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To: Commanding Officer, 33rd Marine Amphibious Unit
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-21 October 1972
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the period 1-21 October 1972

1. In accordance with reference (a), the subject Command Chronology is submitted as Enclosure (1).

2. This letter is downgraded to Unclassified upon removal of Enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1-21 October 1972

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Staff Officers</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Commanding Officer	1-21 October 1972	LTCOL C. H. F. EGGER
Executive Officer	1-10 October 1972 11-21 October 1972	MAJ D. SAYES MAJ R. P. ROGERS
Operations Officer	1-21 October 1972	MAJ J. D. SIMPSON
Administrative Officer	1-21 October 1972	CAPT A. J. ZYGOWICZ
*Maintenance Officer	1-21 October 1972	MAJ D. L. BLEDSOE
Logistics Officer	1-21 October 1972	MAJ R. C. MOORE
Intelligence Officer	1-21 October 1972	1/LT J. B. WILKES
NATOPS Officer	1-21 October 1972	MAJ W. N. SIMMONS
Safety Officer	1-21 October 1972	CAPT J. B. SRAMEK

* CWO-4 BENDSCHNEIDER acted as Maintenance Officer from 1 October 1972 through 21 October 1972 while Major BLEDSOE was on emergency leave.

2. Subordinate Units

a. None

3. Location

a. 1 through 21 October 1972: USS NEW ORLEANS

4. 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>
1-21 October 1972	53/246	1/1	0/0	54/247

5. Important Visitors

- a. Lieutenant General L. METZGER, CG 3rd MAF, 1 October 1972
- b. Lieutenant General Ngo Quang TRUONG, CG I CORPS, RVN, 1 October 1972

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- c. Major General COCKSEY, CG FRAC, 1 October 1972
- d. Brigadier General E. J. MILLER, CG 9th MAB, 1 October 1972
- e. Brigadier General LANN, CG 1st VNMCDivision, 1 October 1972
- f. Vice Admiral J. L. HOLLOWAY III, COMSEVENTHFLT, 4 October 1972
- g. Major General L. E. BROWN, CG 1st MAW, 16 October 1972

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

HMM-165 opened the month of October aboard the USS New Orleans (LPH-11) in the Gulf of Tonkin. Flight operations for the next seven days included a daily MARLOG between ships of the amphibious forces and a daily MARLOG to Da Nang. In addition the squadron provided VIP flights for Lieutenant General L. METZGER, CG 3rd MAF, Lieutenant General Ngo Quang TRUONG, CG I Corps, RVN and party, on the first, during the celebration of the VNMCD birthday.

On the evening of the first the USS New Orleans sailed south to avoid an imminent typhoon condition and flight operations were limited on the following day.

On the third one UH-1E and one CH-46 were provided for a liaison flight to FRAC Da Nang with Colonel C. T. WILLIAMSON, CO 33rd MAU, aboard, and the squadron also resumed night carrier qualifications and instrument training flights.

The squadron provided one UH-1E and one CH-46 on a liaison flight to Hue FRAC and Phu Bai on the fourth, with Brigadier General E. J. MILLER, CG 9th MAB, aboard. In addition the squadron provided VIP support for Vice Admiral J. L. HOLLOWAY III, COMSEVENTHFLT, on the fourth and fifth, for meetings held aboard ships of the amphibious forces.

On the fifth one UH-1E and one CH-46 were utilized for a liaison flight to Hue FRAC with members of the 9th MAB aboard. Other operations that day consisted of night carrier qualifications and instrument training flights.

The squadron provided one UH-1E and one CH-46 on the sixth on a liaison flight to FRAC Da Nang with Colonel W. T. WILLIAMSON aboard. The squadron also utilized one UH-1E and one CH-46 on a liaison flight to Hue FRAC with members of the 33rd MAU aboard.

On the seventh one UH-1E and one CH-46 were provided on a liaison flight to Hue FRAC with Brigadier General E. J. MILLER aboard. That evening the USS New Orleans departed the Gulf of Tonkin and proceeded to Subic Bay, R.P.

