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 Marine Aircraft Group 36  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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1 January 75 - 30 June 75

PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

HMM-165

COMMANDERLTCOL JAMES P. KIZER  
1 January 75 - 30 June 75STAFF OFFICERS:NAME

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJ G. H. GROSSFUSS  
1 January 75 - 30 June 75

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CAPT A. J. PONWITZ  
1 January 75 - 26 April 75  
CAPT J. L. LARUE  
27 April 75 - 30 June 75

S-2

1STLT L. V. WISE  
1 January 75 - 12 April 75  
GYSGT T. J. MEADE  
13 April 75 - 7 June 75  
1STLT K. T. SCHWEIM  
8 June 75 - 30 June 75

S-3

MAJ L. M. COLLINS  
1 January 75 - 12 January 75  
MAJ W. G. DWINELL  
13 January 75 - 30 June 75

S-4

CAPT J. J. MALLOY  
1 January 75 - 01 March 75  
CAPT K. G. SCHAGAT  
2 March 75 - 30 June 75

## AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE OFFICER

CAPT W. H. I. MOOS  
1 January 75 - 31 March 75  
CAPT J. J. MALLOY  
1 April 75 - 30 June 75

## NATOPS OFFICER

CAPT G. P. OLIN  
1 January 75 - 28 February 75  
CAPT G. L. BERRY  
1 March 75 - 30 June 75

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SAFETY OFFICER

CAPT D. C. CLAYTON  
1 January 75 - 17 March 75  
CAPT G. E. TUBESING  
18 March 75 - 30 June 75

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 January 75 - 30 June 75

MCAS(H) FUEMA, OKINAWA, JAPAN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC  
USN  
OTHER

OFFICERENLISTED

39  
0  
0

143  
0  
0

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During the months of January through June, HMM-165 operated accident free, flying a total of 2,704.8 hours of which 37.1 hours were flown by the UH-1E, 26.8 hours flown by the AH-1J, 13.6 hours flown by the CH-53D and 2627.3 hours flown by the CH-46D. These flight hours were flown in support of III MAF (26.2), 3rd Marine Division (834.7), 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (22.8), the U. S. Navy (25.1) the U. S. Army (1.7), the U. S. Air Force (10.7) and Marine Aircraft Group 36 (362.0). Training and functional check flights accounted for the remaining 1421.9 hours. A breakdown of operations shows that during this period HMM-165 flew a total of 1823 flights and carried 16,400 passengers and 441,355 pounds of cargo.

On 27 January, Capt A. J. FOMWITZ led a four plane detachment (two CH-46D's from HMM-165 and two UH-1E's from HML-367) aboard the U. S. S. DUBUQUE (LPD-8) and supported a cold weather exercise in support of BLT 1/9, arriving at Taegu AFB, Taegu, Republic of Korea on 7 February. The exercise was conducted at Pohang and included an AOA located approximately 20 miles south of Pohang Airfield. The majority of the operations were in support of the ROK Marines and consisted of FAM Lectures on the CH-46D AND FAM Flights for ROK Marines. The actual field problem took place during the period 19 through 23 February and consisted of recon inserts, troop inserts, resupply, and VIP support flights. During the deployment, HMM-165's CH-46D's flew 49 flights totaling 67.5 hours in which 1,356 passengers and 87,000 pounds of cargo were carried. On 24 February the detachment supported the admin backload of BLT 1/9 aboard the U. S. S. DUBUQUE (LPD-8) and debarked at Futema on 26 February 1975.

On 1 January 75 a two CH-46D aircraft detachment was deployed to NAS Cubi point, R. P. in support of the "ZAMBALES" Exercise. During the exercise the detachment operated with VMA-513, and upon completion remained at NAS Cubi point in support of local Marine and Navy units.

