

Headquarters
Marine Corps Air Station
(Helicopter)
New River, Jacksonville
North Carolina 28540

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area
Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North
Carolina 28540

Subj: Semiannual Command Chronology; period 1 January 1971
to 30 June 1971

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1_

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Semiannual Command Chronology for MCAS New River is hereby submitted.

2. Organizational Data

a. Period covered by this report is 1 January 1971 to 30 June 1971.

b. MCAS 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 Naval Air Systems Command is the primary support bureau of this Air Station and the Commandant, Fifth Naval District is the designated area coordinator.

c. The assigned mission is to maintain and operate facilities and provide service and material 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.

d. Command and Staff Assignments

Commanding Officer	Col J. A. NELSON
Executive Officer	LtCol R. E. HOFSTETTER
S-1 Officer	LtCol D. F. KELLEY

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Military Personnel Officer	Capt J. W. SMITH
S-3 Officer	LtCol J. W. WARNER 1 May 71 - 30 Jun 71
Operations Officer	Maj R. L. LEVAN
S-4 Officer	LtCol V. J. GUINEE 1 Jun 71 - 22 Jan 71
	LtCol R. H. NELSON 23 Jan 71 - 30 Jun 71
Comptroller	LtCol G. D. PULLEN
Services Officer	LtCol J. W. WARNER 1 Jan 71 - 30 Apr 71
Commanding Officer, H&HS	Maj D. A. HODGEN 1 Jan 71 - 28 Jan 71
	Maj C. L. WHIPPLE 29 Jan 71 - 30 Jun 71
Dental Officer	CAPT R. W. SLATER (USN)
Medical Officer	LCDR B. B. CAMPBELL (USN) 1 Jan 71 - 20 Jun 71
	LCDR J. P. WALSH, JR. (USN) 21 Jun 71 - 30 Jun 71
Public Works Officer	LCDR J. R. JACKSON (USN) 1 Jan 71 - 10 Feb 71
	LCDR W. S. SMYTH (USN) 11 Feb 71 - 30 Jun 71
Catholic Chaplain	LT R. P. REIDY (USN)
Protestant Chaplain	CDR H. F. LECKY (USN)
Supply Officer	LCDR D. F. SUTER (USN)

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Special Services Officer	Capt J. A. WESSELL 1 Jan 71 - 15 Feb 71
	Maj H. R. MILLS 16 Feb 71 - 30 Jun 71
Communications/Electronics Officer	Capt T. M. ELLIOTT 1 Jan 71 - 28 Feb 71
	Capt T. R. COOK III 1 May 71 - 25 May 71
	Capt J. P. GALLIGAN 26 May 71 - 30 Jun 71
Disbursing Officer	Maj J. W. HENRY
Education Officer	1stLt J. F. RHODES, JR. 1 Jan 71 - 29 Jun 71
	Capt T. R. COOK III 30 Jun 71
Public Affairs Officer	Capt W. T. VINCENT
Ground Safety Officer	Capt W. M. KEMPFER
Marine Corps Exchange Officer	Capt K. E. JOHNSON
Motor Transport Officer	Capt D. D. POTTER 1 Jan 71 - 28 Feb 71
	Capt L. E. RHODES 1 Mar 71 - 30 Jun 71
Provost Marshal	Capt D. M. MAXWELL 1 Jan 71 - 28 Feb 71
	Capt D. S. NEWLON 1 Mar 71 - 30 Jun 71
Adjutant	Capt J. E. JULIAN 1 Jan 71 - 28 Feb 71
	Capt T. E. PITTS 1 Mar 71 - 30 Jun 71

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Sergeant Major

SgtMaj J. H. CARSON

e. On 1 May 1971 the Staff Organization of this Air Station was revised to the S-1, S-3, S-4 concept.

f. The average monthly strength during this period was 575 (includes officer and enlisted, both permanent and attached).

3. Personnel

a. During this period, 171 permanent personnel and 165 Fleet Augmentation Personnel were joined. Seventy-one permanent personnel were transferred and 162 Fleet Augmentation Personnel terminated.

b. Thirty-one permanent personnel were processed for assignment to WestPac units.

c. Twenty-six Marines were reenlisted and 80 were released from active duty/discharged.

d. During this period, the following promotions were effected within this command:

<u>Capt</u>	<u>CWO-2</u>	<u>Lt</u>	<u>MGySgt</u>	<u>GySgt</u>	<u>SSgt</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>LCpl</u>	<u>PFC</u>
16	4	5	3	13	6	4	37	27	14

f. Civil Service Personnel

(1) As of 30 June 1971, the status of civil service employees were as follows:

	Graded	Ungraded	Total
Ceiling (Full Time Permanent)			201
On Board	81	119	200*

*Includes seven temporary, two intermittent positions and one optional retirement.

