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Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein)  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (Attn: G-3)  
Via: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 15

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 February to 17 February 1967

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Encl: ✓(1) HMM-361 Command Chronology, 1-17 February 1967

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), Enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 February to 17 February 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

HMM-361

LtCol. M. D. TWEED

2. LOCATION

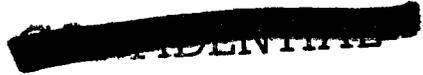
1-17 February 1967: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	LtCol. E. W. TRAUT
Administrative Officer	Capt. S. E. FIELD
Intelligence Officer	Capt. R. D. MCGINN
Operations Officer	Major K. D. VANEK
Logistics Officer	Major J. R. GREER
Maintenance Officer	Major J. L. MCMANAWAY

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
65	175	1	3



PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1 Feb: General BARFIELD was transported by HMM-361 to the Pacific Missile Range where he observed operations.
- 3 Feb: Two (2) Tarbush aircraft proceeded to Ikei-Shima Island where they picked up a semi-conscious civilian and transported her to the Naha hospital.
- 4 Feb: Two (2) Tarbush aircraft picked up a civilian at Aguni-Shima Island who was suffering from an unknown illness and brought him to Naha Hospital.
- 6 Feb: Two (2) HMM-361 helicopters proceeded to Landing Zone 13 and picked up one (1) Marine who had contacted pneumonia and transported same to an awaiting ambulance at Camp Courtney.
- 7 Feb: Two (2) Tarbush aircraft picked up one (1) Marine at Landing Zone 13 and rushed him to Camp Kue hospital where he was treated for a torn cartilage.
- Two (2) Tarbush aircraft proceeded to Landing Zone 13 where they picked up one (1) Marine suffering from a Habu bite and transported him to Camp Kue hospital.
- 8 Feb: B/Gen METZGER was transported in the 361 "Whiteback" from Camp Courtney to Sukiran.
- 9 Feb: LtCol. M. D. TWEED presented the Distinguished Flying Cross to Captain Roger P. HARRELL.
- 10 Feb: Two (2) tarbush aircraft were diverted from their assigned mission and proceeded to Landing Zone 13 where they picked up a Marine with appendicitis and rushed him to Camp Kue hospital.
- 11 Feb: The Tarbush "Whiteback" transported General Van STOCKUM from Naha AFB, to Camp Courtney.
- 14 Feb: Two (2) HMM-361 aircraft picked up B/Gen METZGER at Camp Courtney and transported him to Futema.

Two (2) Tarbush aircraft picked up Rear Admiral VANNOY at Kadena AFB, and took him to Camp Hansen, Camp Courtney and White Beach.

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15 Feb: Two (2) Tarbush aircraft transported Mr. SILKWOOD from MCAF Futema to Camp Courtney.

16 Feb: The Tarbush "Whiteback" picked up Mr. SILKWOOD and took him on a aerial tour of the Island. Mr. SILKWOOD was later taken to Camp Hansen and Camp Courtney.

Mr. SILKWOOD was briefed on HMM-361 operations by LtCol. M. D. TWEED.

17 Feb: Two (2) HMM-361 aircraft transported Mr. SILKWOOD and General Van - STOCKUM from Camp Courtney to Camp Schwab. Mr. SILKWOOD was later taken to site #13 and Camps Hansen, Schwab and MCAF Futema.

HMM-361 rotated to MARBLE MOUNTAIN, SOUTH VIET NAM.

PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Feb: General BARFIELD was transported to the Pacific Missile Range.

3 Feb: Medevac from the island of Ikei-Shima to Naha.

4 Feb: Medevac from the island of Aguni-Shima to Naha.

6 Feb: Medevac from Landing Zone 13 to Camp Courtney.

7 Feb: Two (2) Medevacs from Landing Zone 13 to Camp Kue.

10 Feb: Medevac from Landing Zone 13 to Camp Kue hospital.

11 Feb: General Van STOCKUM was transported to Camp Courtney.

14 Feb: Rear Admiral VANNOY was transported to Camps Hansen and Courtney and to Kadena AFB.

15 Feb: Mr. SILKWOOD was transported to Camp Courtney.

16 Feb: Mr. SILKWOOD was taken on an Island tour and later to Camp Courtney.

Mr. SILKWOOD was briefed by LtCol. TWEED.

