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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
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 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 1976

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. Organizational 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 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 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 1976.

d. Command and Staff Assignments

Commanding Officer

Col N. J. KAPETAN
1 Jan - 23 Jun 76

Col B. R. WILKINSON
24 Jun - 30 Jun 76

Executive Officer	LtCol G. S. PATE
S-1 Officer	Maj M. J. BARKOVICH
Military Personnel Officer	1stLt M. L. WIEBOLDT 1 Jan - 22 Jan 76
S-3 Officer	LtCol E. REICHERT
Airfield Operations Officer	Maj D. R. GRESHAM
Air Traffic Control	1stLt G. E. WASHBURN (FAP)
S-4 Officer	LtCol C. S. TUBBS 1 Jan - 8 Jun 76
	LtCol J. W. BRIDGES 9 Jun - 30 Jun 76
Financial Manager	Mrs. E. S. ENNETT
Adjutant	Capt G. A. O'CONNELL
Commanding Officer, H&HS	Maj E. D. HAYMORE, Jr.
Executive Officer, H&HS	Capt C. M. COLLINS, III
Catholic Chaplain	Cdr E. R. TONER USN
Protestant Chaplain	Cdr W. A. SMITH USN
Supply Officer	2ndLt G. M. HERSTEAD
Services Officer	Maj R. F. WILEY
Special Services Officer	Maj R. G. CANADA
Comm/Elect Officer	Maj D. D. NIMMOW 1 Jan - 29 May 76
	Capt M. G. CAMERON 30 May - 30 Jun 76
Disbursing Officer	Capt L. M. BASS
Public Affairs Officer	MSgt J. MIMS
SgtMaj	SgtMaj A. L. BUNTING, Jr.
Dining Facility Officer	CWO-4 B. D. REDIC

Human Affairs Division

Capt B. J. TREADWAY

Command Club System

Maj R. R. STOUT

Provost Marshal

Capt F. R. HART

1 Mar - 30 Jun 76

e. On 1 March 1976, the Air Station reassumed control of the Provost Marshal Section. The T/O was increased to reflect one (1) Officer, 32 enlisted and one (1) civilian.

f. Average Strength. The average monthly strength during this period was 511 personnel. This figure includes officer and enlisted, permanent and attached personnel.

3. Personnel

a. During this period, 112 permanent personnel and 219 FAP personnel were joined; 43 permanent personnel were transferred and 190 FAP personnel terminated.

b. Twenty Marines re-enlisted and 31 Marines were released from active duty; 34 Marines were discharged and three (3) transferred to the FMCR.

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

(1) Officer: 1/1stLt; 3/Capt

(2) Enlisted: 1/MGySgt; 3/GySgt; 7/SSgt; 22/Sgt; 32/Cpl; 39/LCpl;
17/PFC

d. The following decorations/awards were presented at appropriate ceremonies: 30 Good Conduct Medals; 17 Meritorious Masts; 16 Letters of Appreciation.

e. Civilian Personnel

(1) <u>Ceiling</u>	<u>GRADED</u>	<u>UNGRADED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Full time permanent			67
On-board (excludes 4 summer aides)	42	25	67

(2) During this period one (1) employee retired.

(3) The civilian turnover was six (6) separations, one (1) transfer and five (5) accessions.

(4) Two (2) temporary employees on board.

4. Training

a. General

(1) 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 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. 122 personnel fired for qualification with 120 qualifying and two (2) unqualified.

(2) PFT. 65 personnel were administered the Physical Fitness Test; 59 passed. Six (6) Marines remain on the Remedial program.

(3) Weight Control Program. At the beginning of this reporting period eight (8) Marines were on the Weight Control Program. At the end of the reporting period ten (10) are on the program. One (1) Marine made satisfactory improvement and was released from the program. Two (2) Marines were transferred, three (3) discharged and eight (8) Marines were placed on the program during the period.

(4) Pistol Requalification

(a) Six (6) Officers qualified with T/O weapon .38 Caliber with six (6) qualifying.

(b) Forty SNCO's fired the .45 Caliber with 40 qualifying.

(5) Aviation Training

(a) Utilization of Device 2C43 (CH-46 CPT) was initiated in January to develop a training syllabus with formal reporting of utilization beginning in March.

(b) Quality Assurance and Revalidation Inspection of Device 2C43 conducted by NAVEDTRASUPPCENLANT representative in April.

(c) Training and Maintenance Plans Conference conducted at MCAS(H) New River for Device 2F117 (CH-46E OFT) currently under contract.

(d) Construction of new Flight Simulator Building started in June. This facility will accommodate the present 2C43, 2F117, and the proposed 2F120 scheduled for construction in FY-77.