The USS New Orleans arrived in Subic Bay, R.P., on the morning of the ninth and the squadron commenced liberty routine for the next two days.

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On the morning of the eleventh the USS New Orleans departed Subic Bay, R.P., and proceeded to Okinawa. Flight operations on the eleventh and twelfth consisted of daily administrative flights and tests.

On the thirteenth two CH-46's were recovered aboard the USS Juneau (LPD-10) in preparation for the off-load of BLT 2/4 in Okinawa.

The off-load of BLT 2/4 was completed in approximately six hours on the fourteenth.

On the morning of the fifteenth a message was received from MAG-36 suggesting we reduce CH-46 flight operations to those of operational necessity. This message was in regards to a reported failure of rotor blades on the CH-46's.

Operations during the next three days in port consisted of daily shuttles from White Beach to MCAS (H) Futema, acceptance checks, and local administrative flights for BLT 3/4, which was replacing BLT 2/4 aboard the USS New Orleans.

On the morning of the sixteenth a squadron formation was held in which Major General L. E. BROWN, CG 1st MAW, addressed the squadron personnel and supporting units on a job well done during amphibious operations off the coast of Vietnam. All aircraft were recovered aboard the USS New Orleans in the afternoon, just prior to the LPH's departure for Subic Bay, R.P.

Flight operations on the seventeenth and eighteenth consisted of day and night carrier qualifications, instrument training flights and tests.

On the morning of the nineteenth the USS New Orleans arrived at Subic Bay, R. P., and two CH-53's and two UH-1E's were flown to NAS Cubi Point.

During the next three days maintenance, with the aid of AIMD at NAS Cubi Point, began the inspection of the CH-46's rotor blades so as to return the aircraft to an up status.

Flight operations on the nineteenth and twentieth consisted of night training flights. The squadron also provided two CH-53's to support BLT 3/4's Artillery Company during field maneuvers on the twentieth and twenty-first.

HMM-165 completed through the twenty-first of October a total of 286.3 flight hours and an average availability of 69%.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Commitments

- 1 Oct - HMM-165 continued the daily MARLOG between ships of the amphibious forces and the daily MARLOG to Da Nang. VIP flights were provided for Lieutenant General L. METZGER, CG 3rd MAF, Lieutenant General Ngo Quang TRUONG, CG I CORPS, RVN, and party, during the celebration of the VNMC birthday. The squadron aboard the USS New Orleans (LPH-11), sailed south to avoid an eminent typhoon condition.
- 2 Oct - HMM-165 conducted limited flight operations due to high winds.
- 3 Oct - HMM-165 launched one UH-1E and one CH-46 on a liaison flight to FRAC Da Nang with Colonel W. T. WILLIAMSON, CO 33rd MAU, aboard. Night carrier qualifications and instrument training flights were resumed. (TAB A)
- 4 Oct - HMM-165 launched one UH-1E and one CH-46 on a liaison flight to Hue FRAC and Phu Bai, with Brigadier General E. J. MILLER, CG 9th MAB, aboard.
- 4-5 Oct - HMM-165 provided VIP support for Vice Admiral J. L. HOLL-OWAY III, COMSEVENTHFLT, for meetings held aboard ships of the amphibious forces.
- 5 Oct - HMM-165 launched one UH-1E and one CH-46 on a liaison flight to Hue FRAC with members of the 9th MAB aboard. Night carrier qualifications and instrument training flights were also conducted.
- 6 Oct - HMM-165 launched one UH-1E and one CH-46 on a liaison flight to FRAC Da Nang with Colonel W. T. WILLIAMSON aboard. The squadron also launched one UH-1E and one CH-46 on a liaison flight to Hue FRAC with members of the 33rd MAU aboard.
- 7 Oct - HMM-165 launched one UH-1E and one CH-46 on a liaison flight to Hue FRAC with Brigadier General E. J. MILLER aboard. The squadron aboard the USS New Orleans departed the Gulf of Tonkin and proceeded to Subic Bay, R.P.
- 8 Oct - HMM-165 conducted no flight operations due to unfavorable winds.
- 9 Oct - HMM-165 aboard the USS New Orleans arrived in Subic Bay, R.P.
- 9-10 Oct - HMM-165 conducted a liberty routine.
- 11 Oct - HMM-165 aboard the USS New Orleans departed Subic Bay, R.P., and proceeded to Okinawa.
- 11-12 Oct - HMM-165 conducted limited flight operations consisting of daily administrative flights and tests.

