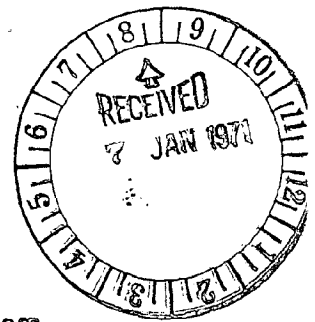


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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

HMM-165

COMMANDER

LTCOL H. HERTHER

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

31st Marine Amphibious Unit 1-31 December 1970

3. STAFF OFFICERS (Changes)

None

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
51	210	1	2

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. HMM-165, now a fully composite squadron of fourteen CH-46's, three UH-1E's and three CH-53's, flew 780.3 hours and 1,113 sorties during the month of December 1970. Due to the assorted model aircraft within the squadron, good helicopter utilization was maintainable.

2. The White Knights supported the 31st Marine Amphibious Unit and the USS IWO JIMA as required and placed emphasis on getting its pilots carrier qualified as soon as possible. NAS Cubi Point afforded the first opportunity to work operationally with the ALT 3/9. The total number of passengers carried was 3,987 and total cargo was 205.5 short tons.

3. HMM-165 was available for VIP's, SAR standby, on call missions, and other miscellaneous flights. The White Knights carried code 6's on four different

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occasions and nine code 7's.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMMITMENTS

2 December- BLT 3/9 was provided with seven CH-46's and two CH-53's which inserted personnel and equipment into Zambales Training Area. During the days exercise, the White Knights flew a total of 26.2 hours, 73 sorties, and carried 224 troops plus 25 tons of cargo.

3 December- In order to meet a VR commitment at San Fernando, which has nonexistent refueling capabilities and is approximately 90 nautical miles from NAS Cubi Point, the White Knights had to utilize five CH-46's, three with internal fuel bladders, and one UH-1E. One CH-46 was routed to Manila to pick up BGen CRUZ and Col STIRLING and to carry them to Porc Point. The other four CH-46's and the UH-1E flew to San Fernando carrying Col MAROUSEK and Commodore WILDER. Upon arrival, the three CH-46's carrying internal fuel cells shut down and acted as refueling stations for the other aircraft in order to VR the area. All returned to NAS Cubi Point with ample fuel. This type of mobile operation in which the helicopters acted as refueling stations provided the opportunity to employ the HERS in the manner for which it was designed.

4 December- The White Knights detached a CH-46 to the Leprosarium 28 miles North of Manila carrying eight passengers and 200 pounds of food and supplies. This mercy mission was requested due to damages the Leprosarium received during typhoon Patsy. Captain STANTON (USN) was provided a UH-1E which carried him from Clark AFB to NAS Cubi Point.

5 December- Col STIRLING and Col PARADIS were provided a CH-46 which carried them from Manila to Sangley Point and then to NAS Cubi Point. RADM RUBEL was provided a UH-1E and a chase CH-46 while he observed the ARG "B" landing.

7 December- HMM-165 on-loaded all of its aircraft aboard LPH-2, except for one CH-46, piloted by LtCol HERTHER, which remained ashore to carry RADM RUBEL; one CH-53 and three CH-46's remained over night aboard the LPD-7.

8 December- Ten CH-46's and two CH-53's participated in the ARG "B" landing. RADM RUBEL observed the White Knights carry 520 troops, 25 short tons of cargo in 93 sorties and flew 45.2 hours of flight time.

9 December- One UH-1E was provided to carry RADM RUBEL to the LPD-7 to observe the ARG "B" landing from that position. It then carried Col MAROUSEK on a Command and Control mission chased by a CH-46. After resupplying the

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battalion in the morning, the White Knights back-loaded BLT 3/9 aboard the LPH-2. During the day, HMM-165 flew 83.5 hours, 222 sorties, and carried 1,140 troops plus 70 short tons of cargo.

10-12 December - At sea off the coast of the Philippines, much training was accomplished.

13 December - Commodore WILDER and Col MAROUSEK were carried from LPH-2, near Poro Point, to NAS Cubi Point and returned.

14 December - Col MAROUSEK was taken from LPH-2 to Cubi Point and returned.

17-20 December - Enroute to Singapore, the LPH-2 entered Viet Nam territorial waters and crossed the Equator. On the 18th the White Knights responded to a distress call from the Scumier Tunis II, a civilian ship, which had an emergency medical case aboard. LtCol HERTHER flew a CH-46 to its position 50 miles away and picked up a patient suffering from dehydration and returned him to the LPH-2.

