 HUE/PHU BAI

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj. A. F. RIBBECK	1-30 Apr 69
Operations Officer	Maj. E. A. BIRZER	1-15 Apr 69
	Maj. R. D. FOWNER	16-30 Apr 69
Administrative Officer	Capt. R. J. BLANCHFIELD	1-30 Apr 69
Maintenance Officer	Maj. D. D. WILSON	1-30 Apr 69
Logistics/Supply Officer	Maj. G. M. LARSON	1-30 Apr 69
Intelligence Officer	Capt. F. L. GAUSE	1-3 Apr 69
	1/Lt. B. K. GIGLER	4-30 Apr 69
MATOPS Officer	1/Lt. T. U. WALL	1-30 Apr 69
Safety Officer	Capt. R. E. WEINBERG	1-30 Apr 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>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

HMM-164 augmented the 1st MAW and provided limited support to SLF Bravo and BLT 3/26 ashore from 1 to 17 April 1969. On 18 April 1969, HMM-164 off-loaded from the USS VALLEY FORGE to the Hue/Phu Bai Air Base. A detachment of four aircraft and crews accompanied the USS VALLEY FORGE to support the SLF Staff, as the ship went to Cubi Pt., P. I. for "REHABILITATION" from 18 to 30 April 1969. HMM-164, at Phu Bai, conducted flight operations in support of the 3rd Marine Division (primarily command and control missions), 2nd R.O.K. Marine Brigade (resupply missions), and III MAF (administrative and Phu Bai mortar watch missions).

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1Apr69 Flying in YT-16, on a command and control mission for the SLF, 1/LT. T. U. WALL received small arms fire while executing an approach to LZ Robin in Happy Valley. The aircraft did not take any hits. LT. WALL's crew returned fire with unknown results.
- 3 Apr 69 Flight operations were delayed until 1430 because of below minimum weather.
- 4 Apr 69 MAJ. R. D. FOMNER was designated a Helicopter Aircraft Commander in the CH-46A.
- 5 Apr 69 Flight operations were hampered because of poor weather.
- 6 Apr 69 MAJ. D. D. WILSON, HAC in YT-15, took sniper fire on two occasions executing approaches to two LZ's near the DMZ in Northern I Corps (X0789614 and X0 853628). No hits were sustained. MAJ WILSON was flying C and C for the 4th Marines. BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAMS, CG, 9th MAB was flown aboard by LTCOL. R. T. TRUNDY in YT-4 to visit the Commander, TG 79.5 and present awards to members of HMM-164.
- 8 Apr 69 1/LT. S. P. HALKERSON flying as co-pilot in YT-17 received an "ATTABOY" from BEARCAT TOWER for his display of professional airmanship in landing aboard LPH-8.
- 9 Apr 69 CAPT. "Buck" HERRON, flying as HAC in YT-10, took one small arms round in his aircraft's right fuel cell on a visual reconnaissance for the 3rd Marines. No one was injured and CAPT. HERRON returned to base without further incident.
- 10 Apr 69 1/LT. R. M. FOCHT was designated a Helicopter Aircraft Commander in the CH-46A.
- 12 Apr 69 1/LT's C. D. WELBORN, and W. K. HOWE were designated Helicopter Aircraft Commanders in the CH-46A.

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- 13 Apr 69 1/LT's J. T. ANDERSON and J. J. SHEA were designated Helicopter Aircraft Commanders in the CH-46A.
- 14 Apr 69 1/LT. S. E. FETZER, flying HAC in YT-16, was forced to RON at Camp Tien Chau due to aircraft mechanical difficulties.
- 15 Apr 69 1/LT. A. G. ORCUTT was designated a Helicopter Aircraft Commander in the CH-46A.
- 16 Apr 69 Nine Squadron pilots were night carrier qualified this evening.
- 18 Apr 69 14 HMM-164 aircraft, crews, supporting ground personnel, and squadron gear were off-loaded from the USS VALLEY FORGE to the Hue/Phu Bai Air Base in three hours.
- 21 Apr 69 While flying on the ROK Resupply, Major A. F. RIBBECK received light small arms fire climbing out of one of the ROK LZ's. There were no hits. Major RIBBECK's crew returned fire with unknown results.
- 22 Apr 69 1/LT. T. U. WALL, HAC in YT-17, took light small arms fire at cruise altitude and airspeed while flying ROK Resupply. Negative hits.
- 24 Apr 69 Major A. F. RIBBECK took fire off the runway at Quang Tri on a night maintenance recovery flight. No hits were taken. It was the first flight in country for his co-pilot, 1/LT. F. B. SMITH. 1/LT. A. T. SCHRAMM, in YT-3 was diverted from mission 103 to fly on mission 113. It involved flying a USO show, including three lovely entertainers, to various LZ's and base camps in Northern I Corps. 1/LT. SCHRAMM, his co-pilot, 1/LT. MALKERSON, and his crew, CPL DOWLING, and LCPL PAINTER, all received autographed pictures and kisses from the ladies for their efforts.
- 25 Apr 69 1/LT. A. T. SCHRAMM, flying as HAC in YT-3, flew on a defoliation mission involving low altitude, low airspeed flying over the area between Dong Ha and the DMZ. He then took over mission 103, C and C for the 3rd Marines.

