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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
(HELICOPTER)
NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA 28545

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD), Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. 20380
Via: Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina 28533
Subj: Semiannual Command Chronology: 1 January to 30 June 1977
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Semiannual Command Chronology for Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter) New River is hereby submitted.

2. Organization Data

a. Designation and Location. MCAS(H) New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and is under the military command of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, who exercises his command through the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area. The Commandant of the Marine Corps provides primary logistics support for the Air Station and the Commandant, Fifth Naval District is the designated area coordinator. Aircraft, aircraft spares and related aeronautical support equipment logistics is provided by the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Naval Materiel.

b. The assigned mission is to maintain and operate facilities and provide service and materiel to support operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units thereof, and other activities and units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

c. Period Covered. Period covered by this report is 1 January to 30 June 1977.

d. Command and Staff Assignments

Commanding Officer

Col B. R. WILKINSON
1 Jan 77 - 22 Jun 77

Col J. L. SHANAHAN
23 Jun 77 -

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Executive Officer	LtCol C. L. NESBIT
S-1 Officer	LtCol G. S. PATE 1 Jan 77 - 31 May 77
	Maj M. J. BARKOVICH 1 Jun 77 - 29 Jun 77
	Capt T. J. PADDEN 30 Jun 77 -
Military Personnel Officer	Maj M. J. BARKOVICH 1 Jan 77 - 31 May 77
	Capt T. J. PADDEN 1 Jun 77 - 29 Jun 77
S-3 Officer	LtCol E. REICHERT Jr.
Airfield Operations Officer	Maj C. R. STEINMETZ
Air Traffic Control Div. Officer	CWO-4 L. R. COXE CWO G. L. JACKSON
Crash Crew Officer	CWO-4 R. F. DRUMMOND 1 Jan 77 - 28 Feb 77
	WO-1 L. E. SANDERSON 1 Mar 77 -
S-4 Officer	LtCol J. W. BRIDGES 1 Jan 77 - 28 Jun 77
	Maj F. M. MORGAN 29 Jun 77 -
Financial Manager	Mrs. E. ENNETT
CO, H&HS Squadron	Maj E. D. HAYMORE
XO, H&HS Squadron	Capt R. M. BELONGIE
Catholic Chaplain	Cdr E. R. TONER USN
Protestant Chaplain	Cdr W. A. SMITH USN
Supply Officer	1stLt G. M. HERSTEAD

Services Officer	LtCol G. S. PATE 1 Jan 77 - 31 May 77
	Maj M. J. BARKOVICH 1 Jun 77 - 30 Jun 77
Special Services Officer	Maj R. G. CANADA
Comm/Elect Officer	Capt J. C. DAY
Disbursing Officer	Maj J. M. BASS
Public Affairs Officer	MSgt J. MIMS
Adjutant	MSgt J. H. JOHNSON
Sgt Major	SgtMaj A. COOK
Dining Facility Officer	MSgt B. A. SOWERS 29 Jul 76 - 27 Jun 77
	Capt G. L. PETERSON 28 Jun 77 -
Human Affairs Officer	Capt D. J. JACOBY
Command Club System	MGySgt C. L. DELOACH 1 Jan 77 - 18 Mar 77
	Maj T. L. BERRY 19 Mar 77 -
Provost Marshal	Capt F. R. HART

3. Personnel

a. During this period, 93 permanent personnel and 190 FAP personnel were joined; 81 permanent personnel were transferred and 154 FAP personnel terminated.

b. Twenty-two Marines re-enlisted and 18 Marines were released from active duty; 21 Marines were discharged and two transferred to the FMCR.

c. During this period, the following promotions were effected within this Command:

(1) Officer: 1/Maj; 2/Capt

(2) Enlisted: 1/MSgt; 1/GySgt; 8/SSgt; 14/Sgt; 35/Cpl; 26/LCpl;
17/PFC's

d. The following decorations/awards were presented at appropriate ceremonies: 61 Good Conduct Medals; 19 Meritorious Masts; Four Letters of Appreciation; Four Certificates of Commendation.

e. Civilian Personnel

(1) <u>Ceiling</u>	<u>Graded</u>	<u>Ungraded</u>	<u>Total</u>
Full Time Permanent			81*
On-Board (excludes four summer aides)	49	27	76

* (Ceiling adjustment authorized by HQMC, includes two Microphone Reporters (Reimbursable Funds), six Aviation Training Device Mechanics (Direct Funds); one civilian space was approved for Civil Engineer; and seven temporary billets were authorized for FY-77.)

(2) The position of Civil Engineer, GS-11 was established and is presently being recruited for filling. The purpose of the position is to advise and respond to the Station Commander on engineer related matters.

(3) The position of Housing Projects Manager, GS-6 was transferred from MCB on 12/1/76 due to deconsolidation and return of the MCAS(H) BOQ/BSQ to this Command.

