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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 31st Marine Amphibious Unit

Subj: Command Chronology for the Period 1 June through 30 June 1972

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Encl: (1) HMM-164 Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 June to 30 June 1972

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>STAFF OFFICERS</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Commanding Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	LTCOL E. C. HERTBERG
Executive Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ D. J. MOORE
Operations Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ D. C. BRODIE
Administrative Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	CAPT J. B. MURRAY
Personal Affairs	1-30 Jun 1972	CAPT R. L. CALLIHAN
Maintenance Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ F. S. BELL
Logistics Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ T. W. TOLER
Intelligence Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	1STLT J. W. BERGMAN
Personal Services Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	1STLT R. H. DOUGHERTY
NATOPS Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	CAPT R. T. SARLES
Safety Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ H. A. MAKEEVER

Location: 1-7 June 1972, USS Okinawa (LPH-3) Subic Bay. 8-10 June 1972, USS Okinawa (LPH-3) enroute and arrived MR-1 RVN. 11-30 June 1972, USS Okinawa (LPH-3) MR-1 RVN.

Average Monthly Strength:	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>OFF/ENL</u>	<u>OFF/ENL</u>	<u>OFF/ENL</u>	<u>OFF/ENL</u>
	58/249	1/2	0/0	59/251

Important Visitors: General R. E. CUSHMAN, Commandant, United States Marine Corps, 16 June 1972.

Awards: Air Crew Combat Wings - Three

Promotions: To Staff Sergeant - One  
To Sergeant - Seven  
To Corporal - Twelve  
To Lance Corporal - Nine  
To Private First Class - Two

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1 - 7 Jun - Local day and night training was conducted from NAS, Cubi Point to include day and night instrument and familiarization operations. Missions were flown in conjunction with BLT 1/4 including range sweeps, ammo and a one company lift insertion of FAC teams, and medevac standby. During the in-port period, the HERS System components were exercised and determined to be fully operational.
- 8 Jun - Squadron, aboard USS Okinawa (LPH-3), departed NB, Subic Bay for MR-1, RVN
- 9 - 10 Jun - Squadron conducted Safety Standdown. Training was conducted for both officers and enlisted in preparation for arrival MR-1. Two CH-53's and crews returned to HMM-164 from TAD with HMM-165 on USS Tripoli.
- 10 Jun - Chopped from 33rd MAU to 31st MAU and Commanding Officer, HMM-164 relinquished Command of 33rd MAU effective 101600Z June 1972.
- 11 Jun - One UH-1E was lost at sea due to probable engine failure. Uneventful rescue was made of crew by USS Okinawa's small boat. One medevac was lifted from DD-845 to USS Okinawa.
- 12 Jun - Two aircraft were sent to Phu Bai carrying MAU and squadron personnel to a planning conference.
- 14 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in DaNang and Hue.
- 15 Jun - Two medevacs were conducted by squadron aircraft: (1) DD-845 to USS Okinawa, (2) USS Manitowoc to DaNang.
- 16 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in DaNang and Hue.
- 17 Jun - Two CH-46's assisted in transporting CMC and Staff during visit of MR-1. Squadron personnel were addressed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General R. E. CUSHMAN.
- 19 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in Hue, along with MAU staff.
- 21 Jun - Two priority medevacs were carried from USS Cayuga to USS Okinawa.
- 22,- 23 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in Hue, along with MAU staff.

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- 25 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in Hue, along with MAU staff.
- 29 - 30 Jun - Operation "LAM SON - 72" (SONG THAN 9-72), commenced on 29 June with a helo assault involving HMM-164/HMM-165, "F" Troop, 4th Air Cav. and two battalions of the 258th BDE., First VNUMC Div., supported by NGF, VNUMC Arty., and U. S. Air Force B-52 strikes and close air support. A single assault wave of helo aircraft included 18 H-46's, 6 H-53's, and 3 H-1's of HMM-164/HMM-165 lifting 720 troops into each landing zone, with interval of 11 minutes between first aircraft in and last aircraft out of the zone. This squadron lifted 769 passengers and flew 99 sorties, amounting to 52.3 hours of flight time for the 29th. Ten H-46's, 3 H-53's, and 1 H-1 from HMM-164 participated in the lift while 1 H-53 and 1 H-1, acted as spare aircraft. Escort and landing zone support were provided by 6 Cobra's, 2 LOH's, and 1 H-1 from the "F" Troop, 4th Air Cav. Fire was received in both zones. One aircraft received one small arms round in the cockpit, resulting in no injury. A total of 650 rounds of .50 caliber ammo were expended by HMM-164.

PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Significant Events

- 1 - 7 Jun 72 - Continuation of local training at Cubi Point and support of BLT 1/4 operations afield.
- 8 Jun 72 - Depart Cubi Point.
- 9 - 10 Jun 72 - Safety Standdown; detachment of 2 CH-53 return from HMM-165.
- 10 Jun 72 - Chopped from 33rd MAU to 31st MAU.
- 11 Jun 72 - One UH-1E lost at sea.
- 12 Jun 72 - Planning conference at Phu Bai.
- 14 Jun 72 - Planning conference in DaNang and Hue.
- 16 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.
- 17 Jun 72 - CMC visit to MR-1.
- 19 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.
- 21 Jun 72 - Medevac

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- 22 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.
- 23 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.
- 25 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.
- 27 Jun 72 - Communication equipment for support of "LAM SON - 72"  
(SONG THAN 9-72) inserted North of Hue.
- 29 Jun 72 - Operation "LAM SON - 72" (SONG THAN 9-72).

2. Marine of the Month for June 1972: Corporal Michael R. EASTEP.

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Appendix A - Map of Operation Area, assault landing zones, and route structure; preliminary congratulatory messages and helo timetable for "LAM SON - 72" (SONG THAN 9-72).
- (A-1 thru A-8)
2. Appendix B - Statistical Summary 1-30 June 1972.

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ORLANDO  
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BANGOR (WRP)

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FLIGHT SEPARATION 150 SEC.  
L/H HOUR 0905

# HELLO Time Table

FLIGHT	NO. & TYPE	DECK	LAUNCH	DEPART		HOLD	DEPART HOLD	IN FLAMING	ARR	REMARKS
				W R P	Tampa Kelly					
10-1	Lady Ace	TRIP	LPH 10 0735	0737	-	WRP	-	-	-	Air-BOYNE
2-1		OKI				ORLANDO 0832				ACTUALS LZ TIMES 0918
	Spanish Fly	LPH 3	0720	0722	0730	0815				
	"	LPH 3	0645	0849	ARRIVE C.P. LZ				KELLY	
	"	LPH 3	0645	"	WACO 0808	0815			0940	
1-1	Lady Ace	LPH 10	0645	"	"	"	Miami	-	"	5-HOUR
1-2		LPH 3	0804	0806	0814	0822	ORLANDO 0832			DEPART
3-1		LPH 3	0804	0806	0814	0822	WACO 0857	0905	0920	FOUR
	Spanish Fly	LPH 3	0810	0812	0820	0828	ORLANDO 0856			FOUR
4-1	Lady Ace	LPH 10	0810	0812	0820	0828	ORLANDO 0930			ADDITIONAL
1-3		LPH 3	0645	-	ARRIVE				KELLY	
	Spanish Fly	LPH 3	0815	-	ORLANDO				0940	
	"	Tampa Kelly	0815		0825					
	"	ST Louis								
5-1		LPH 3	0816	0818	0825	0839	Tampa 0852	0907	0923	TAC
	"	PT O	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
5-2		LSD 31	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Air
	"	MANI	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Peep
5-3		Towac	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	"	LST 1180	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Lady Ace	Ridge	0827	0829	0837	0850	"	0851	0910	0925 0917
	"	Lec 19	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
6-2		SOLE	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	"	NECTAR	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	"	LST 1180	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	"	MOBILE	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
6-3		LPH 3	0645	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	"	LPH 3	0645	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Spanish Fly	LPH 3	0645	"	"	"	"	"	"	ON DECK SPARE
11-1		Tampa Kelly	0645	"	"	"	"	"	"	

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FLIGHT SEPARATION 1100 SEC  
L/H Hour 1100

# Helo Time Table

No. of FLIGHT TYPE	DECK LAUNCH	DEPART		HOLD	DEPART HOLD	IN HAWK	ARR	REMARKS
		WOP	Tampa Kelly					
2-1 Spanish Fly	OKI LPH3	0940	0950	1015	ORLANDO 1032	1100	1115	ACTUAL TIME IN LZ 1104
" 1-1	KELLY	1015	-	1015	-	-	1127	
1-2 Lady Ace	"	"	-	"	WACO	-	"	
3-1 Spanish Fly	LPH3	1004	1006	1014	1022	ORLANDO 1051:30	1118	
1-3 Spanish Fly	KELLY	1015	-	1015	"	-	1108	
4-1 Lady Ace	LPH-10	1010	1012	1020	1028	Tampa 1043	1120	
5-1 Spanish Fly	LPH-10 LPH-11	1016	1018	1026	1039	ORLANDO 1054	1123	
" 5-2	PT D LSD31	"	"	"	-	"	"	
" 5-3	MANI TOWER LST1180	"	"	"	-	"	"	
6-1 Lady Ace	BLUE Ridge	1027	1029	1037	1050	"	1125	1114
" 6-2	SCHEMED TADY	"	"	-	-	"	"	
" 6-3	MOBILE LKAUS	"	"	-	-	"	"	
Lady Ace	LPH-11 TAMMY							ON DECK SCORE

