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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) MCO 5750.1
(c) Force Order 3121.1B
(d) NAVMC 1110 USMC Staff Manual
(e) MCO P 5215.1C
(f) WgO 5750.1B
(g) GruO 5750.1A

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for the period 1-30 September 1966 Main Party
✓(2) Command Chronology for the period 1-30 September 1966 Advance Party

1. In compliance with references (a) through (g), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

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On 29 August 1966 the advanced party of HMM-165 arrived at KY HA RVN. The party, under the command of Major W. C. BRADLEY, prepared the way for HMM-165's main body. While at KY HA, the advanced party supported MAG-36 units as required with pilot, crews, and other personnel. Squadron personnel were utilized to relieve all qualified HMM-364 H-34 maintenance personnel from guard and mess duties, so that they could return to their primary billets with their squadron.

HMM-165 flight crews were qualified in the H-34 and flew combat strike, resupply, and medical evacuation missions with HMM-364, 361 and VMO-6. In the reporting period HMM-165 personnel flew 1,774 support missions. They were recommended for sixty eight air medals and thirteen enlisted crew members received their combat air crew wings. GySgt ZIMBELMAN received the purple heart, when he became HMM-165's first combat casualty on 9 Sept 1966.

The advanced party also supplied personnel to MABS for construction work. In the first weeks of their arrival they built twelve buildings for MAG-36. They then began construction on office and housing spaces for HMM-165. A total of over eighteen buildings were constructed by the advanced party.