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 HMA-369 MONTHLY COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FM 01 NOV 72 TO 30 NOV 72 (U)

A. CTG 79.1 LTR CONCERNING RPT PROCEDURES

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C. GRPO 5750.3B

1. (S) IAW REFS A, B, AND C, THE FOL THREE (3) PART RPT IS SUB:

A. PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

(1) COMMANDING OFFICER	01-30 NOV 72	D. L. ROSS	MAJOR
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	01-30 NOV 72	D. P. HANSEN	MAJOR
S-1 OFFICER	01-30 NOV 72	J. C. MCANNALLY	CAPT
S-2 OFFICER	01-30 NOV 72	M. V. ELLIOTT	1STLT
S-3 OFFICER	01-30 NOV 72	D. C. CORBETT	CAPT
S-4 OFFICER	01-30 NOV 72	C. A. DITTMAR	CAPT
SUPPLY/MATERIAL OFFICER	01-14 NOV 72	I. G. GOODSPEED	1STLT
SUPPLY/MATERIAL OFFICER	14-30 NOV 72	P. R. SOUZA	1STLT

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MAINTENANCE OFFICER 01-30 NOV 72 D. L. CALDON CAPT

(2) SUBORDINATE UNIT: NONE.

(3) LOCATION: 01-28 NOV 72 GOT

29 NOV 72 NAS SUBIC P.I.

30 NOV 72 ENROUTE TO OKINAWA

(4) AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH: USMC OFF-03, USMC ENL-133, TOTAL-126  
 USN OFF-0, USN ENL-0, TOTAL-0

(5) IMPORTANT VISITORS:

VADM SALZER	COMPHIBPAC	01 NOV 72
RADM TOOLE	COMAMPHIBSEVFLT	01 NOV 72
MGEN BROWN	CG FIRST MAW	09 NOV 72
COMMODORE WARD	SERACTUNITCOM	15 NOV 72
VADM COOPER	CARDIVFIVE	17 NOV 72
COL MALONEY	CO, MAG-36	19 NOV 72

B. PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER BEGAN AS MARHUK OPERATIONS WERE MET WITH AN INCREASED RATE OF HOSTILE FIRE ENCOUNTERS. DURING THE LATTER PART OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD, INCIDENTS OF HOSTILE FIRE AND SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS WERE GREATLY REDUCED DUE TO A SHIFTING OF MISSION EMPHASIS AND OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS ALSO PLAGUED

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HMA-369 WITH MISSION CANCELLATIONS. IN ANY EVENT, THE MARHUK OPERATIONS CONTINUED WITH A SUSTAINED, APPARENT SUCCESS.

ON THE 1ST, VADM SALZER, COMPHIBPAC, AND RADM TOLE, COMAMPHIBSEVFLT, VISITED HMA-369 ABOARD THE USS CLEVELAND FOR BRIEFINGS. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, HOSTILE FIRE CLAIMED SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE ON AN AH-1J WITH NO INJURY TO PERSONNEL.

THE 7,00TH LANDING ABOARD THE USS CLEVELAND WAS EXECUTED BY 1STLT EHLI UPON HIS RETURN FROM MARHUK MISSION 595 ON NOVEMBER THE THIRD.

THE NEXT FEW DAYS WERE TO SEE FLIGHT OPERATIONS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED AS A BIG MOTHER STAYED ABOARD LPD-7. DURING THIS PERIOD MARHUK MISSIONS PRODUCED NUMEROUS SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS IN SUSPECTED STORAGE AREAS AND FORTIFIED GUN POSITIONS.

THE BIG MOTHER ACFT LEFT THE MARHUK DECK ON NOVEMBER THE SIXTH, THE LPD-7 TURNED SOUTH TO COMMENCE STORM EVASION MEASURES. UPON A RETURN TO STATION ON THE NINTH, HMA-369 WAS VISITED BY MGEN BROWN, CG FIRST MAW, WHO PRESENTED BIRTHDAY WISHES O THE MARINES OF HMA-369.

MARHUK 620 WAS FLOWN IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF NOVEMBER TENTH AND RETURNED TO THE USS CLEVELAND AS THE SHIP PREPARED TO STEAM FOR OKINAWA. ORDERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHICH DIRECTED HMA-369 TO RETURN TO MCAS(H) FUTEWA. ON THE AFTERNOON OF THIS DAY MARINE CORPS

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BIRTHDAY CEREMONIES WERE CONDUCTED BY HMA-369.