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Reserve Lift

# Helo Time Table

FLIGHT INFORMATION ISO SEC  
L/H HOUR TBA

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FLIGHT No. & Type	DECK	LUNCH	DEPART		HOLD	DEPART HOLD	IN LZ	ARR WRP	REMARKS
			WRP	Tempo Kelly					
2-1 Spanish Fly 6H46	1PH3	00							
" 1-1 1H-1	"	00							
Lady Ace 1-2 1H-1	1PH10	00							
Lady Ace 4-1 6H46	"	05							
5-1 Spanish Fly 1H53	1KAI16	10							
" 5-2 "	1SD31	10							
" 5-3 "	1180 1ST	10							
Lady Ace 6-1 1H53	Blue Ridge	15							
Lady Ace 6-2 1H53	SCHENEC Tady	15							
" 6-3 1H53	1KAI15	15							
Spanish Fly 1H-1	1PH3	25							
3-1 Spanish Fly 1H-1	1PH3	15							
Lady Ace	2H-46 1PH10	30							

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 O 290345Z JUN 72  
 FM CTF SEVEN SIX  
 TO TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 TG SEVEN SIX PT SEVEN  
 TG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 TG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN  
 ZEN/USS BLUE RIDGE  
 INFO ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L //NO0000//

1. YOUR PERFORMANCE THIS MORNING WAS THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL. ALL HANDS SHOULD TAKE PRIDE IN THIS NEWEST DEMONSTRATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR NAVY MARINE TEAM IN SUPPORT OF THE VMC ASHORE.
2. A PARTICULAR KUDO TO THE TWO EXPERTLY ORGANIZED AND PRECISELY EXECUTED LZ INSERTION OPERATIONS OF HMM-164 AND HMM-165 AND PARTICULARLY TO THE LEADERSHIP OF LCOL WERTBERG.
3. BRAVO ZULU SIGNED GADDIS.

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 P 29064Z JUN 72  
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE  
 TO ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN  
 INFO ZEN/CTU SEVEN NINE PT FOUR PT TWO  
 ZEN/CTU SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN PT TWO  
 RHARSOG/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE  
 RUMRABA/CTF SEVEN NINE  
 RUAOBNA/CTU SEVEN NINE PT THREE PT FIVE

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1. OUTSTANDING AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY FOR OPERATIONS THIS DATE. S  
ELOQUENT TESTAMENT TO HIGH PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE OF MAINTENANCE AND  
SUPPLY PERSONNEL OF HM 154 AND HM 165.

- 2. WELL DONE
- 3. BGEN MILLER SENDS.

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 FM SENIOR MARINE ADVISOR  
 TO CTF SEVEN SIX  
 CTG SEVEN NINE FT ONE  
 CTG SEVEN NINE FT FOUR  
 CTG SEVEN NINE FT SEVEN  
 CTU SEVEN ZERO FT EIGHT FT NINE  
 INFO CMC  
 CINCPACFLT  
 CMC  
 COMSEVENTHFLT  
 CG 7MFFAC  
 CTF SEVEN NINE/III MAF  
 FRAC (HUE)  
 CMAVADVGP (SMA)

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1. OPERATION SONG THAN 9/72 HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY INITIATED AS A MILITARY REGION ONE CORPS OPERATION TO RETAKE THE MAJOR PORTIONS OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE.
2. THE COMMANDANT VNMC IS GREATLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE SUPERLATIVE SUPPORT PROVIDED THE VNMC WHICH ENABLED THEIR OFFENSIVE TO BE LAUNCHED WITH SUCH A SUCCESS. THE DEVASTATINGLY ACCURATE PREP FIRES BY NAVAL GUNFIRE IMMEDIATELY AIDED THE VNMC ATTACK. THE MULTI-BATTALION HELICOPTER ASSAULTS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE 9TH MAB WITH THE PROFESSIONAL SKILL, COURAGEOUS PERFORMANCE, AND TIMELINESS WHICH ALLOWED VNMC FORCES TO BE SUCCESSFULLY INSERTED AND BLOCK THE ENEMY NORTHERN ROUTE OF EGRESS.
3. THE COMMANDANT VNMC EXPRESSES A HEARTY THANK YOU AND WELL DONE TO ALL THOSE US FORCES WHOSE SKILLS MADE THE LAUNCHING OF THIS MAJOR OFFENSIVE POSSIBLE.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1-30 JUNE 1972

<u>A/C</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
CH-46	<u>218</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>1694</u>	<u>24.3</u>	<u>297.6</u>
CH-53	<u>64</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>1035</u>	<u>59.2</u>	<u>107.2</u>
UH-1E	<u>34</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>37.5</u>
TOTAL	<u>316</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>2743</u>	<u>83.6</u>	<u>442.3</u>

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