(4) Of the six aviation training device spaces being recruited for (for use in Flight Simulator), three spaces have been filled. The remaining three spaces will be filled within the very near future.

(5) The following T/MR change was made: Liquid Distribution Systems Operator, WG-8 was changed to Liquid Distribution Systems Mechanic, WG-10.

(6) The civilian turnover was two separations and 13 accessions.

(7) There was one civilian retirement during the period covered.

4. Training

a. General. The Training Department is responsible to the MCAS(H) S-3 Officer for providing aviation training to units of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing stationed at MCAS(H) New River and to the Commanding Officer, H&HS for coordinating and implementing individual training of the Station enlisted Marines which includes Rifle Marksmanship, Physical Fitness testing, Drown Proofing, Pistol Requalification and Familiarization Firing.

Further, it monitors the command Weight Control Program, MCI, Essential Subjects Training, SNCO and NCO Leadership Training and Coordinates MOS Training.

b. Military Training

(1) Rifle Marksmanship. 131 personnel fired for requalification with 118 qualified and 13 unqualified.

(2) PFT. In a recent COMCABEAST PFT Inspection held 1-3 June 1977, the overall pass rate was 95%. The breakdown is as follows: Officers 92%; SNCO 96%; Enlisted 95%.

(3) Weight-Control/Remedial Program. Sixteen Marines remain on the Remedial Program, seven on weight control.

(4) MCI. For this reporting period this Command has maintained a 80% completion rate.

(5) Aviation Training. Construction of a new Flight Simulator building continues with a tentative completion date of 15 Aug 1977. This facility will accommodate the present 2C43 CH-46 trainer and the new 2F117 CH-46 flight trainer.

(6) Pistol Requalification. During this time 94 Marines requalified with T/O weapon.

(7) Leadership/Human Relations. For this reporting period 62% of the command Marines have been trained.

(8) Water Survival Swimming Training. 34 Marines were trained and 25 qualified as swimmers.

5. Airfield Operations

a. Air Traffic Control

(1) Air Traffic Operations: Operations for the reporting period totaled 81,445. There were 3,564 passengers manifested through the Division of whom 56 were VIPS. The Visiting Aircraft Line serviced 1,451 transient aircraft.

(2) Personnel. The personnel strength average was two officers, 32 enlisted and three civilians. These averages include Fleet Augmentation personnel.

(3) Training. Training and qualification programs continue with emphasis placed on cross-training controllers to obtain FAA Facility Ratings on both Tower and Radar. During the reporting period there were five IFR radar, three FAA tower, six Facility Ratings, 20 Visibility Observer Qualifications and two Facility Watch Supervisor Qualifications, earned by ATC personnel.

(4) Facilities. Interior finishing and furnishing of the combined training/ready-room was completed.

b. Weather Services

(1) Weather Services Division maintains a 24 hour daily forecaster and observation program, with forecasts produced and disseminated locally and observations transmitted via an Air Force Teletype Circuit plus local dissemination.

(a) A total of 751 IFR, 552 VFR and 58 local flight forecasts were issued; in addition 105 destructive weather warnings were disseminated to parent and tenant commands at MCAS(H) New River and Camp Lejeune.

(b) Monthly Climatological, Astronomical, and Tidal Data was computed and published for use at the Air Station and Camp Lejeune.

(c) Blast Focus Forecasts were prepared and disseminated on a daily basis to MCB Camp Lejeune G-3 Training who further disseminates this information to Range Control, 2d Mar Div and Force Troops and Cherry Point TACC.

(2) Automatic Weather Station, AN/GMQ-29, was installed 9 March 77. This replaced the AN/GMQ-14B Semi-Automatic Meteorological Station.

c. Crash Crew

(1) The Crash Crew Division has nine vehicles assigned for crash fire protection. In addition, two MB-5 crash vehicles are on loan from MAG-26 and MAG-29 to supplement the station equipment. During this period, the station received two one-ton rescue command vehicles and one 500 gallon nurse truck w/500 GPM rear mounted pump.

(2) Aircraft Accidents. Crash Crew responded to three accidents during this period.

(3) Aircraft Standbys. Crash Crew responded to 49 aircraft emergencies during this period.

(4) Manned Equipment. Crash Crew spent 1,140 hours manning the runway alert position for landing and departing aircraft and provided crash vehicles for two defuels and 61 washdowns, for fuel spills.

(5) Training. 4,572 man hours were spent on Crash Crew technical training.

d. Flight Support. The Flight Support Division supported an average of 16 pilots from H&HS New River through 30 June 1977. This support entailed 420.7 pilot hours on 128 operational or logistic flights with an average of two aircraft assigned.

(1) During the reporting period, 218.1 aircraft flight hours were flown in assigned aircraft. Total flight time by type aircraft was as follows:

U-11/A 218.1

(2) During this period an average of 36.3 hours per month were flown.