ON NOVEMBER ELEVENTH, WHILE ENROUTE TO OKINAWA, ALL SQDN SECTIONS COMPLETED EMBARKATION PREPARATIONS. AN ORDNANCE DEMONSTRATION WAS CONDUCTED BY A SECTION OF AH-1J SEACOBAS FOR THE LPD-7 AND HMA-369 PERSONNEL. LATER THAT DAY, ORDERS WERE RECEIVED TO RETURN TO THE HON LA ANCHORAGE AND CONTINUE NORMAL OPERATIONS. BY 1200 ON NOVEMBER THE TWELFTH, THE SQDN HAD UNBOXED IT ASSETS AND ALL DEPARTMENTS WERE AGAIN FUNCTIONING.

FLIGHTS WERE RESUMED ON STATION WITH MARHUK MISSION 622. DURING THIS STRIKE, ACFT NUMBER SIX RECEIVED SEVERAL HITS FROM HOSTILE FIRE. THIS WAS THE FIRST MAJOR DAMAGE INFLICTED UPON HMA-369'S COBRAS SINCE THE MARHUK OPERATIONS BEGAN IN JUNE. STRESS PANEL DAMAGE IN ACFT NUMBER SIX WOULD FORCE THE ACFT TO REMAIN IN A DOWNED STATUS UNTIL REWORK FACILITIES COULD RECEIVE IT FOR REPAIR.

COMMODORE WARD, SERACTUNITCOM, FROM THE USS GOLDSBOROUGH JOINED HMA-369 AND LPD-7 IN A POURPARLER ON THE FIFTEENTH.

BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS BEGAN ON THE SIXTEENTH AND WOULD LAST FOR SEVERAL DAYS, CAUSING NUMEROUS MISSIONS TO BE CANCELLED. MAJOR HANSEN, XO HMA-369, FLEW TO THE USS ENTERPRISE TO PICK-UP VADM COOPER, CARDIVFIVE FOR A CONFERENCE. *Pg 2 of 3*

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COL MALONEY, CG MAG-36, WAS RECEIVED ABOARD THE LPD-7 ON THE 19TH AND FLEW AN OBSERVATION MISSION AT HON LA ANCHORAGE ON THE 20TH. SHORTLY AFTER THIS MISSION, DETERIORATING WEATHER CONDITIONS CAUSED THE CANCELLATION OF OPERATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DSPM PERIOD.

MISSION CANCELLATIONS PERSISTED IN FREQUENCY AS THE 23RD OF NOVEMBER FOUND HMA-369 OPERATING ON A REDUCED SCHEDULE. FLIGHTS WERE CONDUCTED WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND MARHUK MISSION 707, WHICH WAS FLOWN ON NOVEMBER 26TH, WAS THE LAST SORTIE OF THIS LINE PERIOD.

ON NOVEMBER 27TH, LPD-7 WITH HMA-369 ABOARD STEAMED TO SUBIC BAY TO OFF-LOAD ORDNANCE. ACFT NUMBER SIX, BUNO 157784, WAS ALSO OFF-LOADED AT THE REWORK FACILITIES. EMBARKATION PREPARATIONS HAD BEEN COMPLETED WHILE ENROUTE, AND LIBERTY WAS SOUNDED AT 1500 ON THE 29TH OF NOVEMBER.

ON NOVEMBER 30TH, LIBERTY SECURED AT 0001 AND HMA-369 BEGAN ITS SA HOME TO OKINAWA. THE SQDN REMAINED IN A PACKED-UP STATUS ANTICIPATING TRANSFER TO THE USS DUBUQUE.

C. PART III- SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

01 NOV 72 HMA-369, ABOARD USS CLEVELAND, WAS VISITED BY VADM SALZER, COMPHIBPAC, AND RADM TOOLE, COMAMPHIBSEVFLT,

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FOR A MARHUK OPERATIONS BRIEFING.

02 NOV 72 MISSIONS CONTINUED AT A FULL SCHEDULE PACE. ACFT NUMBER SEVEN SUSTAINED SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE FROM ENEMY FIRE.

03 NOV 72 THE 1,000TH LANDING ABOARD THE USS CLEVELAND WAS MADE BY 1STLT ERLY UPON HIS RETURN FROM MARHUK MISSION 595.

04 NOV 72 STRIKE ATTACKS BY MARHUK FLIGHTS CONTINUED TO PRODUCE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES.

05 NOV 72 BIG MOTHER ACFT CAME ABOARD AND FLIGHT DECK HANDLING DIFFICULTIES CAUSED OPERATIONS TO BE CUT NEARLY IN HALF.

06 NOV 72 ENEMY SUPPLY MOVEMENT CONTINUED AND BIG MOTHER ACFT DEPARTED THE USS CLEVELAND. STORM EVASION MEASURES WERE TAKEN BY THE SHIP.