21 December - Arrived in Singapore.

23 December - Two CH-46's, one carrying twelve troops, the other carrying a mule, put on a short demonstration of shipboard operations for the U. S. Ambassador to Singapore and the Singapore Minister of Defense. Two CH-46's were provided to transport Col MAROUSEK and party to Sembawang to visit with the British Royal Marines and the British Naval Helicopter Squadron.

26-29 December - Enroute from Singapore to the Philippines.

30 December - HMM-165 off-loaded from LPH-2 to NAS Cubi Point.

2. <u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>CH-46's</u>	<u>UH-1E's</u>	<u>CH-53's</u>
Cargo Tons -	115.2	0.5	89.8
Passengers -	3274	46	667
Hours Flown -	595.8	71.2	113.3
Sorties -	915	83	115

3. OPERATIONS PARTICIPATED IN

None

4. PERSONNEL

New Pilots Assigned: None

New Ground Officers Assigned: None

New Crew Members Assigned: None

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5. AWARDS. All personnel assigned to HMM-165 have earned the Vietnamese Service Medal with campaign star.

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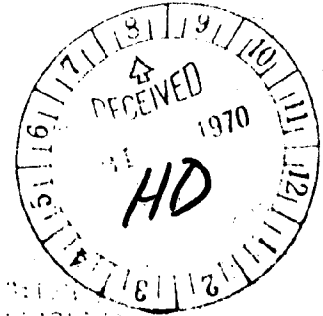
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PART ICLASSIFIEDORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

HMM-165

COMMANDER

LTCOL D. H. MITCHELL

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

MCAS(H) FUEFUA, OKINAWA 1-31 JULY 1970

3. STAFF OFFICERS (Changes)

None

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>JMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
45		110	1	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. LTCOL MITCHELL's 1st/ Aces of HMM-165 flew 325.1 hours and 830 sorties during the month of July 1970, despite continuing problems with aircraft availability and enlisted personnel shortages.
2. Logistics commitments consisted of transporting personnel and cargo on the Island of Okinawa. The total number of passengers carried was 1,612, and the total cargo carried was 17.7 short tons.
3. HMM-165 was available for VIP's, S&B standby, medevacs, riot practice, and other miscellaneous flights.

PART IIISIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMMITMENTS

1 July - HMM-165 participated in a halo demonstration for USNA midshipmen on USS VANCOUVER and USS CLEVELAND.

2-5 July - Air operations secured for typhoon Olga.

7 July - The White Knights participated in a flyover for the station change of command ceremony.

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16 July - HMM-165 engaged in a static display for Lieutenant General JONES CO, WWPap.

21 July - HMM-165 participated in a flyover for the MAG-36 Change of command ceremony.

23 July - HMM-165 joined in a static display for the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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2. FLIGHT STATISTICS

Cargo Tonnage - 37.7
Passengers - 1,612
Hours Flown - 325.1
Sorties - 835

3. OPERATIONS PARTICIPATED IN

None

4. PERSONNEL

New Pilots Assigned:

1STLT T. R. CUSHMAN
1STLT T. M. HARTSOOK
1STLT A. A. K. HORSTER
1STLT J. E. STEINMULLER
1STLT W. R. WEBSTER

New Ground Officers Assigned:

None

New Crew Members Assigned:

SSGT R. W. WILSON
SGT B. E. BENKE
CPL D. R. BARNETT
CPL C. L. SCHAEFER
LCPL J. C. HOLMES

5. AWARDS

a. The following were promoted to the indicated ranks during the month of July 1970.