(2) During this period two employees retired on physical disability and one optional retirement.

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(3) For this six month period the civilian turnover was 19 separations and 27 accessions. In addition, nine summer aid employees were hired.

4. Command Relations with other Military Organizations in the Immediate Area. Command relations with other military organizations in the Jacksonville area is one of mutual support and reciprocal agreement in all areas where command functions overlap. This mutual support has evolved over the years and has resulted in very harmonious working relationships.

5. Training. The Physical Fitness Test was administered with an overall command passing record of 60%. As of 30 June 96 Marines had requalified with T/O weapon. A requalification average of 73% has been attained.

6. Airfield Operations

a. CRASH/FIRE DEPARTMENT

(1) Crash Crew Division. The following was accomplished:

(a) Aircraft Accidents: The Station Crash Crew responded to one off base accident. A UH1E helicopter lost power in its engine and crashed 1.1 nautical miles on the 340° radial of the New River Tacan. There were no injuries to crewman and all escaped unaided. Nine crash crewmen and equipment were lowered by hoist from a CH-46 to secure the aircraft and clear the crash site to allow a CH-53 to external the helicopter back to New River.

(b) Aircraft Ground Accidents: The Station Crash Crew responded to one aircraft ground accident. A CH-46F turned over on the flight line while undergoing a maintenance turn up. There were no injuries and all crew members escaped unaided. The Station Crash Crew performed the salvage operation. The successful salvage of this CH-46F marked the first time in Marine Aviation that a CH-46 was lifted from its side to an upright position on all landing gear with no further damage being sustained to the helicopter.

(c) Aircraft Standbys: In addition to the preceding two emergencies, the Station Crash Crew stood by for 38 aircraft emergencies.

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(d) Manned Equipment: The Station Crash Crew spent 2041.4 hours manning the hotspot position for landing and departing aircraft, stood by for 109 defuelings and 97 washdowns of fuel spills. Three trucks were provided for the Air Station Armed Forces Day and a fire fighting demonstration was presented using 300 gallons of JP-5 and one MB-5 fire fighting truck.

(e) Structural Assistance: The Station Crash Crew assisted the structural fire department in fighting two structural fires. Four Marines responded with a back-up 750 GPM pumper on the first fire. This fire was in a three bedroom home in the MEMQ area of station housing. The second structural fire was in the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Office. During this fire fighting operation, nine Marines were used and again the first back-up crew responded with a structural fire truck. They were relieved upon extinguishing the fire and five additional Marines were used to assist in the salvage and clean-up operation.

(f) Training: 3377.6 man-hours were spent on crash crew training. In addition, 212.8 man-hours were spent cross training the Marines in structural fire fighting. Eight fire fighters from Kinston, North Carolina were given 48 man-hours in aircraft crash rescue training. Two days were devoted to the Camp Lejeune Fire Department. A total of 150 man-hours were given on aircraft checkouts, emergency procedures and rescue procedures. Fifty man-hours of training were given the M.T. Section of the 8th Engineers on their 530 C structural fire truck. Pumping, drafting and basic maintenance was covered. Classes were presented to the officers and men of HMM-261 on the airlift unit and proper procedures to be followed in the event of off station emergencies. A class was given to HMM-162 on aircraft fire hazards and proper fire fighting techniques involving helicopters.

(2) Fire Department. The Fire Department has three 750 GPM Pumpers, one 2000 gallon water tanker, and two 1/2 ton pick-up trucks for structural fire protection and fire prevention.

(a) Emergency Response: The Fire Department responded to 22 emergencies aboard the Air Station this reporting period. Four of the above were due to false alarms. Two were building fires resulting in a loss to the Government of \$11,200.

(b) Fire Prevention: Conducted 1411 building and Capehart quarters inspections on the monthly building inspection. Also 3854 fire extinguishers were inspected, 841 fire alarm box tests were conducted; 335 fire hydrants were flushed and inspected; inspected and tested 102 sprinkler systems; inspected and tested 8450 feet of fire hose; 900 club or special services building inspections at closing time were conducted; stood-by for 110 hot work jobs. Thirty four hours of fire prevention training was conducted for FMF personnel.

(c) Training: The Structural Fire Fighting personnel were given 35 hours of Aircraft Crash/Rescue training and 294 hours in structural firefighting training. All of the above training was conducted by the Fire Department personnel this reporting period.

b. AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE DIVISION

(1) From 1 January 1971 to 30 June 1971, there were 1505.2 aircraft flight hours flown. Total flight time by type aircraft is: T28B - 1218.1; US2A - 174.2; US2B - 112.9.

(2) During this reporting period an average of 250.9 hours per month were flown.