(3) Operational Readiness Report is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u> <u>AIR-</u> <u>CRAFT</u>	<u>PERCENT</u> <u>OPERATIONAL</u> <u>READY</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT</u> <u>OPERATIONAL</u> <u>READY SUPPLY</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT</u> <u>OPERATIONAL</u> <u>READY MAINT</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT</u> <u>OPERATIONAL</u> <u>READY</u>
U-11/A	37.3	44.4	18.3	62.7

6. Public Affairs

a. Jan 10 - MAG-29 units depart for Ft. Drum

Jan 16 - Accident in Mediterranean - launch attached to USS Guam was struck and capsized killing several 2d Marine Aircraft Wing personnel stationed at MCAS(H) New River

Jan 18 - Three 2d Marine Aircraft Wing personnel stationed at MCAS(H) New River named for Boost Program - Sgt James P. ARMISTEAD, H&MS-29; Sgt Eddie L. JOHNSON, HMH-461; Cpl Joseph M. DEJESNS, H&MS-29

Jan 21 - Chapel Memorial Service for USS Guam victims

b. Feb 9 - Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps visits MCAS(H) New River

- Feb 11 - H&MS-29 Change of Command, LtCol W. C. RYAN relieved by LtCol J. A. GRESS
- Ground Safety Award presented to HML-167
- HMA-269 Change of Command, LtCol B. D. RINEHART relieved by LtCol W. C. RYAN
6. Mar 11 - HML-268 Change of Command, LtCol J. W. RIDER relieved by LtCol R. M. NEBEL
- Two CH-53's from HMH-461 crashed in North Carolina mountains - five Marines were killed and three injured
- Mar 15 - Memorial Services for HMH-461 crash victims held at Memorial Chapel MCAS(H) New River
- Mar 17 - Jacksonville, N.C. honors MAG-29 Marine of Quarter, Cpl Charles B. Garmon, H&MS-29
- Mar 22 - Sgt D. K. HAMMEL and Cpl M. K. VUKIN attached to MCAS(H) Aircraft Maintenance, were presented a Life Saving Award and Letter of Commendation
- Mar 25 - HMH-461 Change of Command, LtCol H. M. BARTEL relieved by Maj E. R. SEIFFERT
- d. Apr 1 - Station Retirement Parade held for LtCol G. S. PATE, Maj J. J. KNOCKE, LtCol B. D. RINEHART, GySgt S. R. MONTANA
- Apr 25 - COMCABEAST MajGen V. A. ARMSTRONG visited MCAS(H) New River
- Apr 27 - Navy League Award, presented to Lt A. T. MEEK, HMT-204
- e. May 3 - Navy Relief Fund Drive Kick-off
- May 4 - Exercise Solid Shield 77 started
- May 6 - BGen BLAZ, Director of Information, visits MCAS(H) Joint Public Affairs Officer and CO MCAS(H), CO MAG-26, CO MAG-29
- Mr. Sikorsky speaks at first MCAA meeting held at the Fleet Reserve Association
- May 8 - Joint Alcohol Clinic, MCAS(H), MAG-26, MAG-29 set up at MCAS(H) New River Counseling Center

- May 10 - HMM-264 returns from Mediterranean
- May 13 - Flight Surgeon of the Year Award presented to Dr W. E. MARTIN, Lt USN MCAS(H) Dispensary
- May 19 - Adm KIDD and LtGen BARROW visit MCAS(H) New River
- May 20 - MABS-26 Change of Command, Maj R. C. MARSHAL relieved by Maj M. R. MASSIE
- May 27 - Maintenance Safety Award presented to HMM-162 by MAG-26 Commanding Officer Col SHANAHAN
- Accident Free Safety Award presented to HMM-263 by MAG-26 Commanding Officer Col SHANAHAN
- 5,000 Flight Hours Award presented to Maj E. R. SEIFFERT, Commanding Officer of HMH-461
- May 31 - HMM-162 crew rescued downed A-7 pilots, 45 miles North of Cherry Point
- f. Jun 1 - COMCABEAST Inspection conducted. The overall results were satisfactory with discrepancies (one area unsatisfactory). Corrective action has been taken.
- New T/O submitted to and approved by CMC
- Jun 8 - Jack Six Channel 12 visited MCAS(H) New River, MAG-26 and MAG-29 to photograph aircraft
- Jun 16 - HMM-264 Change of Command, LtCol W. R. CARROLL relieved by LtCol J. M. SOLAN
- Jun 22 - LtGen MILLER attends Change of Command at MCAS(H) New River and presents Col WILKINSON Legion of Merit Award
- MCAS(H) Change of Command, Col B. R. WILKINSON relieved by Col J. L. SHANAHAN
- MAG-26 Change of Command, Col J. L. SHANAHAN relieved by Col D. C. HEIM
- Jun 23 - H&MS-29 Change of Command, LtCol J. A. GRESS relieved by Maj W. W. OGLE

Jun 23 - HML-167 Change of Command, LtCol M. W. LUTES relieved by
LtCol J. A. GRESS

H&MS-26 Change of Command, LtCol M. E. PEACOCK relieved by
Maj R. G. SOUSA

7. S-4

a. Milcon Projects

(1) P-212 - Ground Support Equipment Shop & Shed, AS-4146, Ongoing,
Completion Date Jul 77.

