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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 through 31 March 1972

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Staff Officers</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Name</u>
Commanding Officer	1-31 March 1972	LTCOL. P. L. MOREAU
Executive Officer	1-31 March 1972	MAJ. D. M. GRIFFAY
Operations Officer	1-31 March 1972	MAJ. T. A. GOLDSBOROUGH
Administrative Officer	1-31 March 1972	MAJ. C. R. UPSHAW
*Maintenance Officer	1-31 March 1972	MAJ. T. P. MCBRIEN
Logistics Officer	1-31 March 1972	MAJ. F. W. LANGE
Intelligence Officer	1-31 March 1972	1/LT. S. B. HURLEY
NATOPS Officer	1-31 March 1972	CAPT. M. R. HUCKEMEYER
Safety Officer	1-31 March 1972	CAPT. R. W. CORNER

*Captain R. J. KALATA served as acting Maintenance Officer in the absence of Major T. P. MCBRIEN for the period 9-20 March 1972.

2. Subordinate Units

- a. Cubi Point Detachment, two CH-46's, 1-7 March 1972
- b. Futema Detachment, one CH-53, 9-20 March 1972
- c. USS DULUTH Detachment, four CH-46's, 8-9 March 1972, two CH-46's 9-20 March 1972

3. Location

- a. 1 through 31 March 1972: USS TRIPOLI

4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC OFF/ENL	USN OFF/ENL	OTHER OFF/ENL	TOTAL OFF/ENL
1-31 March 1972	55/235	1/2	NONE	56/237

5. Important Visitors

- a. Members of 1stBn, Black Watch, (Hong Kong) 1 March 1972
- b. Members of 28th RAF Squadron (Helo), (Hong Kong) 1 March 1972

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

HMM-165 opened the month of March in the liberty port of Hong Kong. The squadron provided a static display for members of the 1stBn, Black Watch, and members of the 28th RAF Squadron (Helo), both stationed in Hong Kong.

The USS TRIPOLI departed Hong Kong early on the fourth, permitting the squadron to conduct limited CCA's and test flights later in the day. Enroute to Subic, the squadron conducted training in formation and basic instruments, as well as routine test hops and frags.

The squadron completed the transfer of BLT 3/4 personnel between ships of ARG Alpha, recovered the Cubi Point Detachment aboard the USS TRIPOLI at sea, and provided an administrative flight to Clark AFB on the seventh. The Amphibious Ready Group then sailed for Okinawa.

The squadron conducted a medevac, and carrier qualification, formation, and basic instrument training on the eighth. Four CH-46's were sent to operate aboard the USS DULUTH (LPD-6).

Several aircraft were launched to Okinawa on the ninth in support of administrative and logistics requirements of the MAU staff, the BLT, and the squadron. With the exception of one CH-53 which was detached to remain at MCAS Futema, all aircraft returned the same day, including two additional CH-53's and crews from Futema who joined the squadron. Prior to the break-up of ARG Alpha, two of the aircraft aboard the USS DULUTH were recovered aboard the USS TRIPOLI. The squadron also flew a medevac on the ninth.

All flight operations were conducted by the DULUTH detachment the following day as the USS TRIPOLI prepared to enter the port of Kobe, Japan. Flight operations included one medevac flight.

No flight operations were conducted aboard the TRIPOLI while in the port of Kobe from the eleventh through the sixteenth. A static display was provided for the public on the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth. The DULUTH detachment, ported at Beppu, Japan - flew a medevac to Iwakuni on the fourteenth.

HMM-165 conducted carrier qualifications upon leaving port on the seventeenth, but a scheduled night carrier qualification period was cut short due to weather. A comprehensive NATOPS exam was administered to all crewmembers.

The squadron conducted CCA's and test flights on the eighteenth before

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launching eight aircraft to RON at MCAS Futema. The aircraft of the DULUTH detachment conducted carrier qualifications.

Shipboard operations were limited as HMM-164 carrier qualified aboard the USS TRIPOLI on the nineteenth. Most frags were executed by aircraft based at Futema. Marine Aircraft Group 36 sent a safety and NATOPS survey party which spent the day with the squadron aboard the TRIPOLI.

The squadron recovered all aircraft, including the DULUTH detachment and the Futema detachment of one CH-53 left behind on the ninth, aboard the USS TRIPOLI as she sailed for the Philippines on the twentieth.

Flight operations during the next two days were comprised of test flights, rocket and gunnery practice for the UH-1E's, and gunnery practice for the enlisted crewmembers of the CH-46's and CH-53's. Four CH-46's and one UH-1E were sent to operate from the USS DULUTH at the close of flight operations on the twenty-second to augment operations for the following day's ZAMEX.