(3) Aircraft transactions were as follows: Aircraft BuNo. 136395 was transferred to NAS Quonset Point on 8 April 1971 and Aircraft BuNo. 138110 was transferred to NARF Pensacola on 14 June 1971. Aircraft BuNo. 137689 was received from NAS Norfolk on 20 May 1971 and Aircraft BuNo. 138223 was received from NARF Pensacola on 14 June 1971.

(4) Operational Readiness Report is as follows:

Type Equip	Percent Operationally Ready	Percent Not Operationally Ready Supply	Percent Not Operationally Ready Maint	Percent Not Operationally Ready
US2-A	53.3%	30.2%	16.5%	46.7%
US2-B	67.8%	0.8%	31.4%	32.2%
T28-B	66.9%	16.2%	16.9%	33.1%

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c. FLIGHT SUPPORT DIVISION. The Flight Support Division supported an average of 60 pilots from 2d Marine Division, 2d ANGLICO and H&HS New River. This support entailed 2889.0 pilot hours on 773 proficiency or logistical flights in the four aircraft assigned to this station. This section also renewed 14 standard instrument cards and four special instrument cards.

d. WEATHER SERVICE DIVISION

(1) Administration. This Division continued to maintain a 24 hour weather observation program, with observations transmitted via an Air Force Weather Teletype Circuit. Daily forecasts for the local area were distributed, in addition to the issuance of 2180 flight forecast and 146 Destructive Weather Warnings.

(2) Training

(a) Technical training in weather observing techniques was conducted for 110 hours.

(b) Technical training in weather equipment maintenance was conducted for 90 hours.

(c) Ten hours of instruction for map reading was furnished to pilots.

(3) Community Relations. Tours through the weather facility were conducted for 832 students from local schools.

(4) New Programs and Changes and/or Status of Existing Programs. WB-RATTS 68-facsimile reproduction of weather radar presentation from Cherry Point was authorized and has been shipped from Alden Facsimile, Westboro, Massachusetts and will be installed in the near future.

e. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL DIVISION

(1) Air Traffic Operations

(a) During the subject period, 55,678 aircraft operations were serviced by the control tower, an increase of 15,000 plus over the previous six month period.

(b) Of this total; 1946 were IFR and 53,732 were VFR.

(c) 4789 radar approaches were conducted by the tenant Ground Controlled Approach Unit.

(d) Total field operating hours were 1891.4 out of a possible 5274 hours for an availability of 36%.

(2) Passengers, Baggage and Itinerant Aircraft

(a) 777 aircraft were serviced by the Visiting Aircraft Line Branch.

(b) 4679 passengers were embarked or debarked via the Operations terminal.

(c) 120 VIP passengers were embarked or debarked.

(d) 238,600 lbs of cargo/baggage was shipped through Airfield Operations.

7. Training Department. The Aviation Training Devices/Aids Division comprises five Branches. Individually, each Branch has accomplished the following:

a. Operational Flight/Weapons Systems Branch

(1) The 2F75 Section is the CH-46D Operational Flight Trainer. The trainer was scheduled for 992 hours. It was available for 608 hours and was utilized by 173 pilots for 262 hours with a utilization percentage of 26.4%. At the present time, the trainer is down undergoing an extensive on-site overhaul.

(2) The 2B10A Section is the SH3A Basic Instrument Trainer. The trainer was scheduled for 988 hours. It was utilized by 87 pilots for 183 hours with a utilization of 18.5%. The trainer was down for maintenance and awaiting parts for 698 hours.

b. Film Library Branch. The Film Library Branch issues, inspects and repairs all films when required. During this reporting period, 549 films were issued.

c. Audio-Visual Branch. The Audio-Visual Branch has 103 items of equipment on hand and has issued them on temporary and extended custody the following number of occasions: movie projectors - 140; screens - 41; slide

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projectors - 40; lecternettes - 5; chalkboards - 1; overhead projectors - 36; opaque projectors - 5; record players - 33; dead reconing computer - 2. The Audio Visual Branch also does all preventive maintenance and repairs on these devices plus those belonging to other units. Audio Visual has made 485 transparencies for use as training aids. This Branch is manned by two personnel of which one is attending projector repair school.

d. Graphic Arts Branch. The Graphic Arts Branch has designed and produced 216 items which include posters, signs, charts and transparencies. This Branch is a one man operation.

e. Photographic Branch. The Photographic Division received and processed 1061 job orders from MAG-26 Units, MACS-5 and H&HS during the reporting period. These job orders involved 8489 negatives and 14,307 prints, 144 color negatives, 547 color transparencies and 640 polaroid sheets. Reflecting a continually increasing workload for assigned personnel and equipment.

(1) During this reporting period, three of five assigned photographers completed various photographic courses of 12-15 weeks duration at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado.

