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From: Commanding Officer, Helicopter Combat Support Squadron FOUR
To: Director of Naval History (Op-09BH), Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
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Subj: CY 1987 COMMAND HISTORY SUBMISSION

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

- Encl: (1) Biography of CDR P. W. Schempf
 (2) Biography of CDR R. L. Payne, Jr.
 (3) HC-4 CY 87 Battle Efficiency and CNO Annual Aviation Safety awards submission (C)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the HELSUPPRON FOUR Command History with enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted for review.

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COMMAND HISTORY

I. Comand Composition and Organization.

A. Mission - To provide day/night logistic support to SIXTH Fleet units and U.S. Forces Europe.

B. Organizational structure - Chief of Naval Operations, COMNAVAIRLANT, COMHELTACWING ONE, COMFAIRMED, HC-4.

C. Commanding Officers - 01 January-29 May, CDR P.W. Schempf. 29 May-31 December, CDR R.L. Payne, Jr. See enclosures (1) and (2) for biographical information.

D. Permanent Duty Station: Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella, Sicily, Italy.

E. Assets: Six (6) Sikorsky CH-53E helicopters:
BUNO's: 161532, 161536, 161537, 161538, 161539, 161540.

II. Chronology

<u>Dates(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>
01-03 January	Detachment (Det) to Palma, Spain in support of CV 67.
05 January	Designated first runner up in CINCUSNAVEUR Golden Anchor Award for 1986
05-18 January	Det to Hyeres, France in support of CV 67, AOR 6.
09 January	Medevac one patient from Comiso Air Base Italy to NAS Sigonella.
11-18 January	Det to Palma, Spain in support of CV 67, CVN 68.
12 January	Medevac one patient from CV 67 to Hyeres, France.
24-28 January	Det to Naples, Italy in support of LHA 2.
27 January - 02 February	Det to Rota, Spain in support of CV 67.
30 January	Medevac two patients from CV 67 to Naval Station Rota, Spain.
08 February - 08 March	Det Tel Aviv in support of CV 67, CVN 68, LPH 12.
12-26 February	Deployed on board USS Nimitz in support of CV 67, CVN 68.

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06-11 March	Det to Naples in support of CVN 68.
12-18 March	Det to Antalya, Turkey in support of CVN 68.
24 March	Medevac one patient from CVN 68 to NAS, Sigonella.
25 March - 08 April	Det to Hyeres, France in support of CVN 68.
29 March	Medevac one patient from CVN 68 to Hyeres, France.
6 April	Medevac one patient from LPH 12 to NAS, Sigonella.
10 April	Medevac one patient from LPH 12 to NAS, Sigonella.
12-21 April	Det to Palma, Spain in support of CVN 68.
23 April - 06 May	Det to Hyeres, France in support of CVN 68.
May 87	Det to Souda Bay, Greece in support of CVN 68.
17 May	LCDR Douglas M. Hamilton, Operations Officer is killed in an auto accident.
19 May	Humanitarian Mission: Transported human remains from NAS Sigonella to Naval Support Activity Naples.
24 May - 01 June	Det to Palma, Spain in support of CV 63.
28 May	Medevac one patient from Palma, Spain to CV 63.
29 May	Change of Command: CDR R. L. Payne, Jr. relieves CDR P.W. Schempf as Commanding Officer, HC-4.
31 May	Medevac three patients from CV 63 to Palma, Spain.
06-13 June	Det to Hyeres, France in support of CV 63.
15-21 June	Det to Rota, Spain in support of CV 60, CV 63.
22 June	Medevac one patient from CV 60 to Alicante, Spain.
21-27 June	Det to Palma, Spain in support of CV 60, CV 63.
05-17 July	Det to Hyeres, France in support of CV 60.