09 NOV 72 MARHUKERS RETURNED TO STATION AND BEGAN OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY. NGEN BROWN, CG 1ST MAW, VISITED HMA-369 FOR BRIEFINGS AND TO EXTEND HIS BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO THE MARINES OF HMA-369.

10 NOV 72 MARHUK MISSION 600 RETURNED TO THE USS CLEVELAND AND AS IT DEPARTED FOR OKINAWA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS CEREMONIES WERE ENJOYED BY HMA-369 PERSONNEL.

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11 NOV 72 A SECTION OF TWO COBRAS GAVE A FIRE POWER DEMONSTRATION FOR THE CREWS OF LPD-7 AND HMA-369. THE SQDN'S PACK-UP WORK WAS NEARLY COMPLETED WHEN ORDERS WERE RECEIVED TO RETURN TO HON LA ANCHORAGE.

12 NOV 72 ALL SQDN SECTIONS WERE UNPACKED AND OPERATIONAL.

13 NOV 72 ON MARKUK 622, ACFT NUMBER SIX SUSTAINED ENEMY HITS WHICH CAUSED DAMAGE TO STRESS PANELS IN THE ACFT. THIS COBRA WOULD HAVE TO BE OFF-LOADED FOR REPAIRS.

15 NOV 72 COMMODORE WARD, SERACTUNITCOM, ARRIVED ABOARD LPD-7 FOR AN OPERATION CONFERENCE.

16 NOV 72 MISSIONS WERE CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.

17 NOV 72 MAJ HANSEN FLEW TO THE USS ENTERPRISE TO FERRY VADM COOPER, CARDIVFIVE, TO THE USS CLEVELAND AND FOR OPERATIONAL DISCUSSIONS.

18 NOV 72 WITH NO REAL RELIEF FROM THE BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS, HMA-369  
RECEIVED COL MALONEY, CO MAG-36, ABOARD LPD-7.  
20 NOV 72 COL MALONEY FLEW IN A MISSION WITH HMA-369.  
21 NOV 72 ALL MISSIONS WERE CANCELLED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.  
26 NOV 72 MISSIONS HAVE BEEN OPERATING SPORADICALLY DUE TO WEATHER.  
MARHUK 707 WAS THE LAST SORTIE TO BE FLOWN FOR THIS LINE  
PERIOD.  
28 NOV 72 SQDN PACK-UP PREPARATIONS WERE COMPLETED.  
29 NOV 72 ARRIVED AT SUBIC BAY TO OFF-LOAD ORDNANCE AND ACFT NUMBER  
SIX. LIBERTY CALL WAS SOUNDED AT 1500.  
30 NOV 72 LIBERTY WAS SECURED AT 0001 AND THE LPD-7 WAS UNDERWAY  
TO OKINAWA AT 0130.

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HMA-369 MONTHLY COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FM 01OCT72 TO 31OCT72 (C)

A. CTG 79.1 LTR CONCERNING RPT PROCEDURES

B. WGO 5750.1

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1. (S) IAW REFS A, B, AND C, THE FOL THREE (3) PART RPT IS SUB:

A. PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

(1) COMMANDING OFFICER	01-24 OCT 72	D.P. HANSEN	MAJOR
COMMANDING OFFICER	24-31 OCT 72	D.L. ROSS	MAJOR
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	01-24 OCT 72	J.H. MARSHALL	MAJOR
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	24-31 OCT 72	D.P. HANSEN	MAJOR
S-1 OFFICER	01-26 OCT 72	G. SAN MIGUEL	1STLT
S-1 OFFICER	26-31 OCT 72	J.C. MCANNALLY	CAPT
S-2 OFFICER	01-31 OCT 72	M.V. ELLIOTT	1STLT
S-3 OFFICER	01-31 OCT 72	D.C. CORBETT	CAPT

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S-4 OFFICER

SUPPLY/MATERIAL OFFICER

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

01-31 OCT 72	C.A. DITMAR	CAPT
01-31 OCT 72	T.G. GOODSPEED	1STLT
01-31 OCT 72	D.L. CALDON	CAPT

(2) SUBORDINATE UNIT: NONE.