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17 Feb: Mr. SILKWOOD and General Van STOCKUM were taken to Camp Schwab. Mr. SILKWOOD was later returned to MCAF Futema.

HMM-361 to VIET NAM.

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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Encl: (1) HMM-361 Command Chronology, 16-28 February 1967

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), (c), and (d), enclosure (1) is herewith submitted.
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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 361

MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY

16 FEBRUARY TO 28 FEBRUARY 1967

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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 361  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commander and Staff

Commanding Officer	Lieutenant Colonel McDONALD D. TWEED
Executive Officer	Lieutenant Colonel EARL W. TRAUT
Operations Officer	Major KENNETH D. VANEK
Maintenance Officer	Major JAMES L. MCMANAWAY
Logistics Officer	Major JESSE R. GREER
Administrative Officer	Captain STEVEN E. FIELD

2. Inclusive Dates and Location

16-28 February, Vietnam

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
51		174	1		3

4. Important Visitors

Major General LOUIS B. ROBERTSHAW, 28 February  
Colonel VICTOR ARMSTRONG, 28 February

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

16 Feb: Captain COADY on a logistics hop with two TARBUSH UH-34Ds received small arms fire from BT 970540. There were no hits.

On an emergency MEDEVAC at AT 923323 2ndLt. GILLASPIE received small arms fire from AT 9237. There were no hits.

Captain NAY on a MEDEVAC at BT 039674 received small arms fire from BT 032659. The aircraft received no hits.

A section of two TARBUSH on a logistics mission were led by Captain MCLENNAN from LZ Buzzard to BT 008548. The UH-34Ds received small arms fire from BT 000543. There were no hits.

17 Feb: An emergency night MEDEVAC launched a flight of two UH-34Ds to AT 915526. The section, led by Captain COADY, received automatic weapons fire in the landing zone. There were no hits.

Captain MCLENNAN on a MEDEVAC at AT 957657 received small arms fire from AT 957657. The aircraft suffered one hit. The Corpsman, HM-2 G. L. TESELLE, was wounded. Again at AT 954685 the MEDEVAC aircraft received small arms and automatic weapons fire and received several hits.

18 Feb: Captain WIMMLER led a section of TARBUSH on two emergency night MEDEVACs at BT 009557 and BT 004559. Small arms fire was received from BT 004559 and BT 001540. There were no hits. The US WIAs were successfully taken to LZ 411 and later transported to the G-4 hospital.

On a priority mission for four ARVN WIAs at AT 995595 1stLt. ELKINS received small arms fire. There were no hits.

On two emergency MEDEVACs Major MCMANAWAY received small arms fire from AT 964670. The total of three US WIAs were successfully taken to the G-4 hospital without the aircraft receiving any hits.

Captain MCGINN on an emergency MEDEVAC at BT 017585 received fire in the landing zone and the aircraft received one hit.

LtCol TWEED led two TARBUSH UH-34Ds to BT 001587 on an emergency resupply. The section received small arms fire from BT 001587 and the lead aircraft received a hit in the zone. There were no injuries.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY (CONT.)

At BT 001587 LtCol. TWEED's section received small arms fire in the landing zone on a resupply mission. There were no hits.

In support of Operation RIO GRANDE, Captain EVERETT's section of TARBUSH aircraft received small arms fire at Nui Tren and at BS 491813. There were no hits.

20 Feb: On a MEDEVAC at BT 045300 Captain CAUDLE received small arms fire from BT 035395. There were no hits.

1stLt. PIONE on an emergency MEDEVAC for two US WIAs at AT 950665 received small arms fire from AT 965680. There were no hits.

LtCol. TRAUT led two TARBUSH UH-34Ds on a routine logistics hop and received fire from AT 994595, AT 989511 and AT 990601. There were no hits.

In support of Operation RIO GRANDE, Major VANEK's section of two TARBUSH UH-34Ds received small arms fire from BS 528757. There were no hits.

21 Feb: During a night MEDEVAC at MAF Major MCMANAWAY's section of TARBUSH picked up four US WIAs and five VNCIVs at five LZs. The section received small arms fire from BT 150576. There were no hits.

Captain HAYMORE on an emergency MEDEVAC at BT 048648 received small arms fire from BT 049650. There were no hits.