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21 July	Received Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Safety Citation for four years Class A mishap free flight operations.
21-27 July	Det to Alicante, Spain to support CV 60.
24 July	Medevac one patient from Ragusa, Italy to NAS Sigonella.
31 July - 05 August	Det to Naples, Italy in support of CV 60.
05 August	AMSAN James Music is killed in an auto accident.
07-22 August	Det to Alexandria, Egypt in support of CV 60 and "Operation Bright Star," joint U.S./Egypt exercises.
07 August	Humanitarian mission: Transport human remains from NAS Sigonella to NSA Naples.
19 August	Humanitarian Mission: Transport human remains from NAS Sigonella to NSA Naples.
22-28 August	Det to Athens, Greece in support of CV 60.
24-29 August	NATOPS evaluation.
30 August - 05 September	Det to Naples in support of CV 60.
06-15 September	Det to Palma, Spain in support of CV 60.
17-24 September	Det to Naples, Italy and Hyeres, France in support of CV 60.
21-24 September	Supported "Display Determination 87" in Hyeres, France.
18-22 September	Det to Rota, Spain in support of BB 61.
20 September	Medevac one patient from BB 61 to NS Rota.
21 September	Medevac one patient from LPD 4 to NAS, Sigonella.
23 September	Medevac one patient from LPD 4 to NAS, Sigonella.
28 September	Medevac one patient from LPD 4 to NAS, Sigonella.

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01-13 October	Det to Cigli, Turkey in support of CV 60, LPH 4, and BB 61.
14 October	Medevac one patient from LPH 4 to NAS, Sigonella.
14-17 October	Supported exercises in the central Mediterranean during, "National Week 87".
20-29 October	Det to Tel Aviv, Israel in support of CV 60.
26-27 October	ISIC inspection.
21-24 October	Det to Rota, Spain in support of BB 61.
01-05 November	Det to Palma, Spain in support of CV 60.
05-11 November	Det to Rota, Spain in support of CV 60 and BB 61.
16-20 November	Det to Naples, Italy and Hyeres, France in support of CV 43.
19-30 November	Det to Hyeres, France in support of CV 43 and BB 61.
25 November - 09 December	Det to Rota, Spain in support of CV 43 and LHA 4.
1-21 December	Supported "African Eagle 87" in Rota, Spain.
09-31 December	Det to Rota, Spain in support of CV 43 and LHA 4.

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NARRATIVE

The operational tempo for the Black Stallions of HC-4 during 1987 was higher than in previous years even though it was the first year the squadron did not support U.S. diplomatic and peace keeping missions in Beirut, Lebanon. This increased operational tempo was accomplished despite a reduction in the squadron's manpower allocation.

The Change-of-Command in May brought about a greater level of Combat Support, "HC" thinking to the squadron. Both the Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer had extensive Combat Support experience in the CH-46 helicopter. Prior HC-4 CO's and XO's had most of their experience in the Helicopter Mine Warfare Community.

HC-4 experimented with one major organizational change during 1987. In January, the squadron implemented the "Detachment Concept" which dedicated specific maintenance and flight crew personnel to designated aircraft. The Det would deploy together each time they were tasked while continually maintaining its assigned aircraft. Although this concept fostered esprit-de-corps among the detachments, it tended to place an excessive workload on some Dets while others were under tasked. For this reason, the project was rescinded in March 1987.

Regarding manpower policy, a small portion of the squadron was changed from sea to shore duty. The policy applied to mainly personnel in the Yeoman (YN) and aviation storekeeper (AK) ratings. In the end, those personnel already on board were grandfathered into full credit sea duty and all newly assigned personnel were granted one half sea duty credit.

Overall, HC-4 had a phenomenal year providing unprecedented support to Sixth Fleet Units. To preclude duplication of reporting, enclosure (3) has been provided as supporting documentation to the narrative. It includes explanations of the support provided by HC-4 to key Sixth Fleet operations, in addition to achievements in maintenance, personnel retention and advancement, safety, awards and commendations, tactical and weapon systems improvements, and lessons learned.