(3) LOCATION: 01-29 OCT 72, GOT  
 09-29 OCT 72, MCAS FUTEMA  
 29-31 OCT 72, GOT

(4) AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH: USMC OFF-24, USMC ENL-104, TOTAL 128  
 USN OFF-0, USN ENL-0, TOTAL-0

(5) IMPORTANT VISITORS:

LTGEN MEIZGER	CG III MAF	01 OCT 72
BGEN MILLER	CG 9TH MAB	01 AND 24 OCT 72
CAPT ELLIS	COMPHIBRON-3	01 OCT 72
MGEN BROWN	CG 1ST MAW	16 OCT 72
COL MALONEY	CG MAG-36	16 AND 24 OCT 72

B. PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

THE FIRST WEEK OF OCT MARKED AN END TO THE 3RD LINE PERIOD OF OPERATIONS FOR HMA-369. THE NEXT TWO WEEKS INVOLVED THE SQDN IN

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 VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AT MCAS FUTEMA, WHERE MARHUK PERSONNEL CONDUCTED  
 NEEDED MAINT FUNCTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES. THE END OF  
 OCT ONCE AGAIN FOUND HMA-369 ON STATION AND ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN  
 MARHUK OPERATIONS.

ON THE 1ST OF OCT, HMA-369 AND LPD-7 WERE VISITED BY LTGEN METZGER,  
 CG III MAF, BGEN MILLER, CG 9TH MAB, AND COMMAND PERSONNEL FROM  
 COMPHIBRON-3 AND THE 33RD MAU. DURING THIS VISIT, OPERATIONAL BRIEF-  
 INGS AND APPLICABLE SQDN/SHIP CO-OPERATIVE FUNCTIONS WERE PRESENTED BY  
 HMA-369 AND LPD-7 PERSONNEL.

ON OCT 2ND AT 0945, THE USS CLEVELAND BEGAN STORM EVASION ACTION,  
 OPERATIONAL FLTS FOR THIS DAY AND MOST OF OCT 3RD'S DAYLIGHT HOURS  
 WERE SUSPENDED. UPON RETURN TO THE OPERATIONAL AREA ON THE 3RD, MAR-  
 HUK-528 IMMEDIATELY ENGAGED TWO .51 CAL SITES, DESTROYING ONE AND  
 DAMAGING THE SECOND. THE APPLICATION OF THIS ATTACK EXEMPLIFIED THE  
 CURRENT CAPABILITIES OF ZUNI ROCKET UTILIZATION.

MISSIONS AND NORMAL WORK ROUTINES CONTINUED UNTIL OCT 8TH WHEN  
 THE LAST MARHUK FLT, 561, WAS FLOWN FOR THE LINE PERIOD. LATE  
 MORNING REPLENISHMENT WAS CONDUCTED BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM THE MISSION  
 AREA. ALL ACFT WERE IN AN UP STATUS EXCEPT ONE WHICH RECEIVED  
 NEEDED MAINT BEFORE ARRIVAL IN OKINAWA.

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ON 12 OCT, HMA-369 ABOARD USS CLEVELAND, ARRIVED IN OKINAWA AT  
 0600. ALL ACFT WERE FLOWN ASHORE IN FORMATION TO MCAS FUTEMA AND SQDN  
 PERSONNEL COMMENCED DISEMBARKMENT PROCEDURES. A SMALL CONTINGENCY OF  
 HMA-369 PERSONNEL REMAINED ABOARD LPD-7 TO SECURE HMA-369 ASSETS DURING  
 THE SHIPS PORT CALL IN JAPAN.

BY LATE AFTERNOON ON OCT 13TH, ALL DEPARTMENTS WERE OPERATIONAL AT  
 MCAS FUTEMA. ON THE 16TH, HMA-369 WAS VISITED BY MGEN BROWN, CG 1ST  
 MAW, AND COL MALONEY, CO MAG-36.

ON THE 20TH OF OCT, MAJ HANSEN, CO HMA-369, FLEW A COBRA FAM FLT  
 WITH COL MALONEY, CO MAG-36.

ON 24 OCT, A SQDN FORMATION WAS HELD AT WHICH TIME AWARDS AND CHANGE  
 COMMAND CEREMONIES WERE CONDUCTED FOR HMA-369. MAJ D.L. ROSS ASSUMED  
 COMMAND OF HMA-369 FROM MAJ D.P. HANSEN. FIRST AIR MEDAL AWARDS FOR  
 EIGHT PILOTS WERE PRESENTED BY BGEN MILLER, CG 9TH MAB. COL MALONEY  
 CO MAG-36, WAS ALSO PRESENT FOR THE CONGRATULATORY CEREMONIES.