5. Airfield Operations

a. Air Traffic Control

(1) Air Traffic Operations. Operations for the reporting period totaled 72,187. There were 932 passengers manifested through the Division of whom 177 were VIPS. Total operating hours numbered 2,113.4. The visiting Aircraft Line serviced 872 transient aircraft.

(2) Personnel. The personnel strength averaged one (1) Officer, 42 enlisted and three (3) civilians. These averages include Fleet Augmentation personnel.

(3) Facilities. A Quonset hut was constructed on the CPN-4 radar site as a classroom/ready-room, using personnel from the 8th Engineer Bn. and self-help from the ATC Division. Panelling and other inside finishings are proceeding as materials become available, again utilizing self-help.

(4) Training. Training and qualification programs continue with emphasis placed on cross-training controllers to obtain FAA Facility Ratings in both Tower and Radar. During the reporting period there were five (5) IFR radar, six (6) IFR tower, eight (8) Facility Ratings and 31 Visibility Observer Qualifications earned by ATC personnel.

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 536 IFR, 709 VFR and 122 local flight forecasts were issued; in addition 104 destructive weather warnings were disseminated to parent and tenant commands at MCAS(H) 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) Two (2) additional AN/UMQ-5 Wind Measuring Systems have been augmented to set a more Realistic Cross-Wind Reading on the duty runway.

c. Crash Crew

(1) The Crash Crew Division has nine (9) vehicles assigned for crash fire protection. In addition, two (2) MB-5 crash vehicles are on loan from MAG-26 and MAG-29 to supplement the station equipment.

(2) Aircraft Accidents. The Crash Crew did not respond to any accidents during this period.

(3) Aircraft Standbys. The Crash Crew responded to 50 aircraft emergencies during this period.

(4) Manned Equipment. The Crash Crew spent 2,053 hours manning the runway alert position for landing and departing aircraft and provided crash vehicles for 40 defuels, 58 washdowns for fuel spills and 24 air-field escorts.

(5) Training. 2276 man hours were spent on Crash Crew technical training.

d. Flight Support. The Flight Support Division supported an average of 48 pilots from 2nd MarDiv, 2nd ANGLICO, and H&HS New River. This support entailed 2,734.3 pilot hours on 477 proficiency or logistic flights with an average of five (5) aircraft assigned. This section also renewed eight (8) Standard and three (3) Special Instrument Cards.

(1) During the period, 1,497.2 aircraft flight hours were flown in aircraft assigned to MCAS(H) New River. Total flight time by type aircraft was as follows:

- (a) T-28C 200.2
- (b) T-28B 1,290.1
- (c) US-2B 6.9

(2) During this period an average of 249.5 hours per month were flown.

(3) Aircraft transactions were as follows:

- (a) Aircraft Buno. 136438 was transferred on 24 Feb 76
- (b) Aircraft Buno. 136395 was transferred on 29 Jan 76
- (c) Aircraft Buno. 136549 was transferred on 23 Jan 76

(4) Operational Readiness Report is as follows:

TYPE AIR- CRAFT	PERCENT OPERATIONAL READY	PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY SUPPLY	PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY MAINT	PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY
T-28C	47.9	24.0	28.1	52.1
T-28B	63.9	19.1	17.0	36.1
US-2B	27.6	39.0	33.4	72.0

6. Public Affairs

- a. Jan 13 - Sgt Karen HARDING became the first Woman Marine assigned to the Air Station Weather Office.
- Jan 14 - LtGen. Samuel JASKILKA, ACMC visited New River.
- Jan 15 - Assistant Secretary of Navy for Manpower, Douglas Johnston visited MAG-26 and MAG-29.
- Jan 21 - James M. MANCER, Atlantic Division Area Fire Marshal, inspected Air Station Crash Crew.
- b. Feb 1 - Hurricane force winds did extensive damage, knocking down power lines and trees; winds reached 72 knots.
- Feb 3 - Composite squadron HMM-261 returned from MED Cruise.
- Feb 5 - MGen. R. H. SPANJER visited New River kicking off Aviation Safety Program.
- Feb 6 - Over 400 children received preventive dentistry care.
- Feb 13 - A UH-1N helicopter crashed on Operation Rum Punch killing three (3) Marines.
- Feb 18 - During Boy Scout Week the members of MCAS(H) Troop 216 took over selected command positions for the day.
- Feb 20 - HMM-264 returned from Caribbean Cruise.
- c. Mar 5 - VMO-1 departed for live fire training at MCAS, Yuma.
- HMH-362 departed for 30 days at Ft. Drum, N.Y. for cold weather training.
- Mar 8 - LtGen. R. L. NICHOLS, CG FMFLant visited New River.
- d. Apr 1 - MCAS(H) New River named a Bicentennial Command.
- Apr 6 - Lt R. D. WETZEL, of HMH-461 received the Navy Marine Corps Medal for heroism from MGen. SPANJER at MAG-26.
- Apr 24 - MCAS(H) Crash Crew hosted Open House and fire display.
- New River Marines painted Fury Jet in Jacksonville, N.C.
- e. May 3 - Col. J. L. SHANAHAN assumes command of MAG-26.