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SUBJ: SUBMISSION OF CY 87 BATTLE EFFICIENCY AND CNO ANNUAL AVIATION SAFETY AWARDS (U)

REF: A. COMHELTACWING ONE 231455Z DEC 87
B. COMNAVAIRLANT INST 1650.3B
C. COMNAVAIRLANT INST 3590.5H

1. (U) IAW REFS A THROUGH C THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CY 87 BATTLE EFFICIENCY AND CNO ANNUAL AVIATION SAFETY AWARDS. REF B FORMAT UTILIZED WITH ADDITIONAL DATA REQUIRED REF C INCORPORATED AS APPROPRIATE, PRIMARILY IN PARA 4. REGRET CNALINST 1650.3C NOT RECEIVED ONBOARD SIGONELLA TO DATE. RESPECTFULLY REQUEST FORWARDING ENDORSEMENTS FROM COMFAIRMED AND CINCUSNAVEUR TO COMHELTACWING ONE.

2. (C) ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMBAT READINESS

A. FLIGHT HRS

- (1) TOTAL HRS: 2768.0
- (2) TOTAL DAY HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 2400.9/86.7 PCT
- (3) TOTAL NIGHT HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 367.1/13.3 PCT
- (4) DEPLOYED AND EMBARKED HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 1112.0/40.1 PCT
- (5) DEPLOYED AND EMBARKED DAY HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 989.2/89.0 PCT
- (6) DEPLOYED AND EMBARKED NIGHT HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL 122.8/11.0 PCT.
- (7) UTILIZATION RATE PER MONTH/OVERAGE PER MONTH: 49.5 HRS/23.1 HRS (BASED ON WSPD UTILIZATION OF 26.2 FOR FY87).

B. MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- (1) NUMBER OF PAX/TONS INTERNAL CARGO/POUNDS MAIL:
7,956 /2395.6 /1,102,576
- (2) TONS EXTERNAL CARGO: 195.5 TONS
- (3) SAR MISSIONS: NONE
- (4) OTHERS:
 - (A) MEDEVAC MISSIONS: 17

1. 9 JAN 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM COMISO AB, IT TO NAS SIGONELLA.

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Encl (3)

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2. 12 JAN 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS J.F. KENNEDY TO HYERES, FR.
3. 30 JAN 87 MEDEVAC TWO PATIENTS FROM USS J.F. KENNEDY TO NAS ROTA, SP.
4. 24 MAR 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS NIMITZ TO NAS SIGONELLA.
5. 29 MAR 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS NIMITZ TO HYERES, FR.
6. 6 APR 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS INCHON TO NAS SIGONELLA.
7. 10 APR 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS INCHON TO NAS SIGONELLA.
8. 20 MAY 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS NIMITZ TO NAS SIGONELLA.
9. 28 MAY 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM PALMA, SP TO USS KITTY HAWK.
10. 31 MAY 87 MEDEVAC THREE PATIENTS FROM USS KITTY HAWK TO PALMA, SP.
11. 22 JUN 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS SARATOGA TO ALICANTE, SP.
12. 24 JULY 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM COMISO AB, IT TO NAS SIGONELLA.
13. 20 SEP 87 MEDEVAC 1 PATIENT FROM USS IOWA TO NAS ROTA.
14. 21 SEP 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS AUSTIN TO NAS SIGONELLA.
15. 23 SEP 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS AUSTIN TO NAS SIGONELLA.
16. 28 SEP 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS AUSTIN TO NAS SIGONELLA.
17. 14 OCT 87 MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS NASSAU TO NAS SIGONELLA.

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(B) HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS - 3

1. 19 MAY 87 TRANSPORTED HUMAN REMAINS FROM NAS SIGONELLA TO NSA NAPLES.
2. 7 AUG 87 TRANSPORTED HUMAN REMAINS FROM NAS SIGONELLA TO NSA NAPLES.
3. 19 AUG 87 TRANSPORTED HUMAN REMAINS FROM NAS SIGONELLA TO NSA NAPLES.