HMM-165 logged 85.7 hours in support of BLT 3/4 and its supporting units during ZAM 4-72 on the twenty-third and twenty-fourth. All aircraft were recovered at NAS CUBI Point at the completion of the withdrawal phase. The squadron provided a standby medevac service for elements left in the field on training exercises.

On the twenty-fifth the squadron provided transportation for all members of the ARG who desired to participate in the Holy Week proceedings at Baguio. Transportation was also provided for personnel, including the MAU staff, to spend the afternoon at Baguio. The squadron conducted night operations and provided a standby medevac service.

HMM-165 supported BLT 3/4 with troop lifts and artillery lifts on the twenty-sixth. A standby medevac service was provided. The following day the squadron returned to Baguio to pick-up all members of the ARG, provided transportation to Corregidor for a wreath-laying party, provided a flight to Clark AFB, and conducted night operations. The squadron also provided a standby medevac service on the twenty-seventh.

Operations on the twenty-eighth included flights to Manila and Clark and night training missions. The HERS system was disembarked, assembled, and utilized to refuel squadron aircraft. The system was re-embarked on the following day.

Following several training flights and a flight in support of the Armed Forces Registered Publications Service to San Miguel in the morning, HMM-165 joined in a squadron party at Dungaree Beach the afternoon of the twenty-ninth. Flight operations were limited to test flights the following day. The last of the squadron aircraft were recovered aboard the USS TRIPOLI as she departed Subic Bay on the thirty-first.

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The squadron closed the month with 520.3 hours.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Commitments

- 1 - 3 Mar- HMM-165 enjoyed liberty in the port of Hong Kong.
- 1 Mar- HMM-165 presented a static display to members of 1stBn, Black Watch, and the 28th RAF Squadron (Helo).
- 4 Mar- HMM-165 conducted CCA training and test flights. CH-53 crews conducted NATOPS training.
- 5 Mar- HMM-165 conducted test hops and NATOPS training for all crews.
- 6 Mar- HMM-165 conducted basic instrument and formation training flights. All crewmembers participated in a NATOPS review.
- 7 Mar- HMM-165 transferred personnel of BLT 3/4 between ships. Cubi Detachment Bravo was recovered aboard the USS TRIPOLI.
- 8 Mar- HMM-165 conducted one medevac. Four CH-46's were sent to operate aboard the USS DULUTH (LPD-6). Flight operations consisted of basic instrument, formation, and carrier qualification.
- 9 Mar- HMM-165 launched and recovered several aircraft to various points in Okinawa in support of administrative and logistical requirements of the MAU, BLT, and the squadron. One CH-53 was detached to remain at MCAS Futema, but two additional CH-53's and crews from Futema joined the squadron. Two of the aircraft aboard the DULUTH were recovered aboard the TRIPOLI.
- 10 Mar- HMM-165 conducted no flight operations in preparation for entering the port of Kobe, Japan. The DULUTH detachment executed all frags and flew one medevac. NATOPS training was conducted for all pilots.
- 11 - 16 Mar- HMM-165 enjoyed liberty routine in the port of Kobe, Japan.
- 12 - 14 Mar- HMM-165 provided static displays for the public of Kobe, Japan.
- 14 Mar- HMM-165's DULUTH detachment flew a medevac from their port of Beppu, Japan, to MCAS Iwakuni.
- 17 Mar- HMM-165 administered a comprehensive NATOPS exam to all crewmembers upon departing Kobe, Japan. The squadron conducted carrier qualifications. Night carrier qualifications were cancelled because of inclement weather.
- 18 Mar- HMM-165 launched eight aircraft to 'RON' at MCAS Futema. The DULUTH detachment conducted carrier qualifications.

