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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 28533

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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 July 1972 to 31 December 1972.

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 Commandant of the Marine Corps provides  
primary logistic support for the Air Station and the Commandant, Fifth  
Naval District is the designated area coordinator. Aircraft, aircraft  
spares and related aeronautical support equipment logistic is provided  
by the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Naval Material.

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 1 Jul 72 - 6 Sep 72
	Col G. C. DOSTER 6 Sep 72 -
Executive Officer	LtCol C. L. NESBIT

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S-1 Officer	LtCol M. O. MARTINEZ
Military Personnel Officer	Capt G. A. BURKE 1 Jul 72 - 7 Dec 72
	Maj F. E. LAND 8 Dec 72 -
S-3 Officer	LtCol D. W. WRIGHT
Operations Officer	Maj R. L. LEVAN 1 Jul 72 - 4 Dec 72
	Maj G. W. COX 5 Dec 72 -
S-4 Officer	LtCol R. H. NELSON
Comptroller	LtCol J. G. WALKER
Commanding Officer, H&HS	Maj H. R. MILLS
Dental Officer	Capt R. W. SLATER, USN 1 Jul 72 - 17 Jul 72
	CMDR R. M. HOFFMANN, USN 18 Jul 72 -
Medical Officer	Capt H. W. HILL, USN
Public Works Officer	LCdr W. S. SMYTH, USN
Catholic Chaplain	Lt D. D. DELASH, USN 1 Jul 72 - 5 Jul 72
	Lt B. GROCHOWSKI, USN 6 Jul 72 -
Protestant Chaplain	Cdr H. F. LECKY, USN
Supply Officer	LCdr E. W. BILICKE, USN
Special Services Officer	Maj J. R. THROGMORTON 1 Jul 72 - 18 Sep 72
	Maj FRIESENDA 19 Sep 72 -
Comm/Elec Officer	Capt J. P. GALLIGAN

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Disbursing Officer	Capt N. M. SCOTT
Education Officer	1stLt T. E. MCNAMARA 1 Jul 72 - 27 Oct 72
	1stLt R. E. MAURER 28 Oct 72 -
Public Affairs Officer	CWO-2 R. J. LARSON
Ground Safety Officer	Capt W. M. KEMPFER 1 Jul 72 - 29 Sep 72
	Capt D. F. CECIL 20 Dec 72 -
Marine Corps Exchange Officer	Capt K. E. JOHNSON
Motor Transport Officer	Capt W. H. HACKETT 1 Jul 72 - 25 Sep 72
	Capt L. E. RHODES 26 Sep 72 -
Provost Marshall	Capt R. K. SCHAFFER
Adjutant	Capt T. E. PITTS
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj E. R. HUFF 1 Jul 72 - 30 Sep 72
	SgtMaj L. E. HEALEY 27 Oct 72 -

e. The average monthly strength during this period was 631 personnel (includes Navy and Marine Corps Officer and enlisted, both permanent and attached).

### 3. Personnel

a. During this period, 131 permanent personnel and 192 Fleet Augmentation personnel were joined. Forty-five permanent personnel were transferred and 162 Fleet Augmentation Personnel terminated.

b. Fourteen permanent personnel were transferred to West Pac units.

c. Twenty-one Marines were reenlisted and 58 were released from active duty/discharged.

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d. During this period the following promotions were effected:

<u>MSgt</u>	<u>GySgt</u>	<u>SSgt</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>LCpl</u>	<u>PFC</u>
2	4	1	25	47	63	25

e. Civil Service Personnel

(1) As of 31 December 1972, the status of civil service employees was as follows:

	<u>Graded</u>	<u>Ungraded</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ceiling (Full time permanent as of 30 June 1972)			210
On Board	81	122	*203

\* Includes one temporary and one intermittent position.

(2) During this period one employee retired for physical disability:

(3) For this six month period the civilian turnover was 21 separations and 14 accessions.

(4) During this report period, Ten Summer Aids were employed and five from the Neighborhood Youth Corps. (Not included in Para. (3) above)

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 cooperation in all areas where command functions overlap. This mutual support has evolved through experience and has resulted in harmonious working relationships.

5. Training

a. Rifle Range. As of 31 December 1972, 294 Station personnel had requalified with T/O weapon.

b. Physical Training. 387 Marines ran the PFT during this reporting period.

c. Weight Control Program. The Command has had a Weight Control Program since directed by CMC, however 1 Oct 72 this program was placed under the supervision of a qualified Physical Training Instructor. Since that time 56 Marines have been placed on the program. Four have been transferred or discharged at their EAS. Eight have made satisfactory improvement and have been released from the program. In the three month period ending 31 Dec 72, the group had lost a total of 100 lbs. The average running time for this group is 9.75 minutes per mile sustained for five miles. This fact represents a good indication of cardiovascular conditioning for these marines.