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27 Apr 69

1/LT. R. H. JERNIGAN, flying YT-12, received light automatic weapons fire along Rt. 9 on a C and C mission for the 9th Marines. No damage sustained.

30 Apr 69

1/LT. R. H. JERNIGAN, HAC in YT-15, took sniper fire on final to an LZ near the DMZ in Northern I Corps while on a C and C mission for the 3rd MARDIV.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>	<u>MEDEVAC</u>	<u>CARGO</u>
1	47.9	138	17	394	∅	3.5
2	29.4	91	13	134	1	3.9
3	28.9	95	11	218	7	1.0
4	27.5	83	16	230	1	1.8
5	2.9	13	2	51	1	0.5
6	44.5	153	17	262	1	2.6
7	53.6	185	18	506	1	5.2
8	43.7	136	13	311	2	1.6
9	36.6	123	14	241	∅	2.6
-10	60.7	225	20	524	3	6.3
11	45.4	107	12	408	10	4.5
12	35.5	105	11	241	20	1.6
13	46.8	162	14	298	∅	9.0
14	58.1	193	22	420	10	5.8
15	48.7	185	19	340	10	6.4
16	47.4	211	15	317	54	3.7
17	17.2	132	10	133	∅	2.0
18	33.2	93	17	151	∅	34.3
19	43.6	204	11	340	∅	9.3
20	55.1	166	17	361	1	2.3
21	63.0	231	26	357	18	37.3
22	31.0	133	19	179	11	34.4
23	31.8	137	15	153	2	1.3
24	39.3	158	20	273	4	1.4
25	27.1	110	17	169	∅	2.0
26	41.7	150	18	187	∅	3.3
27	43.6	181	28	254	12	33.0
28	39.2	128	19	294	19	5.0
29	55.5	287	26	303	8	28.0
<u>30</u>	<u>58.8</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>32.0</u>
TOTALS	1237.7	4623	500	8296	273	285.6

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Enclosure (1)

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commander, Task Force 79

Subj: Combat After Action Report, Operation 'DEFIANT MEASURE II',
 submission of

1. Name of Operation: Defiant Measure II
2. Inclusive Dates: 091800H Mar 69 to 180800H Apr 69
3. Flight Hours: 1547.3
4. Sorties: 3,570
5. Passengers carried excluding medevacs: 11,097
6. Medevacs: 516
7. Cargo carried: 424.8 tons
8. Comment: From 9 through 16 March the squadron augmented the helicopter forces of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. From 17 March through 17 April, the squadron moved its area of operation into the Northern ICTZ, where the squadron provided augmentation to MAG-39 at Quang Tri. The initial period was spent in support of III MAF, the Republic of Korea Brigade, and the SLF. The second period was spent in support of the Third Marine Division, although a small amount of support was provided to III MAF and the SLF. Although hostile fire was received seven times during the entire reporting period, no hits were received by squadron aircraft and no casualties incurred.

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a/a DEFIANT MEASURE II

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology, 18 April 1969 To 30 April 1969,
Submission of (u)

Ref: (a) MAG-36 GruO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 164 Command Chronology
for 18 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

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

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A.F. RIBBECK MAJ.
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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanding Officer	LTCOL. RICHARD T. TRUNDY 064964
Executive Officer	MAJ. ALVIN F. RIBBECK 066077
Operations Officer	MAJ. ROBERT D. FOWNER 067030

PART II - AIR OPERATIONS

1. During the period 18 April 1969 to 30 April 1969, HMM-164 augmented the 1st MAW. While at Phu Bai, HMM-164 conducted flight operations in support of the 3rd Mar Div and the 2nd R.O.K. Brigade. The Squadron being under the operational control of the 1st MAW at MAG-36, also flew the mortar watch, mission 57X, over the Phu Bai Air Base, flying a total of 34.6 hours. Of particular note, one aircraft from HMM-164 flew on mission 112. This was a defoliation mission involving low altitude, low air speed flying over the area between Dong Ha and the DMZ. HMM-164 aircraft took fire on seven occasions during the reporting period, fortunately resulting in no hits or injuries. Data relating to flight hours, sorties, tasks, tons of cargo, passengers, and medevacs is contained in the STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS (enclosure (1), part III).

PART III - STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS

<u>FLT HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>CARGO (TONS)</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>	<u>MEDEVACS</u>
517.3	2,224	233	206.8	2,981	151

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<u>APR</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>SORT</u>	<u>TASK</u>	<u>CARGO</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>MED</u>
18	19.4	49	13	21.5	78	Ø
19	43.6	204	11	9.3	340	Ø
20	45.3	162	13	0.8	297	Ø
21	62.2	328	25	37.3	345	18
22	30.7	131	18	34.4	172	11
23	28.0	124	13	1.3	142	2
24	37.3	153	19	1.4	262	4
25	25.5	107	15	2.0	154	Ø
26	40.3	146	17	3.3	156	Ø
27	41.6	179	25	33.0	230	12
28	37.7	125	17	5.0	278	19
29	50.8	281	24	28.0	264	8
30	54.9	235	23	29.5	263	77
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>517.3</u>	<u>2,224</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>206.8</u>	<u>2,981</u>	<u>151</u>

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