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- 13 Oct - HMM-165 launched two CH-46's to be recovered aboard the USS Juneau (LPD-10) in preparation for the off-load of BLT 2/4 in Okinawa.
- 14 Oct - HMM-165 arrived in Okinawa and off-loaded BLT 2/4 in approximately six hours.
- 14-16 Oct - HMM-165 conducted daily shuttles from White Beach to MCAS (H) Futema, acceptance checks, and local administrative flights for BLT 3/4, which was replacing BLT 2/4 aboard the USS New Orleans.
- 15 Oct - HMM-165 restricted the flight operations of CH-46's to flights of operational necessity only, due to a message received from MAG-36. (TAB B)
- 16 Oct - HMM-165 held a squadron formation and was addressed by Major General L. E. BROWN, CG 1st MAW, on a job well done during amphibious operations off the coast of Vietnam. All aircraft were recovered aboard the USS New Orleans, just prior to the LPH's departure for Subic Bay, R.P.
- 17 Oct - HMM-165 conducted instrument training flights and tests.
- 18 Oct - HMM-165 conducted day and night carrier qualifications, instrument training flights and tests.
- 19 Oct - HMM-165 aboard the USS New Orleans arrived in Subic Bay, R.P., and two CH-53's and two UH-1E's were flown to NAS Cubi Point.
- 19-20 Oct - HMM-165 conducted night training flights.
- 19-21 Oct - HMM-165's maintenance department, with the aid of AIMD at NAS Cubi Point, began inspection of the CH-46's rotor blades.
- 20-21 Oct - HMM-165 provided two CH-53's to support BLT 3/4's Artillery Company during field maneuvers.

2. Flight Statistics

a. 1-21 Oct 1972 Totals:

	<u>CH-46</u>	<u>CH-53</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>
Cargo Tons	- 99.4 43.6	55.1	0.7
Passengers	-1636 1143	389	104
Sorties	- 571 320	143	108
Flight Hrs	- 286.3 145.2	71.8	69.3

3. Average Aircraft Availability

CH-46 - 65%
 CH-53 - 64%
 UH-1E - 79%
 TOTAL - 69%

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Maj R. P. ROGERS
 1/Lt H. J. MAHER

New Crew Members Assigned

Sgt P. J. ALCIA	Cpl W. R. HAINLINE
Sgt D. KIRKHAM	Cpl R. J. MCEWAN
Sgt M. F. MARTELL	

5. Promotions

The following personnel were promoted to their present rank:

Capt S. R. ERICKSON	Sgt J. P. NIEMIEC
Sgt R. E. GRUBB	LCpl C. B. GOINES
Sgt W. J. HEIMSATH	LCpl J. W. THRASHER
Sgt J. MULLINEX	PFC A. INGRAM

6. Re-Enlistments

SSgt R. L. PLAUTZ

7. AwardsSINGLE MISSION AIR MEDALS

Major J. D. SIMPSON	GOLD STAR FOR FIFTH AWARD
Captain B. G. KEYES	BRONZE STAR FOR FIRST AWARD
Captain V. J. PILCK	BRONZE STAR FOR FIRST AWARD
1stLt L. W. RUSH	BRONZE STAR FOR FIRST AWARD
1stLt S. A. WARD	BRONZE STAR FOR FIRST AWARD
1stLt R. T. WILLARD	BRONZE STAR FOR FIRST AWARD
Sgt R. W. BRAMLET	BRONZE STAR FOR FIRST AWARD
Sgt L. M. BURNETTE	BRONZE STAR FOR FIRST AWARD
Cpl G. A. MCKINNEY	BRONZE STAR FOR FIRST AWARD