6. Airfield Operations

a. Crash/Fire Department

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

(a) Aircraft Standbys. The Station Crash Crew responded to 34 aircraft emergencies during this reporting period.

(b) Manned Equipment. The Station Crash Crew manned runway alert 1812.2 hours for aircraft operations; stoodby for 374 defuelings; and 191 washdowns of fuel spills. An additional 92 hours were spent manning the hotspot for the John A. Lejeune Flying Club.

(c) Training. There were 2697.5 manhours spent on crash crew training. In addition, 155.1 manhours were spent cross-training marines in structural fire fighting.

b. Aircraft Maintenance Division

(1) During the period, there were 1278.8 aircraft flight hours flown by aircraft assigned for station support (tenant helicopter aircraft Groups not included). Total flight time by type aircraft was as follows: T-28B- 990.6; U-11A - 288.2;

(2) During this period an average of 213.3 hours per month were flown.

(3) Aircraft transactions were as follows: Aircraft BuNo 149051 was received on 1 July 1972; Aircraft BuNo 137754 was transferred on 24 August 1972.

(4) Operational Readiness Report is as follows:

TYPE EQUIP	PERCENT OPER 'AL READY	PERCENT NOT OPER 'AL READY SUPPLY	PERCENT NOT OPER 'AL READY MAINT	PERCENT NOT OPER 'AL READY
U-11A	59.2	22.9	17.9	40.8
T-28B	57.6	24.2	18.2	42.4

c. Flight Support Division. The Flight Support Division supported an average of 40 pilots from 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Anglico and H&HS New River. This support entailed 2557.6 pilot hours on 689 proficiency or logistical flights in the five aircraft assigned to this station. This section also renewed 13 Standard Instrument Cards and 2 Special Instrument Cards.

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d. Weather Service Division

(1) Administration. This Division continued to maintain a 24 hour weather observation program, with observations transmitted via Air Force Weather Teletype Circuit. Daily forecasts for the local area were distributed, in addition to the 1584 flight forecasts and 73 Destructive Weather Warnings.

(a) Monthly climatological, astronomical and tidal data were completed and disseminated at the Air Station and provided to Division G-2 at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for their use.

(2) Training

(a) Technical Training in weather observing techniques was conducted for 78 hours.

(b) Technical training in weather equipment maintenance was conducted for 12 hours.

(c) 1.5 hours of instruction for weather map reading was furnished to pilots.

(3) New Program and Changes and/or Status of Existing Programs. The AN/GMQ-19 Weathervision is still under consideration.

e. Air Traffic Control Division

(1) Air Traffic Operations. Total operations during the reporting period were 67,637. There were 3892 passengers manifested of whom 113 were VIP's. The Visiting Aircraft Line serviced 720 transient aircraft and moved 22.2 tons of cargo. Total operating hours numbered 1912.2.

(2) Significant Events. The average personnel strength during this period numbered 32 marines and 1 civilian. The average tower strength was 20; the average Flight Clearance strength was 10; and the visiting aircraft line averaged 3 Marines and 1 civilian.

(3) Training. The Control Tower Branch reported 12 Ground Control, 5 Flight Data, and 5 FAA Facility Rating Qualifications issued. One Marine successfully completed GCA "C" School at NATTC Glynco, Georgia. The Flight Clearance Branch reported the qualification of 3 7041's and 1 of 7000. One Marine was assigned MOS 7041 as a result of OJT.

7. Training Department. The Aviation Training Devices/Aids Division comprises four 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 schedule for 968 hours. It was available for 746 hours, and was utilized by 294 pilots for 582 hours with a utilization percentage of 78%.

(2) The 2B10A Basic Instrument Trainer was scheduled for 896 hours. It was available 556 hours and was utilized by 208 pilots for 406 hours reflecting a utilization percentage of 72%.

b. The Film Library Branch issues, inspects, and repairs all training films as required. For this reporting period 807 films were issued.

c. The Audio-Visual Branch has 103 items of equipment on hand and has issued on temporary and extended custody the following number of occasions: Movie Projectors -223; Screens - 91; Slide Projectors - 49; Lecternetts - 7; Chalkboards - 1; Overhead Projectors - 21; Opaque Projectors - 4; Record Players - 5; Tape Recorders - 16. The Audio- Visual Branch does all preventities maintenance and repairs on these devices plus those belonging to other units. Audio-Visual has made 300 transparencies for use as training aids. This Branch is manned by two personnel, of which one is Fleet Augmentation.

d. The Graphic Arts Branch has produced 123 items which include posters, signs, charts, and transparencies. One Marine is assigned to this bench.

8. Modification Plant and Facilities.

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

(1) Modification to Aircraft Direct Fueling Station- Awarded 30 March 1972; Completed 20 November 1972; Cost \$44,046.

(2) Repairs to Airfield Pavements. Awarded 2 January 1972; Completed 11 October 1972; Cost \$122,852.