ON 25 OCT AT 0800, EMBARKATION PROCEDURES BEGAN AS THE ACF AND  
 PERSONNEL OF HMA-369 BOARDED THE USS CLEVELAND. DURING THE SHORE BASED  
 OPERATIONS, ALL HMA-369 ACFT WERE REPAINTED AND ZUNI MODIFICATIONS  
 WERE COMPLETED ON ALL SQDN ACFT. MAINT AND ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORTS  
 WHILE ASHORE HAD PRODUCED GRATIFYING RESULTS. THE FOLLOWING DAY,

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FAMILIARIZATION FLTS WERE CONDUCTED WHILE UNDERWAY TO THE OPERATIONAL AREA.

ON OCT 29TH, NORMAL MARHUK OPERATIONS WERE RESUMED IN THE VICINITY OF THE HON LA ANCHORAGE.

## C. PART III - SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 01 OCT 72 SQDN WAS VISITED BY LTGEN NETZGER, CG 111 MAW, BGEN MILLER, CG 9TH MAB, AND COMMAND PERSONNEL FROM COMPHIBRON-3 AND THE 33RD MAU.
- 02 OCT 72 STORM EVASION BEGANS AND THE REMAINING DAY'S MISSIONS WERE CNX.
- 03 OCT 72 THE STORM CREST PASSED AND NORMAL OPERATIONS RESUMED. MARHUK-528 ENGAGED TWO .51 CAL SITES, DESTROYING ONE AND DAMAGING THE OTHER.
- 08 OCT 72 MARHUK-561 MARKED THE LAST FLIGHT TO BE FLOWN THE 3RD LINE PERIOD. LPD-7 CONDUCTED REPLENISHMENT AND DEPARTED FOR OKINAWA.
- 12 OCT 72 UPON ARRIVAL ON OKINAWA, HMA-369 DISEMBARKED TO MCAS FUTEMA. A SMALL DETACHMENT REMAINED ON BOARD TO PROCEED WITH LPD-7 UNTIL IT RETURNED FOR THE SQDN.
- 15 OCT 72 HMA-369 WAS VISITED BY BGEN BROWN, CG 1ST MAW, AND COL

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- 20 OCT 72 MALONEY, CO MAG-36, FOR OPERATIONAL BRIEF AND DISCUSSION. MAJ D.P. HANSEN, CO HMA-369, AND COL MALONEY, CO MAG-36, FLEW A COBRA FAM HOP FROM MCAS FUTEMA.
- 24 OCT 72 AN AWARDS CEREMONY WAS HELD FOR HMA-369 IN WHICH BGEN MILLER, CG 9TH MAB, PRESENTED FIRST AIR MEDALS AWARDS TO CAPT C.A. DITTMAR, 1STLT'S E.A. DEVITE, M.V. ELLIOTT, D.A. FERGUSON, J.K. 9, 9, W.R. JONES, G. SAN MIGUEL, AND C.E. ZINGER. A CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY FOR HMA-369 WAS ALSO CONDUCTED AT THIS TIME WITH BGEN MILLER AND COL MALONEY IN ATTENDANCE. MAJ D.L. ROSS ASSUMED COMMAND OF HMA-369 FROM MAJ D.P. HANSEN.
- 25 OCT 72 EMBARKATION PROCEDURES BEGAN AND ALL MATERIAL AND PERSONNEL WERE FLOWN ABOARD THE USS CLEVELAND BY HMH-462. LATE THIS SAME DAY, SEVEN NEWLY PAINTED COBRAS FLEW ABOARD LPD-7 TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE SQDN'S EMBARKATION.
- 26 OCT 72 LPD-7 SET SAIL FOR THE OPERATIONAL AREA AND FLT OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE LAE AFTERNOON.
- 29 OCT 72 AT APPROX 1300, MARHUK PERSONNEL ABOARD THE LPD-7, ARRIVED IN THE HON LA ANCHORAGE AREA. MARHUK-562 WAS LAUNCHED AT 1430 TO BEGIN SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS.
- 31 OCT 72 THIS MONTH ENDED WITH ENEMY ACTIVITY STEADILY INCREASING WITHIN IN MARHUK OPERATIONAL VICINITY.

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