(2) Photographic coverage accomplished included aircraft and vehicle accidents, building construction progress reports, syllabus board and broken parts photographs, copies of maps, charts and documents for training purposes and portrature for both identification and HQMC requirements, also news release photographs.

8. Modification Plant and Facilities

a. Projects which were accepted as useably completed during the above period of time are:

(1) Pave Existing Road. Awarded 10 April 1970; completed 17 June 1971. Cost - \$43,500.

(2) Interior Partitioning Modification Hangar. Awarded 14 May 1970; completed 1 January 1971. Cost - \$14,834.

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(3) Exterior Painting of Public Quarters. Awarded 30 January 1970; completed 13 January 1971. Cost - \$19,800.

b. The following projects have been awarded but are not completed:

(1) Aircraft Direct Fueling Station. Awarded 30 December 1969; completion date 12 April 1971. Cost - \$538,550.

(2) Enlisted Men's Barracks. Awarded 29 January 1970; completion date 10 February 1971. Cost - \$676,576.

(3) Reclosers to Oil Circuit Breakers. Awarded 3 December 1970; completion date 6 June 1971. Cost - \$4,900.

(4) Piping Modifications. Awarded 1 April 1971; completion date 5 July 1971. Cost - \$24,816.

(5) Barracks Repairs. Awarded 7 April 1971; completion date 10 August 1971. Cost - \$71,000.

(6) Installation of Sidewalks. Awarded 30 April 1971; completion date 2 September 1971. Cost - \$33,700.

(7) Corrections to Flashing Aircraft Maintenance Hangar. Awarded 12 May 1971; completion date 15 August 1971. Cost - \$2,974.

(8) Repave Driveways (Public Quarters). Awarded 7 June 1971; completion date 10 August 1971. Cost - \$13,347.

(9) Exterior Painting Public Quarters. Awarded 2 June 1971; completion date 5 October 1971. Cost - \$22,606.

(10) Replace Heating Units. Awarded 24 June 1971; completion date 27 October 1971. Cost - \$37,255.

(11) Termite Control of Public Quarters. Awarded 28 June 1971; completion date 1 October 1971. Cost - \$14,960.

(12) Repairs to Airfield Lighting. Awarded 20 June 1971; completion date 2 December 1971. Cost - \$38,700.

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9. Supply Department

a. Field Supply Analysis Team. The Field Supply Analysis Team from Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune visited the Supply Department 1-3 June 1971. Ten discrepancies were noted which were identified to this Command by FSAO-1 Supply Analysis Report of 28 June 1971. All discrepancies have been corrected and recommendations made in the report are being complied with.

b. Modifications to Plant and Facility. Site construction and modification continued on the Rapid Refueling System.

c. New Programs and Changes and/or Status of Existing Programs. Initial outfitting requirements to support intermediate maintenance operations at MHTG-40 is 91% completed.

10. Food Services Division

a. Ceremonies. The Dining Facilities served New Year's Day Dinner to Navy and Marine Corps personnel, their dependents and guests. Refreshments have been provided for Change of Command Ceremonies of various squadrons.

b. Installation of New Equipment. Two new ovens have been installed in Dining Facility #226. Several other new pieces of equipment have been received but not installed as yet. Once this equipment is installed, it should greatly improve our feeding capabilities.

c. New Programs and Changes and/or Status of Existing Programs. As yet, there has been no word regarding the express line for Building #226 or any additional new galley equipment. Pepsi Cola Company received the contract for carbonated beverages. We now have cola, root beer, orange and a fruit flavor available to all troops eating in our Dining Facilities.

11. Communications/Electronics Department

a. Personnel. Personnel status of Ground Electronics Division deemed critical since May 1971.

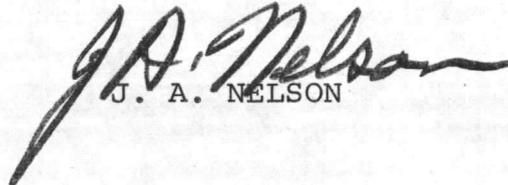
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b. Modification to Plant and Facility. A "Hot Line" was established for emergency communications and alternate message routing between MCAS New River Communications Center and Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune's Communications Center. This circuit utilizes covered full duplex teletype.

f. New Programs and Changes and/or Status of Existing Programs. The new Station Transmitter-Receiver Building will be accepted on 10 August 1971 with transfer of the station transmitters and receivers taking place shortly thereafter. Planning for the new Station Air Traffic Control Facility is underway. Design Engineers have begun design with monies funded.

12. Ceremonies. The following decorations were presented to members of this Command at appropriate ceremonies during this period:

- 1 Distinguished Flying Cross
- 1 Bronze Star with Combat "V"
- 1 Letter of Appreciation
- 5 Air Medals
- 8 Navy Commendations with Combat "V"


J. A. NELSON