(3) Underground Primary Electric Distribution Line. Awarded 30 June 1972; Completed 29 November 1972; Cost \$22,901.

(4) Replace Heating Units in Public Quarters. Awarded 21 June 1972; Completed 29 November 1972; Cost \$36,573.

(5) Exterior Painting of Public Quarters. Awarded 29 June 1972; Completed 5 October 1972; Cost \$20,880.

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(6) Patching and Pavement Repairs - Quarters Roads. Awarded 30 June 1972, Completed 13 October 1972; Cost \$5,418.

b. Contracts that were awarded during the above period, but are not completed:

(1) Interior Renovation of Public Quarters. Awarded 6 September 1972; Completion date 16 September 1973; Cost \$122,803.

(2) Storage Facilities in C/W Helicopter Group Training Facility. Awarded 17 October 1972; Completion date 1 March 1973; Cost \$16,600.

(3) Barracks Modernizations. Awarded 13 October 1972; Completion date 21 January 1974; Cost \$1,206,949.

#### 9. Supply Department

##### a. Significant Events

(1) On several occasions, we have arranged tours of the Dining Facility and have fed organizations such as Scouts, Students, and Church Groups.

##### b. Modifications to Plant and Facility

(1) Station Armory and H&HS Armory were consolidated and located in building 130.

(2) Modification and repair continues on the Rapid Refuel System. Estimated completion date, third quarter FY 73.

(3) New Equipment, soft ice cream/milk shake machine, has been installed in the Dining Facilities.

#### 10. Communications/Electronics Department

##### a. Modification to Plant and Facility

(1) HDC/DASC Telephone System. With the 1 December 1972 redesignation of the New River Helicopter Direction Center to a Direct Air Support Center involving the relocation and moving existing circuits from hangar 504, installation of additional communications at the remote site and the installation of new hot lines to operational Fleet Helicopter Squadrons.

##### b. New Programs and changes and/or Status of Existing Programs.

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(1) The Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic Division has issued a Communication Service Authorization (CSA) to the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company requesting the modification of the New River telephone system to effect consolidation of switchboards. The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company plans to provide direct dial capability for New River to Cherry Point and relocate New River switchboard capability to Camp Lejeune in 4th qtr FY 73.

(2) A site preparation cost estimate for the CPN-4 radar installation has been developed by Station Public Works. This cost estimate of \$21,104.00 has been submitted to the Naval Electronic System Command Activity, Philadelphia. The expected date of arrival of the Air Traffic Control Radar in 4th qtr FY 73 is contingent upon the equipment rehabilitation schedule of NAVFLEX Philadelphia.

(3) A BESEP has been written to remote the surveillance radar image from the proposed AN/CPN-4A radar of this Station to Cherry Point using microwave. Although the project is being engineered by Cherry Point, the power requirements for the AN/CPN-4A radar project have been modified to provide the power necessary for an adjacent microwave system.

(4) A project to place into operation Station assets of WEATHER-VISION Transmitter, Camera, and Remote Screens is in the planning stages. A Base Electronic System Engineering Plan (BESEP) was written for the project, but became too costly. Similar plans to provide the transmission media were proposed by Motorola with a \$60,000.00 microwave link and the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company with a \$32,000.00 cable-vision system. A decision to continue the project is under advisement.

(5) A project to install the new family VHF/UHF transmitters and receivers (GRT-21, GRT-22, GRR-23, GRR-24) at this Station is underway. The receivers are on-hand awaiting installation; however, the transmitters were returned to ITT Corporation. No target date for installation is available.

#### 11. Administration

a. On 3 August 1972, an Administrative Inspection was conducted by COMCABEAST with satisfactory results and noteworthy in the areas of the UPB and MMS.

b. H&HS has a 2% error rate for 1972 on MMS.

#### 12. Ceremonies

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

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Letters of Appreciation	2
Navy Commendation	1
Navy Achievement	1

b. On 5 September 1972, a Station Change of Command Ceremony was conducted with Colonel J. A. NELSON being relieved by Colonel G. C. DOSTER.

c. On 29 September 1972, a Retirement Ceremony was conducted for Sergeant Major Edgar R. HUFF.

### 13. Public Affairs

a. 554 visitors, on 9 different occasions, were hosted by the Air Station for tours and static displays. These visitors ranged from school children to city and state administrators.

b. The station newspaper, Rotovue, switched from tabloid format to broadsheet, only the third in the Marine Corps in its class.

c. CWO R. J. LARSON was elected president of the Corporal W. T. PERKINS Jr. chapter of Combat Correspondents Association.

d. Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce members selected Mrs. Janice FLEMING from among 10 nominees for title of MCAS (H) Wife of the Year for 1973.

e. Retirement of Sergeant Major E. R. HUFF, MCAS Sergeant Major, received world-wide exposure via newspaper, radio and TV due to the efforts of JPAO.

G. C. DOSTER