(C) SAT/BAF FLIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF COMISO AB, IT - 11

C. DECK LANDINGS

- (1) TOTAL DECK LANDINGS - 890
- (2) DAY DECK LANDINGS/PERCENT OF TOTAL - 717/80.5 PERCENT.
- (3) NIGHT DECK LANDINGS/PERCENT OF TOTAL - 173/19.5 PERCENT.
- (4) LANDINGS, DAY/NIGHT:
SHORE: 3244/689 / CV: 459/82 / OTHER DECK: 258/91

D. OPTAR MANAGEMENT

- (1) FLT HRS GRANTED/FLT HRS FLOWN/PERCENT UTILIZATION
 - (A) FIRST QTR CY 87: 735/645.8/87.9
 - (B) SECOND QTR 87: 702/610.7/86.9
 - (C) THIRD QTR CY 87: 787/759/96.4
 - (D) FOURTH QTR CY 87: 908/756/83.3
 - (E) CY 87 TOTALS: 3132/2771.5/88.5

NOTE: FLYING THE ENTIRE FLIGHT HOUR GRANT CAN NEVER BE ACHIEVED SINCE ACTUAL COST PER HOUR AND COST PER GALLON JP-5 WAS HIGHER THAN GRANTED.

- (2) DOLLARS GRANTED/DOLLARS SPENT/PERCENT UTILIZATION
 - (A) FIRST QTR CY 87: 305,945.62/305,714.07/99
 - (B) SECOND QTR CY 87: 291,331.55/284,678.37/97

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(C) THIRD QTR CY 87: 344,052.18/343,990.25/99

(D) FOURTH QTR CY 87: 315,100.00/314,429.61/99

(E) CY 87 TOTALS: 1,256,429.35/1,238,113.30/98

E. FLIGHT CREW READINESS

- (1) AVERAGE NUMBER OF PILOTS/AIRCREW ONBOARD: 23/20
- (2) AVERAGE NUMBER OF FLIGHT CREW PERSONNEL ON BOARD BY CREW POSITION:
 - (A) HAC: 15
 - (B) H2P: 5
 - (C) PQM: 3
 - (D) CREW CHIEF: 9
 - (E) SECOND A/C: 4
 - (F) AIRCREW TRAINEES: 7
 - (G) FLIGHT CREWS REQUIRED/FORMED: 12/10
- (3) FLIGHT CREW DESIGNATION GRANTED BY CREW POSITION.
 - (A) HAC: 8
 - (B) H2P: 6
 - (C) CREW CHIEF: 5
 - (D) SECOND A/C: 8
- (4) PLANE CAPTAINS TRAINED: 26
- (5) ORDNANCE EXPENDED:

L554	MK 25 SAR MARKERS	14
L580	MK 58 SAR MARKERS	5
NW20	CHAFF	150
MD48	CHAFF CADS	150

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(F) DEPLOYMENTS/DETACHMENTS

(1) LOCATIONS/DATE/PRIMARY TASKING

LOCATIONS	DATES	DAYS	ACFT	PRIMARY TASKING
PALMA, SP	01-03JAN	3	1	CV67
HYERES, FR	05-18JAN	14	1	CV67, AOR6
PALMA, SP	11-18JAN	8	1	CV67, CVN68
NAPLES, IT	24-28JAN	5	1	LHA2
ROTA, SP	27JAN-02FEB	7	1	CV67
TEL AVIV, IS	08FEB-08MAR	29	2	CV67, CVN68, LPH12
USS NIMITZ	12-26FEB	15	1	CV67, CVN68
NAPLES, IT	06-11MAR	6	1	CVN68
ANTALYA, TK	12-18MAR	7	1	CVN68
HYERES, FR	25MAR-06APR	13	1	CVN68
PALMA, SP	12-21APR	10	1	CVN68
HYERES, FR	23APR-06MAY	14	1	CVN68
SOUDA BAY, GR	11-20MAY	10	1	CVN68
PALMA, SP	24MAY-01JUN	9	1	CV63
HYERES, FR	06JUN-13JUN	8	1	CV63
ROTA, SP	15-21JUN	7	2	CV60, CV63
PALMA, SP	21-27JUN	7	1	CV60, CV63
HYERES, FR	05-17JUL	13	1	CV60
ALICANTE, SP	21-27JUL	7	1	CV60
NAPLES, IT	31JUL-05AUG	6	1	CV60
ALEXANDRIA, EG	07-22AUG	16	2	CV60
ATHENS, GR	22-28AUG	7	1	CV60