SGT C. A. SMITHWICK
SGT D. L. WHITECOTTON
SGT D. E. WALKER
SGT J. H. MERRARD
CPL E. ZAMUDIO
CPL T. J. MOFFA
CPL J. E. HAZLETT
CPL M. W. HENDERSON
LCPL G. E. THIGPEN

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HMM-165

COMMANDER

LTCOL H. HERTHER

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None

2. LOCATION

MCAS Futenma, Okinawa 1-31 August 1970

3. STAFF OFFICERS (Changes)

Commanding Officer:	D. H. MITCHELL, LtCol	1-15 August
	H. M. HERTHER, LtCol	16-31 August
Logistics Officer:	J. P. ERTEL, 1stLt	1-24 August
	W. W. HOGUE, Capt	25-31 August
Natops Officer:	K. A. HOLTER, 1stLt	1-10 August
	J. D. TIBBITS, 1stLt	10-31 August

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

OFF	USMC	ENL	OFF	USN	ENL
47		12	0		0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Despite continuing problems with aircraft availability, the White Knight's continued to support MAC-36 commitments. Shortly after LTCOL H. M. HERTHER took command, HMM-165 received it's first CH-46D's. The Lady Ace's flew 1000 sorties and 347.1 hours during the month.
2. Logistically, HMM-165 carried 1,880 passengers and 36.7 tons on the Island of Okinawa, mostly in support of the Northern Training Area.
3. HMM-165 was available for SAR Standby, VIP commitments, medevacs, on call missions, and other miscellaneous flights.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTSUNCLASSIFIED1. OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

Records do not exist from which the operational commitments can be extracted and included in this section for the month of August 1970.

2. FLIGHT STATISTICS

Cargo Tons - 36.7
 Passengers - 1380
 Hours Flown - 347.1
 Sorties - 1,000

3. OPERATIONS PARTICIPATED IN

None

4. PERSONNEL

New Pilots Assigned:

1TCOL H. M. WERTHER
 CAPT J. W. HOGUE
 1STLT J. C. ALLRED

New Ground Officers Assigned:

None

New Crew Members Assigned:

SSGT D. B. WELLS
 SSGT J. R. STARLING
 SSGT L. E. GIBB
 SSGT H. L. SMITH
 SGT S. M. BRADLEY
 SGT H. GILLIAM
 SGT R. A. JONES
 SGT R. H. MARTIN
 SGT R. H. TAYLOR
 CPL W. E. SKINNER
 1CPL J. C. HOOPEL

5. AWARDS

(A) The following person was awarded Crew Chief of the Month.

CPL D. R. BRANDT

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5. (b) The following personnel were promoted to the indicated ranks during the month of August 1970.

CPL P. D. PERKINS
 CPL P. R. ROBINSON
 CPL P. A. COTRILL
 CPL R. W. REYNOLDS
 CPL P. D. GENTIN
 CPL T. C. FISH
 CPL S. B. BRADY
 CPL R. TALL
 CPL P. J. WILFETH

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HMM-165

COMMANDER

LTCOL H. M. HERTHER

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

MCAS (H) FUEMA, OKINAWA

3. STAFF OFFICERS (Changes)

Safety Officer:	M. MORROW, 1stLt	1-10 September
	W. J. SAMBITO, Maj	10-30 September

NATOPS Officer:	J. TIBBITS, 1stLt	1-2 September
	R. T. HARRY, Capt	3-30 September

Ass't Operations Officer:	D. L. THOMPSON, 1stLt	1-15 September
	J. E. SCOGGINS, Capt	15-30 September

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
5		164	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The White Knights' acquisition of more enlisted personnel aided in increasing the squadron's overall availability and its monthly flight time. HMM-165 flew 462.8 hours and completed 1,553 sorties for the month.

2. The White Knights have continued to assume MAG-36 commitments, including the Island Marhelog, water inserts, paratroops, recon inserts and water hoist exercises. The total number of passengers carried was 1,109 and the total cargo was 40 short tons.

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3. HMM-165 was available for VIP commitments, SAR standby, medevacs on call missions, and other miscellaneous flights.

PART IIIUNCLASSIFIEDSIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. COMMITMENTS: Records do not exist from which the operational commitments can be extracted and included in this section for the month of September 1970.

2. FLIGHT STATISTICS

Cargo Tons - 40
Passengers - 1,109
Hours Flown - 462.8
Sorties - 1,553

3. OPERATIONS PARTICIPATED IN

None

4. PERSONNELNew Pilots Assigned:

MAJ W. J. SAMBITO
CAPT J. E. SCOGGINS
CAPT R. E. HARRY

New Ground Officers Assigned: None

New Crew Members Assigned:

GVSGT K. A. HERRINGTON
SGT G. R. MILLS
SGT D. A. MURPHY
SGT D. G. TIFTE
SGT K. N. SVULTE
SGT D. L. TAGART
SGT D. R. DEFOURNETTE
CPL W. G. HARRIS
CPL E. T. BULLIS
CPL J. C. FLAHERTY
CPL L. J. KOLMEYER
CPL E. T. BONNER
CPL R. W. STANLEY
CPL C. COWART
CPL L. V. BODIN
CPL R. P. MCCLURE
CPL R. D. KEEFE
LCPL G. E. WATSON
LCPL J. R. GARDNER
PFC J. R. AGOSTA

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5. AWARDS

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a. The below listed person was awarded crew chief of the month for June:

CPL J. P. MURPHY

b. The following personnel were promoted to the indicated grade during the month of September 1970.