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Commitments Continued

- 19 Mar- HMM-165 operated extensively from Futema as HMM-164 carrier qualified aboard the TRIPOLI. MAG-36 sent a Safety and NATOPS survey team to spend the day with HMM-165 aboard the TRIPOLI.
- 20 Mar- HMM-165 recovered all aircraft from Futema, including the CH-53 detached on the 9th. The DULUTH detachment was recovered aboard the TRIPOLI.
- 21 Mar- HMM-165 conducted test hops and gunnery practice for crewmembers of all three types of aircraft.
- 22 Mar- HMM-165 conducted test hops and rocket practice for the UH-1E's. Four CH-46's and one UH-1E were sent to the USS DULUTH in preparation for the next day's operation.
- 23 Mar- HMM-165 participated in ZAM 4-72, (Reference b), and provided a standby medevac service.
- 24 Mar- HMM-165 completed the withdrawal phase of ZAM 4-72. All aircraft were recovered at NAS CUBI Point. The squadron provided a standby medevac service.
- 25 Mar- HMM-165 provided transportation to Baguio for the MAU staff and all members of the ARG. The squadron conducted night operations and provided a standby medevac service.
- 26 Mar- HMM-165 supported BLT 3/4 with troop and artillery lifts. The squadron provided a standby medevac service.
- 27 Mar- HMM-165 provided flights to Baguio, Corregidor, and Clark. The squadron conducted night operations and provided a standby medevac.
- 28 Mar- HMM-165 provided flights to Manila and Clark and conducted night operations. The HERS system was disembarked and utilized to refuel aircraft.
- 29 Mar- HMM-165 supported the Armed Forces Registered Publications Service with transportation to San Miguel. Several training flights were launched in the morning, but the squadron joined for a party at Dungaree Beach in the afternoon.
- 30 Mar- HMM-165 conducted limited test flights.
- 31 Mar- HMM-165 recovered the last of its aircraft aboard the USS TRIPOLI as the ship departed Subic Bay.

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2. Flight Statistics

a. <u>Monthly Totals</u>	<u>CH-46</u>	<u>CH-53</u>	<u>UH-1E</u>
Cargo Tons - 112.5	31.4	80.3	0.8
Passengers - 2001	980	955	66
Sorties - 553	254	177	122
Flight Hrs - 520.3	294.1	119.7	106.5

b. ZAMEX 4-72 (23-24 March)

<u>A/C</u>	<u>Flt. Hrs.</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Cargo Tons</u>	<u>Pax</u>
CH-46	44.3	101	6.1	404
CH-53	19.4	50	21.8	408
UH-1E	22.0	13	0.3	25
TOTAL	85.7	164	28.2	837

c. CUBI Detachment Bravo (1-7 March)

<u>A/C</u>	<u>Flt. Hrs.</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Cargo Tons</u>	<u>Pax</u>
CH-46	31.8	107	28.6	199

d. Futema Detachment (9-20 March)

<u>A/C</u>	<u>Flt. Hrs.</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Cargo Tons</u>	<u>Pax</u>
CH-53	7.5	6	0	0

e. DULUTH Detachment (8-20 March)

<u>A/C</u>	<u>Flt. Hrs.</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Cargo Tons</u>	<u>Pax</u>
CH-46	33.8	49	1.4	127

3. Average Aircraft Availability

CH-46 - 67%
 CH-53 - 67%
 UH-1E - 77%
 TOTAL - 69%

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4. Operations Participated In
 ZAMEX 4 - 72, 23 - 24 March 1972 (Reference b)

5. Personnel

New Aviators Assigned:

1STLT J. C. BOULWARE	1STLT D. A. MOURHESS
1STLT R. P. HOWARD	1STLT F. J. SEITZ
1STLT R. L. JONES	1STLT J. B. WILKES
1STLT G. G. KASPER	1STLT S. A. WONNER

New Ground Officers Assigned:

1STLT R. C. WELCH

New Crewmembers Assigned:

SSgt G. P. DAIGLE	Cpl M. MADISON
Cpl J. J. CUNDIFF	Cpl R. F. SCALES
Cpl R. T. GARDNER	* LCpl J. L. BIRGE
Cpl T. C. JOHNSTON	

* Squadron personnel newly qualified. (Others newly assigned to the squadron.)

6. Promotions

a. The following personnel were promoted to their present rank:

Msgt. T. V. HICKS	Sgt. R. L. LUZA
Sgt. L. B. ADAMS	Sgt. A. L. MADDOX
Sgt. R. L. ARCHER	Sgt. S. A. NAPIERKOWSKI
Sgt. J. C. COLE	Sgt. C. A. SCHULTZ
Sgt. M. L. COMBS	Sgt. D. C. SEIGNEMARTIN
Sgt. L. O. FULK	* Cpl. J. OLIVARES
Sgt. A. W. LIPKA	* Denotes meritorious promotion.

7. Re-enlistments

Sgt. M. L. COMBS
 Sgt. L. O. FULK
 Sgt. A. W. LIPKA

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8. Awards

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SSgt J. J. BOULLION - Meritorious Mast
Sgt. J. L. KELLER - Meritorious Mast
Cpl. J. OLIVARES - Meritorious Promotion

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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