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STRIKE/FLIGHT AIR MEDAL - 1ST AWARD

Capt A. J. ZYGOWICZ	Sgt R. A. NEWCOM
1/Lt S. E. BRUCH	Cpl M. L. BAGBY
1/Lt O. K. BROWN	Cpl C. E. CORTEZ
1/Lt D. B. GARRETT	Cpl D. A. DVORAK
1/Lt M. D. JACKSON	Cpl E. R. EGBERT
1/Lt G. G. KASPER	Cpl B. J. LOGAN
1/Lt M. J. LUKAS	Cpl J. A. MESSERVY
1/Lt M. L. SHEA	Cpl W. R. METZKER
1/Lt J. B. WILKES	Cpl J. R. PALMER
1/Lt D. A. WYATT	Cpl R. L. ROGERS
1stSgt R. E. CLEARY	Cpl J. C. TOALSTON
Sgt W. E. FORD	LCpl K. S. BENNETT
	LCpl D. J. MERTZ

PART IVTAB

- A. ✓ CTG 76.5 msg 071543Z Oct 72
- B. ✓ MAG-36 msg 140249Z Oct 72

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071543Z OCT 72

FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
TO RUMFUFA/CTF SEVEN SIX
INFO RUMGOAA/COMSEVENTHFLT
RUAOBMA/MARAYRGRU THREE SIX FUTEWA OKI
RHARSGG/FIRST MAW IWARUJL JA
ZEN/USS NEW ORLEANS

2201 SWS
I: ALL DEPTS

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030 BRAVO RECAP

1. (C) ARG BRAVO DEPARTS AFTER 46/0 DAYS ON STATION IN GOT WITH ONE OF THE BEST NIGHT CG QUALIFIED MARINE HELO SQDHS IN PACIFIC FLEET.

2. (C) HMM 165 MADE 865/9 NIGHT LANDINGS DURING THE PERIOD. OF 31/6 PILOTS ASSIGNED 43/7 ARE CURRENT NIGHT CG QUALIFIED.

IMPROVED CH53 AVAILABILITY WOULD HAVE RAISED RESULTS SIGNIFICANTLY. QUALS BY TYPE AS FOLLOWS:

UH-1E	7 OF 7 NIGHT QUAL
CH-46	29 OF 31 NIGHT QUAL
CH-53	7 OF 13 NIGHT QUAL

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3. (C) DURING THE SAME PERIOD NEW ORLEANS LOGGED 1862/5 HELO LANDINGS WITHOUT AN INCIDENT. THIS IS APPROX 13 PERCENT OF ALL HELO LANDINGS SINCE COMMISSIONING. IN ADDITION NEW ORLEANS FLIGHT AND HANGAR DECK PERSONNEL COMPLETED APPROX 1802/9 GROUND HANDLING MOVES OF ACFT WITHOUT A SINGLE CRUNCH.

4. (C) WE NOW LOOK FORWARD TO SOME RELAXATION IN SUBIC AND OKINAWA, BUT - WE SHALL RETURN.

DECLAS 1 JUN 72.

BT

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NNNNVV RUMG 826
CMTZ QW RUAOBMA1047 2680249-EEEE--RUMGOJA.

ZY EEEEE

D 140249Z OCT 72

FM MAG THREE SIX

TO RUMGOJA/MARNEDHELON ONE SIX FIVE

RUMGOJA/MARNEDHELON ONE SIX FOUR

ZEN/MARHAMRON THREE SIX

RUADJVA/MARHAMRON THREE SIX SUB UNIT TWO

RHAHAAA/MARHAMRON THREE SIX DET DELTA

INFO RHARSOGJCO FIRST MAW

RHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

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CH-46 INFLIGHT BALDE FAILURE

A CG 2ND MAW 121757Z OCT 72 (PASEP)

1. IN VIEW OF SUBJ FAILURE, SUGGEST REDUCE CH-46 FLIGHT OPS TO
THE MINIMUM OF OPERATIONAL NECESSITY. FURTHER INFO WILL BE
FORWARDED AS BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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