(2) P-209 - Pollution Abatement, Ongoing, Completion Date Jul 77.

(3) P-298 - Flight Simulator Building, AS-320, Ongoing, Completion
Date delayed to 15 Aug 77.

(4) P-180A - Steam Plant (Utilities Expansion), AS-4151, Ongoing,
Completion Date 27 Oct 77.

(5) P-180 - Utilities Expansion, Ongoing, Completion Date delayed
to Sep 77.

(6) P-621 - Steam Condensate Return Lines, Contract Awarded 4-7-77,
Completion Date 15 Aug 78.

(7) P-183 - 2nd MAW Maintenance & Operational Facility, delayed to
FY-79, 100% Plans Authorized May 77, to go to Congress Jan 78.

b. Emergency Milcon Project. P-324 - Transmitter Building, Formulating
Planning Documents for.

c. Special Milcon Projects

(1) P-200 - Avionics Shop (Amendment to) Exterior Lighting &
Fencing Avionics Shop, AS-4141, to be completed Jul 77. Plans and speci-
fications for Special Project submitted 18 May 77.

(2) P-325 - 400 HZ Power for Avionics Shop, AS-4141 approved by
CMC (LFF-1) Jun 77, CMC requested assistance from NAVAIRSYSCOM - Will be
accomplished at the Earliest Possible Date.

d. Minor Construction. P-301 - (HQMC-7220) Construct Maintenance
Shelters (7) and Alter Maintenance Office, Bldg AS-518, approved for
funding FY-77.

e. Major Repair

- (1) HQMC 7051 - Replace Water Wells, Bldgs AS-210/1002.
- (2) HQMC 7053 - Struct/Elec/Mech Repair A/C Maint - AS-515.
- (3) HQMC 7054 - Struct/Elec/Mech Repair A/C Maint - AS-4108
Approved for FY-77, plans and specifications submitted 24 Jan 77.
- (4) HQMC 7052 - Plans and specifications approved, authority granted to advertise.

f. Special Projects

- (1) Wood Hobby Shop, Ongoing (Conversion of AS-827).
- (2) Auto Hobby Shop, Ongoing (Renovation of AS-828).
- (3) ~~Moose~~ Project, Oak Grove (Coordination of Maintenance of Out-of-Service Equipment Program, FT/2nd FSSG with Air Station Commanding Officer) - Ongoing. Includes Recreational Development of Oak Grove - Ongoing - Permit issued 27 May 77 by Dept. of Army Corps of Engineers for Construction of two Recreational Piers.
- (4) Relocation of Telecommunications Center from AS-504 to AS-822, approved by CMC May 77 - Ongoing.
- (5) Interior Painting of Petroleum Storage Tanks - Plans and specifications submitted 31 May 77 - Bid Opening 28 Jun 77.
- (6) Repair/Cleaning Petroleum Storage Tanks - Completed May 77.

g. Housing Projects

- (1) Replace Water Lines to Family Housing - Ongoing - 5-31-77, 75% Completed.
- (2) Replace Evaporator Coils and Drip Plans, Family Housing - Ongoing - 5-31-77, 90% Completed.

h. Besep. 3475 - Automatic Weather Station, Platform Completed 23 Feb 77
Equipment installed Mar 77.

8. Supply

a. Modifications to Facilites. ServMart (MCAS(H)N.R.) relocated to MCB, Camp Lejeune, Area now utilized by Supply for packing (parcel post), RFI and Retrograde Material under the Refined Aeronautical Material Program.

b. New Programs

(1) New River Supply Department tasked to operate as satellite of MCAS Cherry Point Supply Department under Refined Aeronautical Support Program.

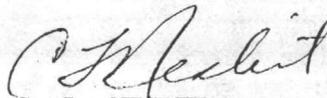
(2) A tailored stock inventory of 1800 line items now exists with a target of 2000 line items.

c. Changes to Existing Programs

(1) Records of material carried in the 203 Account (Money value only) transferred to Main Stores (Cherry Point).

(2) In process of establishing Excess Property Screening Function for MAG-26 and MAG-29.

9. Comptroller. Zero Base Budgeting was implemented and was prepared and submitted to higher authority for FY 79.


C. L. NESBIT
Acting