- May 5 - Angela McNUTT named winner of Poster Theme Contest for New River Bicentennial - Spirit of '76 - Then, Now, and Forever.
- May 18 - Operation Solid Shield underway.
- May 20 - MCAS(H) Officers hold formal Dining-In.
- May 23 - British Navy Lt. Roger WARDEN attached to VMO-1 and his wife appeared on Channel 12 television.
- f. Jun 8 - HMM-263 departed for MED Cruise.
- Jun 23 - Col. B. R. WILKINSON assumed command of MCAS(H) New River.
- Jun 25 - Chapel hosted 300-400 dependent children at Vacation Bible School.
- Jun 28 - Chaplain SMITH and Mrs. PHILLIPS appeared on Channel 12 television to discuss the New River Bicentennial.

7. S-4

a. Milcon Projects

(1) P-200, Avionics Shop (MAG-26), 7,147 SF, Bldg AS-4141 completed Jun 1976.

(2) P-210, MABS-26 Warehouse, 17,000 SF, Bldg AS-3535, completed Jun 1976.

(3) P-298, Flight Simulator Building, ground-breaking May 1976, completion date 25 Jan 1977, Bldg AS-320.

(4) P-180A, Heating Plant (Utilities Expansion), started 7 Jun 1976, completion date 27 Oct 1977, Bldg AS-4151.

(5) P-209, Pollution Abatement, ongoing, completion date 17 Apr 1977, first phase (sewage lift portion) completed.

(6) P-212, GSE Shop & Shed, 24,682 SF, started 19 Apr 1976, completion date 9 Apr 1977, Bldg AS-4146.

b. Minor Construction

(1) HQMC-6620 (P-217 - Alterations to Hangar 4108, ongoing, completion date 19 Sep 1976).

(P-214 - Alterations to Hangar 4106, completed 7 Apr 1976).

c. Troop Training

- (1) Child Care Center, addition to - AS-604, completed 21 May 1976.
- (2) Perimeter Road, Reserve Cantonement, construction of, completed May 1976.
- (3) Crash Crew Training Pit, repair of, completed May 1976.
- (4) Erection of Quonset Hut, CPN4A Site, completed Apr 1976 (work completed by 8th Eng. Bn.).

d. Major Repair Projects

- (1) Repairs to BEQ 4010, HQMC 6051, ongoing, completion date 9 Oct 1976.
- (2) Repair/Retube Boiler #7, AS-422, ongoing, completion date 1 Aug 1976.
- (3) Roof Repairs, Family Housing, completed 6 Jul 1976.

e. Special Services. Constructed Tennis/Basketball Court adjacent to Barracks 4015 by utilizing unused portion of parking lot.

f. Special Projects

- (1) Received six (6) mobile homes 15 Mar 1976 to rectify overcrowded maintenance and admin spaces.
- (2) P-306, Addition to Bldg 222 (NAMTDT), started May 1976, completion date 18 Dec 1976.
- (3) Addition to MAG-26 Test Cell Pad (moved "Hush House", AS-537), completed by MABS-26 May 1976.
- (4) Bldg 312 - CH-46F Cockpit Procedures Trainer Device 2C43F, housing of (Work performed by Base Maintenance, MCB).

g. General Information

- (a) Approximately 1,000 U. S. Army, Air Force, and Navy personnel participating in Exercise Solid Shield were billeted in the Reserve Cantonement during the exercise.
- (b) Furnished six (6) rooms, 23 Jun 76, in BEQ 4025 for incoming Women Marine personnel attached to Station and tenant units aboard Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter) New River.

8. Supply

a. Modifications to Facilities

(1) Constructed additional bins in Marine Corps Property Division and installed new gun racks in armory.

(2) Procured three (3) gates for warehouse to improve security.

b. New Programs and Changes to Existing Programs.

(1) New Programs:

(a) COMCABEAST Supply and Management personnel started a study of Station Supply Facilities and personnel manning for the purpose of repositioning helicopter spares at New River.

(b) The communications line for the data processing remote terminal was installed. New River's scheduled date for the terminal (Burroughs TC-500 or TC-3500) to become operational was scheduled three (3) times but was not met due to funding and technical problems.



B. R. WILKINSON