

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 164
Marine Aircraft Group 15
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HMM-164 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 SEPTEMBER 1969 to 30 SEPTEMBER 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander
HMM-164 LtCol. R. T. TRUNDY 1-30 Sep 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. Location

1-11 Sep 69 - Marble Mountain Air Facility, MAG-16
12-30 Sep 69 - U.S.S. New Orleans, LPH-11

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj	R. D. FOWNER	1-30 Sep 1969
Operations Officer	Maj	W. J. SMITH	1-30 Sep 1969
Admin Officer	Capt	A. H. GATES	1-26 Sep 1969
	2/Lt	C. E. HUTSON	27-30 Sep 1969
Maintenance Officer	Capt.	G. T. KANE	1-30 Sep 1969
Logistics/Supply Officer	Maj.	B. L. SHAPIRO	1-30 Sep 1969
Intelligence Officer	W/O.	G. G. CARLEY	1-30 Sep 1969
NATOPS Officer	1/Lt.	H. A. WRIGHT Jr.	1-30 Sep 1969
Safety Officer	1/Lt.	A. G. ORCUTT	1-30 Sep 1969

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>NAVAL AVIATORS</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>FLT. SURG.</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>BOEING REP</u>	<u>GE REP</u>	<u>NAVY ENLISTED</u>
43	5	1	182	1	1	3

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-11 September 1969, HMM-164, operating from Marble Mountain Air facility conducted flight operations under OPCOM of the FMAW in support of ROK Marines, 1st MarDiv and III MAF. The primary missions flown at Marble Mountain were combat troop and cargo transport, logistic troop and cargo transport, tactical liason, medevac, command and control, visual reconnaissance, and admin/liason.

During this same period a detachment of 2 CH-46A aircraft, 5 pilots, and 21 enlisted personnel were aboard the U.S.S. New Orleans, flying liason, and admin missions in the Republic of the Phillipines in support of SLF "B", LPH-11.

On 11 September 1969, HMM-164 unloaded its aircraft and personnel aboard the U.S.S. New Orleans and began its operations afloat. While aboard LPH-11 it augmented SLF "A" in support of the ROK Marines as they conducted Operation DEFLANT STAND on Barrier Island south of DaNang. In support of this operation, the squadron flew combat troop lifts, logistic resupply and command and control missions.

From 12-30 September 1969, HMM-164 conducted night carrier qualifications and instrument training operations for new squadron pilots. It further augmented the 1st MAW, flying ROK resupply, tactical liason, command and control, admin and maintenance missions.

On 21 September, HMM-164 unloaded BLT 2/26 and its supporting elements. The squadron also supported SLF "B" during 12-30 September aboard the U.S.S. New Orleans afloat in waters off the DaNang TAOR. During the month of September, HMM-164 augmented the 1st MAW on an average basis of two aircraft per day.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 6 Sep 69 One YT aircraft received minor shrapnel damage during an early morning mortar attack at MNAF.
- 8 Sep 69 1/Lt. T. L. BERRY, pilot of YT-9 on mission 7 at coordinates AT 850510 received small arms fire at 1500' AGL. No hits taken, mission completed.
- 11 Sep 69 HMM-164 unloaded its aircraft and personnel aboard SLF "B", USS New Orleans. The squadron was located at Marble Mountain Air Facility prior to the onload.
- 14 Sep 69 While on an emergency resupply mission north of Antenna Valley, Major W. J. SMITH with 1/Lt. R. P. COFONE as his copilot in YT-4 encountered intensive, automatic, small arms fire at coordinates AT957403. No injuries were incurred but the aircraft sustained extensive damage. The mission was completed and aircraft returned to USS New Orleans. YT-6 with 1/Lt. BOTHE and 1/Lt. KREKELER as pilot and copilot resupplied the same zone after the first aircraft departed and sustained no hits.
- 15 Sep 69 YT-9 with Major SHAPIRO as pilot, 1/Lt. PERINE as co-pilot, and YT-11 with 1/Lt. P. L. KRANKER and 1/Lt. P. D. PARKER as pilot and copilot, shot 6-10 VC at coordinates AT029539. Two confirmed KIA's and two possible KIA's resulted with one hootch destroyed. 2/5 Burlap 3 cleared aircraft to fire upon the VC.
- 16 Sep 69 Night carrier qualification and instrument training began aboard USS New Orleans for new pilots and requalification for HAC's.
- 21 Sep 69 HMM-164 unloaded BLT 2/26 and supporting elements aboard the USS New Orleans.
- 26 Sep 69 While on a command and control mission at coordinates BT011580, 1/Lt. ZOBENICA as pilot of YT-4 and with 1/Lt. H. L. LAW as copilot received SAF while landing and departing the LZ. One hit was taken but no injuries and only minor damage to A/C was sustained. Mission completed.
- 30 Sep 69 SLF "B" and BLT 2/26 in conjunction with HMM-164 conducted a practice troop landing at LZ ROCKCRUSHER to maintain combat readiness.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

STATISTICAL SUMMARY (Taken from after actions 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>MEDEVACS</u>	<u>CARGO TONS</u>
1	9.6	33	4	62	0	1.0
2	17.9	40	3	63	0	0.3
3	18.6	80	6	105	0	0.5
4	19.0	75	11	197	2	0
5	28.0	117	10	240	0	0
6	32.0	160	13	286	2	1.0
7	21.5	79	8	238	4	1.5
8	9.8	45	6	123	0	4.2
9	19.1	87	12	153	37	9.0
10	7.8	18	5	20	0	0.5
11	60.4	189	15	164	0	58.4
12	24.8	65	2	209	0	6.8
13	38.8	148	13	264	2	16.5
14	32.2	120	18	190	8	4.6
15	40.5	215	13	194	0	29.9
16	41.3	179	16	261	0	12.7
17	47.5	238	19	352	0	13.4
18	28.1	122	13	190	0	8.0
19	27.3	102	7	199	0	7.5
20	20.0	182	12	97	0	5.5
21	38.7	210	16	1028	0	8.0
22	31.6	143	14	251	1	15.6
23	25.5	186	12	255	0	15.1
24	27.0	162	13	259	10	17.5
25	42.6	238	30	449	2	11.0
26	27.8	151	13	183	0	13.0
27	26.5	100	9	267	3	12.0
28	29.6	135	13	399	1	3.2
29	34.4	167	15	437	2	32.0
30	33.1	138	15	536	0	1.4
TOTAL	861.0	3924	356	7671	74	310.1

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