

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 165
 Marine Aircraft Group 36
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear)
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Encls (1) Command Chronology for March 1971

1. In accordance with reference (a), the subject Command Chronology is submitted as enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

HMM-165

COMMANDER

LTCOL H. HERTHER

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

31st Marine Amphibious Unit

3. STAFF OFFICERS (Changes)

Operations Officers:

Maj W. J. SAMBITO	01-23 March
Maj W. E. LOFTUS	24-31 March

Assistant Operations Officer:

Capt J. E. SCOGGINS	01-08 March
1/Lt D. P. MILLING	09-23 March
Maj W. J. SAMBITO	24-31 March

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Capt J. J. BRENNAN	01-08 March
Capt J. W. HOGUE	09-31 March

LOGISTICS OFFICER:

Capt J. W. HOGUE	01-08 March
Capt J. E. SCOGGINS	09-31 March

Assistant Maintenance Officer:

Capt H. S. MASS	01-10 March
Capt K. A. SCOTT	11-31 March

NAFOPS Officer:

Capt R. T. HARRY	01-10 March
1/Lt G. F. SHUCK	11-31 March

Flight Surgeon:

Lt W. A. DUNLAP	01-10 March
Lt J. L. CARLISLE	11-31 March

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. HMM-165 flew 868.3 hours and 1,281 sorties during the month of March 1971.

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2. The White Knights continued to support the 31st Marine Amphibious Unit, and the USS Iwo Jima. The planning stage for operation SUBOK was completed, and a rehearsal landing conducted in the Subic Bay area. The total number of passengers carried was 4,635 and total cargo lifted was 405 short tons.

3. HMM-165 was available for VIP, SAR standby, on call missions, and other miscellaneous flights. The White Knights carried 1 code 3, 1 code 4, 1 code 5, 4 code 6's and 5 code 7's.

PART II

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. COMMITMENTS

1-7 March - The White Knights participated in special amphibious operations.

8-9 March - Enroute Okinawa.

10 March - Arrived Okinawa.

11 March - HMM-165 off loaded BLT 1/9 and on loaded BLT 1/9. The White Knights flew a total of 95.0 hours, 454 sorties, carried 1,713 passengers, and 258.2 short tons of cargo in support of the loading. Flew 5.0 hours for acceptance checks on 7 aircraft.

12-13 March - HMM-165 had minimum flight time due to rough seas and extremely high winds enroute Subic Bay.

14 March - Arrived Subic Bay.

15 March - BLT 1/9 was provided 8 CH-46, 2 CH-53 and 2 UH-1E aircraft for Zambales 1-71 landing. During the one day exercise, the White Knights flew a total of 5.5 hours, 128 sorties, carried 994 troops and 67.9 short tons of cargo. Commanding Officer, 31st Marine Amphibious Unit was provided with a UH-1E to observe the exercise.

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- 16 March - HMM-165 conducted training flights, began night FCLP for pilot qualification and maintained aircraft for logistical support of the BLT. One aircraft was maintained for SAR standby.
- 17 March - HMM-165 continued training flights, night FCLP qualifications, logistical support of BLT and SAR standby.
- 18 March - Inserted USN medical team and 1,000 pounds of medical supplies at Abatan, Philippine Islands as part of a people to people program. Continued training flights, support of the BLT, and SAR standby.
- 19 March - Maintenance stand down. The White Knights launched the SAR aircraft at 0345 on an emergency mission to deliver rare type blood donors for an emergency operation in Manila. The mercy mission contributed to saving the man's life.
- 20 March - Maintenance stand down. Launched SAR aircraft to Medevac 7 heatstroke cases.
- 21 March - Maintenance stand down. Maintained SAR aircraft on standby.
- 22 March - HMM-165 continued training and support of the BLT. Provided VIP aircraft for Col KEITH, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Cubi Point.
- 23 March - The White Knights conducted night FCLP training, continued logistical support of the BLT, and provided aircraft for Commanding Officer, 31st Marine Amphibious Unit. Picked up medical team inserted 18 March at Abatan, Philippine Islands, and delivered 2,000 pounds of medical supplies.
- 24 March - Conducted training flights.
- 25 March - The White Knights on loaded aboard the USS Iwo Jima and arrived Manila Bay in preparation for Operation SUEK. Maintained 1 UH-46, 2 UH-1E and crews on board USS Cleveland for VIP standby in Manila.
- 26-28 March - Aircraft and crews on board USS Cleveland for VIP standby. Provided VIP aircraft, 1 UH-1E and chase CH-46D for Elton SPIELMAN, USMC, and Commodore NAPPER, USN.
- 29 March - The White Knights departed Manila Bay to participate in Operation SIBOL. Provided VIP aircraft, 1 UH-1E and 1 CH-46 chase for Elton SPIELMAN, and Commodore NAPPER.

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30 March - The White Knights provided 1 CH-53D to lift disabled USAF HH-3E helicopter located in a mountainous area. The aircraft was precariously positioned on a 45 degree slope at an altitude of 2,600 feet. The HH-3E was successfully lifted and repositioned at Clark AFB without further incident. The squadron continued preparation for Operation SUBOK and provided chase aircraft for new Chief of Staff CTF 76, Captain BEAMAN, USN.

31 March - HMM-165 participated in rehearsal landing for Operation SUBOK and provided VIP UH-1E for EGen SPIELMAN to observe the landing.

2. <u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>CH-46</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>CH-53</u>
Cargo Tons -	405.0	271.5	0.5
Passengers -	4635	3594	69
Hours Flown -	668.3	646.0	109.5
Sorties -	1281	992	108

3. OPERATIONS PARTICIPATED IN

None

4. PERSONNEL

New Pilots Assigned:

Maj W. E. LOFTUS
 1/Lt M. L. ASLAKSEN
 1/Lt R. H. DUFF
 1/Lt M. E. HAAS
 1/Lt W. P. MAVERELIS
 1/Lt R. R. WILKINS JR.
 1/Lt M. J. WORSECK
 1/Lt A. W. CATINS
 1/Lt G. J. MERKLINGER
 1/Lt E. E. ANDERSON
 1/Lt N. MICKLEY

New Ground Officers Assigned:

None

New Crew Members Assigned:

Cpl T. W. HENDERSON
 Cpl B. E. WALTERS

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a. The below listed personnel were awarded Meritorious Mast:

Cpl R. D. VARGAS

Sgt W. A. LAVINE

b. Officer Promotions:

None

c. The following personnel were promoted to their indicated grade:

Cyrst J. A. ENDO

LCpl E. E. FOULK

LCpl A. B. HENRY

LCpl T. J. HALL

LCpl J. L. JOHNSON

LCpl J. A. VANDERLOO

PFC W. B. COOPER

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