On 29 March 1975, HMM-165 received a Warning Order to embark for the Danang, RVN, evacuation. HMM-165 flew two CH-46D aircraft and two UH-1E aircraft aboard the U. S. S. BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19), two CH-46D aircraft aboard the U. S. S. DURHAM (LKA-114) and eight CH-46D aircraft along with the Squadron colors aboard the U. S. S. DUBUQUE (LPD-8). On 30 March 1975 the squadron sailed for Republic of Vietnam waters. On 4 April 1975 the remaining seven CH-46D aircraft departed Futema aboard the U. S. S. MIDWAY (CVA-41) and transferred to the U. S. S. HANCOCK (CVA-19) on 7 April 1975. All aircraft participated in Fleet/Task Force Support of the evacuation. During the period 19-30 April 1975, HMM-165 was aboard the U. S. S. DUBUQUE (LPD-8) and proceeded to a holding area off VUNG TAU, RVN, in anticipation of Operation "FREQUENT WIND". OPCON of HMM-165 was held by PROVMAG-39 and on 29 April at 1330, four CH-46D aircraft from HMM-165 were launched to commence Operation "FREQUENT WIND". HMM-165's missions consisted of Embassy Evacuation, Sparrow Hawk, and Airborne SAR. At this time, the U. S. S. DUBUQUE (LPD-8) with three remaining aircraft departed for operations off Phu Quoc Island. By 0830 the following morning, 30 April 1975, four CH-46D aircraft from HMM-165 had shut down aboard the U. S. S. DENVER (LPD-9) and U. S. S. DULUTH (LPD-6) having completed their assigned missions and evacuating in excess of 900 people from the U. S. Embassy, Saigon, RVN. HMM-165 crews had:

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flown in excess of 18.5 hours per aircraft under night, IFR and hostile fire with out relief. Statistics for the month of April revealed aircraft readiness for the month was 99.4% and that airframe utilization was approximately 53.8 hours per aircraft, far exceeding the normal 27.8 hours per aircraft.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

8 January	VIP missions flown for MGen Hoffman and MGen Houghton
9 January	VIP missions flown for BGen Coffman and MGen Hoffman
10 January	VIP mission flown for MGen Hoffman
10 January	Project "Soft" completed, aircraft to return in 2 weeks.
11 January	VIP mission flown for VAdm Baldwin
14-15 January	VIP missions flown for MGen Houghton
16 January	Rapelling demonstration presented for U. S. Senator Nunn
19 January	Two aircraft to U. S. S. MIDWAY, 8000 lbs cargo resupply.
27 January	Korea detachment left. Aircraft returned from Project "Soft".
5 February	VIP mission flown for RAdm Whitmire
15 February	Flew MGen Gourley 1.7 hours
26 February	Detachment returned from Korea
12 March	Qualified 12 Gunners with two aircraft
14 March	Furnished HAC to Iwakuni SAR for two weeks
22 March	Flew MGen Gourley 1.8 hours

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29 March	Warning order to go afloat for operations "Frequent Wind" (Danang) received. Loaded two CH-46D and two UH-1E aircraft aboard U. S. S. BLUE RIDGE and two CH-46D aircraft aboard the U. S. S. DURHAM. Eight CH-46D aircraft and Squadron Colors to go on U. S. S. DUBUQUE.
30 March	Sail for Republic Vietnam waters.
1-28 April	Participated in Fleet/Task Force support during RVN evacuation operations.
2 April	Flew MGen Hoffman and MGen Gourley to Embassy in Saigon.
3 April	VIP mission flown for MGen Gourley and MGen Hoffman
29-30 April	Squadron fully committed to embassy LZ for Saigon evacuation. Evacuated the U. S. Ambassador from the U. S. Embassy to an afloat position.
4 May	Eight CH-46 aircraft embarked aboard the U. S. S. DUBUQUE (LPD-8) at NAS Cubi Point for the return trip to Futema.
13-31 May	Squadron on standby status to back up Mayaguez Incident.
22 June	Eight CH-46D aircraft returned to Futema aboard the U. S. S. MT VERNON (LSD-39).
29 June	Squadron SAR flew Medevac for Marine with gunshot wounds

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