CPL R. W. KAUFENBERG
CPL J. P. MURPHY
LCPL S. S. SIBILIA
CPL J. N. ALLEN
LCPL G. E. THIGPEN

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HMM-165

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COMMANDER

LTCOL H. HERTHER

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

MCAS, Futenma, Okinawa 1-31 October 1970

3. STAFF OFFICERS (Changes)

Operations Officer:	G. M. BLACKBURN, Maj	1-6 October
	J. R. ROBSON, Maj	7-31 October
Maintenance Officer:	H. S. BASS, Capt	1-22 October
	H. R. MILLS, Maj	23-31 October
Material Officer:	H. A. ALSUP, WO	1-26 October
	L. J. WENZLER, Capt	27-31 October

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>ORT</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
12	112	1	0

5. IMPORTANT VISITORS

BOEN R. MULBERRY Jr. Assistant Commander of the 4th MAW 13 October

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. LTCOL HERTHER's White Knights of HMM-165 flew 544.0 hours and 1931 sorties during the month of October 1970, an improvement over recent months, due to the newly acquired "Delta" model CH-46's.
2. The White Knights have continued to assume MAC-16 commitments, including the Island marheleg, water inserts, paratroops, recon inserts with the Army Special Forces and water hoist exercises with the USAF jump training

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school. The total number of passengers carried was 2593 and the total cargo was 35.4 short tons.

3. HM-165 was available for VIP's, SAR standby, medevacs, on call missions, and other miscellaneous flights. During these operations, the White Knights carried one code 5, one code 6, and ten code 7's.

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PART IIISIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMMITTEES

8-9 October - The Japanese Defense Minister, Code 2, was provided a standby backup CH-46D while he was on Okinawa.

10 October - VADM RARDSHAR and VADM WEINER were provided with a VIP transport/chase CH-46D.

11 October - Two CH-46D's were detached to Iwakuni for five days in support of the Construction Battalion in Japan.

13 October - BGEN R. MULBERRY Jr. visited HM-165. LTCOL HERTHER briefed the General on squadron activities and escorted him through the squadron area.

14 October - Two CH-46D's participated in a tactical troop lift demonstration at Camp Hansen, viewed by the visiting Japanese correspondents.

22 October - A flight of six CH-46D's participated in a tactical troop lift exercise with the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines. LTCOL HERTHER lead the flight which successfully completed six tasks, 54 sorties, and landed 197 troops plus 13,000 pounds of cargo. This mission initiated the first use of the KY-28 in this type of exercise on Okinawa.

29 October - RADM ENGER, CAPT WILLIAM (USN), and BGEN BARROW were provided with a VIP transport CH-46D.

31 October - Three CH-46D's participated in a flyover at Camp Hansen in honor of General L. W. WALT, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, while another CH-46D was provided as a VIP transport/chase while the General was on Okinawa.

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2. FLIGHT STATISTICS

Cargo Tons - 35.4
Passengers - 2593
Hours flown - 564.0
Sorties - 1931

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None

4. PERSONNEL

New Pilots Assigned:

MAJ J. R. ROBSON
MAJ H. R. MILLS
1STLT D. P. MILLING

New Ground Officers Assigned:

CAPT L. J. WENGELER

New Crew Members Assigned:

GYSGT C. H. DICKEY
CPL J. R. HITT
CPL L. A. DONOHUE

5. AWARDS

a. The below listed individuals were awarded Meritorious Host:

SGT T. A. LISKA
CPL R. W. KAUFENBERG
SGT C. O. DUCHARME
CPL W. G. FERGUSON JR.

b. The following were promoted to the indicated ranks during the month of October 1970.

SGT S. P. HOGAN
SGT J. S. FRIDDELL

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