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Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1969 to 31 August 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

HM-265

COMMANDER

LTCOL. ROBERT L. GRAY JR.
1-31 AUGUST 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-31 AUGUST 1969: USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major	GEORGE M. SHIFFLER JR.	1-31 Aug 1969
Administration Officer	Capt	JOSEPH W. KIM	1-31 Aug 1969
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	EARL R. WEBSTER	1-31 Aug 1969
Operations Officer	Major	JOHN L. MACFARLANE	1-31 Aug 1969
Logistics Officer	Major	LYNN M. HAINES	1-31 Aug 1969
Maintenance Officer	Major	JAMES W. BRIDGES	1-31 Aug 1969
Aviation Safety Officer	1stLt	THOMAS R. CONROY	1-31 Aug 1969
NATOPS Officer	1stLt	GEORGE P. OLIN	1-31 Aug 1969
Squadron Flight Surgeon	Lt(MC)	STEPHEN A. WILSON USNR	1-31 Aug 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
49	190

USN

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
1	3

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1-7 August 1969: HMM-265 launched an average of two aircraft per day in support of CTG 79.4. The squadron operated out of NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines, flying a total of 28.3 hours. HMM-265 Detachment Alpha launched an average of four aircraft per day in support of 1st MAF. Detachment Alpha operated out of Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of Viet Nam, flying a total of 74.9 hours, 343 sorties, carried 659 passengers, 2 medevacs, 15.7 tons of cargo, and completed 120 tasks.

8-31 August 1969: HMM-265 launched an average of eight aircraft per day in support of III MAF and CTG 79.4. The missions consisted of Command and Control, Administration and Liaison, Visual Reconnaissance, and Resupply for the ROK Marines. HMM-265 provided demonstrations of helicopter operations during visits by The Under Sec of Navy, John W. Warner (19 Aug) and The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Thomas H. MOORE (31 Aug). The squadron flew a total of 630.6 hours, 3,012 sorties, carried 6,620 passengers, 18 medevacs, 246.8 tons of cargo, and completed 290 tasks.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. FMF organizations committed to combat, SLF and 1st MAF

a. Combat missions assigned: The squadrons primary mission was to support the SLF (CTG 79.4). The squadrons secondary mission was to support 1st MAF (III MAF).

b. Significant operations conducted: None

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: Corporal J. E. HUNT was injured when he fell 15 feet from an aircraft on 27 August 1969. Corporal J. E. HUNT was medevaced to CONUS.

e. New techniques employed: None

f. Combat relations: None

g. Equipment: None

h. Logistics: A total of 262.5 tons of combat cargo, 7279 combat troops and 20 medevacs were transported during the reporting period.

i. Civic action: None

j. Administration: None

k. Personnel: Promotions during this reporting period were one(1) First Lieutenant to Captain, one(1) Private to Private First Class, ten(10) Privates First Class to Lance Corporal, Fourteen(14) Lance Corporals to Corporal.

l. Intelligence: None

m. Communications: None

n. Weather: None

o. Fire Support: None

p. Air Support: None

q. Activations/deactivations/redesignation: None

r. Air operations:

1. Total Hours Flown	733.8
2. Number of Sorties	3355
3. Tons of Cargo	262.5
4. Number of Passengers	7279
5. Number of Medevacs	20

s. Units supported:

	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>TASK</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>TONS CARGO</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>MEDEVACS</u>
CTG 79.4	438.7	290	1861	91.0	5213	1
III MAF	295.1	120	1494	171.5	2066	19

t. Major Operations Supported:

1. Pipe Stone Canyon
2. Victory Dragon XIV

u. Maintenance Department: The average daily availability was 47%. Of the downed aircraft, 20% were down due to supply (NORS) and 33% were down due to normal discrepancies (NORM). The low percentage of Availability was due to the shortage of spare parts and intermediate maintenance repair level (IRL) aboard the USS TWO JIMA (LPH-2).

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. All of the information for this report was obtained from the following sources:

- a. OPNAV form 3760-2 (Part D)
- b. Squadron After Action Reports
- c. Squadron Unit Diary

2. The above list of supporting documents are held by this command. If verification of any portion of this report is required, subject documents will be available at this command.

Enclosure (1)