LtCol. TWEED on a logistic mission received small arms fire from BT 325215 and ZC 157543. There were no hits.

On a MEDEVAC at BS 556796 Major VANEK's aircraft received automatic weapons fire in the landing zone. The pilot and co-pilot, Captain UNDERWOOD, were wounded.

22 Feb: LtCol. TRAUT led a section of TARBUSH UH-34Ds to Que Son and received automatic weapons fire at BT 020337. There were no hits.

23 Feb: During an emergency night MEDEVAC mission Captain WIMMLER received automatic weapons and small arms fire from BT 088660, BT 088674 and BT 079674. The US WIA was successfully picked up. 75 rounds of 7.62 were returned.

24 Feb: On a night MEDEVAC at AT 944582 Captain HAYMORE received sniper fire from AT 945575. There were no hits.

Major VANEK on a logistics mission to An Hoa received fire from

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY (CONT.)

BT 912519. The lead aircraft suffered on hit. There were no injuries.

25 Feb: Major MQMANAWAY on afternoon MEDEVAC received automatic weapons fire from AT 915517. There were no hits and one US WIA and seven VNCIV were brought back to the Da Nang hospital for aid on four missions.

Captain EVERETT on a logistics mission received small arms fire in the landing zone from BS 475855. Corporal R. H. WINNER and Private R. H. TURNER were wounded.

26 Feb: During an emergency MEDEVAC at BT 045675 Captain SALMON received sniper fire from BT 054675. There were no hits and the mission was completed.

27 Feb: In support of Operation LANOKE Captain CLASBY picked up one US WIA at AT 903513 and received automatic weapons fire. The aircraft received no hits. At AT 933520 two US WIAs were picked up. Small arms fire was received in the vicinity of the landing zone.

1stLt. CALEF on an emergency MEDEVAC at BT 030614 received sniper fire; There were no hits.

28 Feb: Captain EVERETT on an MEDEVAC at BT 043684 received small arms fire from BT 042687. There were no hits and the one US KIA was successfully picked up.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to Major RICHARD KUCI and Captain WAYNE HYATT. Lance Corporal JAMES KIRKER, Jr. received the Navy Commendation Medal.

LtCol. EARL TRAUT assumed command of HMM-361 from LtCol. M. D. TWEED. Major KENNETH VANEK became Executive Officer of the Squadron. Major General L. B. ROBERTSHAW attended the change of command ceremonies and spoke briefly to the Squadron.

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## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 21 Feb: Major VANEK and Captain UNDERWOOD were wounded in action on a Medevac mission at BS 556796.
- 28 Feb: LtCol TRAUT assumed command of HMM-361. Major VANEK assumed duties as the Executive Officer of the Squadron.

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## PART IV

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1. 11 aircraft received 21 hits
2. 43 no hit fire incidents were reported
3. 5 WIAs
4. 12 spot reports on various sightings were reported

LOGISTICS

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|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1. AOCF Resume:   | a. Total Submitted:   | 32         |
|                   | b. Total Filled:      | 25         |
|                   | c. Outstanding:       | 7          |
| 2. ANFE Resume:   | a. Total Submitted:   | 14         |
|                   | b. Total Filled:      | 12         |
|                   | c. Outstanding:       | 2          |
| 3. AV-GAS Resume: | a. Total AV-GAS Cost: | \$3,621.28 |
|                   | b. Gallons Utilized:  | 22,633     |
| 4. AV-OIL Resume: | a. Total AV-OIL Cost: | \$467.50   |
|                   | b. Drums Utilized     | 17         |

OPERATIONS

- |                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1. Total Hours Flown        | 887.2   |
| 2. Total Sorties Flown      | 2,039   |
| 3. Total MEDEVAC Missions   | 439     |
| 4. Total Cargo Carried      | 74 Tons |
| 5. Total Passengers Carried | 1,826   |

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (CONT.)AWARDS

1. Silver Star: Corporal THEODORE W. LOUNSBURY
2. Distinguished Flying Cross: Major JAMES MCMANAWAY  
2ndLt. ROLAND DALBY
3. Bronze Star: Warrant Officer BERNARD MAXIX
4. Navy Commendation Medal: Corporal EARNEST CHACANIAS
5. Air Medal: 16 awards

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