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NAPLES, IT	30AUG-05SEP	7	1	CV60
PALMA, SP	06-15SEP	10	1	CV60
NAPLES/HYERES	17-24SEP	8	1	CV60
ROTA, SP	18-22SEP	5	1	BB61
CIGLI, TK	01-13OCT	13	2	CV60, LPH 4, BB61
TEL AVIV, IS	20-29OCT	10	2	CV60
ROTA, SP	21-24OCT	4	1	BB61
PALMA, SP	01-05NOV	5	1	CV60
ROTA, SP	05-11NOV	7	1	CV60, BB61
HYERES/NAPLES	16-20NOV	5	1	CV43
HYERES, FR	19-30NOV	12	2	CV43, BB61
ROTA, SP	25NOV-09DEC	15	1	CV43, LHA4
ROTA, SP	09-31DEC	23	2	CV43, LHA4

(2) DAYS DEPLOYED: 344

(3) EXERCISE:

(A) MED 2-87, CENTRAL MED, 14-17 OCT
TRANSPORTED 362 PAX, 29,195 LBS OF MAIL AND 290,175 LBS OF CARGO.

(B) DRAGON HAMMER 87, CAPO TEULADA, SARDINIA MAY 87
TRANSPORTED 79 PAX, 24,200 LBS OF MAIL AND 54,200 LBS OF CARGO.

(C) BRIGHT STAR 87, ALEXANDRIA, EG, 7-22 AUG
TRANSPORTED 559 PAX, 100,900 LBS OF MAIL AND 157,136 LBS OF CARGO.

(D) DISPLAY DETERMINATION 87 HYERES, FR, 21-24 SEP

(E) NATIONAL WEEK: CENTRAL MED, 14-17 OCT
TRANSPORTED 159 PAX, 10,520 LBS OF MAIL AND 68,273 LBS OF CARGO.

(F) AFRICAN EAGLE 87, ROTA, SP, 1-21 DEC
TRANSPORTED 161 PAX, 78,900 LBS OF MAIL AND 109,600 LBS OF CARGO.

3. (C) ACHIEVEMENTS IN WEAPONS SYSTEMS READINESS, MATERIAL READINESS

A. PERCENT MISSION CAPABLE: 57.0

B. PERCENT NOT MISSION CAPABLE MAINTENANCE: 27.1

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C. AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION: 49.5

D. A-799 PERCENTAGE ORGANIZATIONAL/INTERMEDIATE: 3.9

E. FOD RATE: .014

F. AVERAGE CANNIBALIZATION RATE: 8.2

G. SPECIAL INTEREST AIRCRAFT: NONE

4. (U) ACHIEVEMENTS IN AVIATION SAFETY.

A. ALPHA MISHAPS: 0

B. BRAVO MISHAPS: 0

C. CHARLIE MISHAPS: 0

D. NUMBER OF HAZARD REPORTS SUBMITTED: 3

E. RATIO OF TOTAL NUMBER OF LOST WORKDAYS OUT OF ACCIDENTAL INJURIES REPORTED UNDER 5102.1 DIVIDED BY AVERAGE NO. OF OFFICERS/ENLISTED ON BOARD: = 0.142

F. NUMBER OF NATOPS CHANGES SUBMITTED: 4

G. NUMBER AND TYPE AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED: 6 CH53E

H. NUMBER OF QDR'S SUBMITTED: 6 CAT 1, 5 CAT 2

I. NUMBER OF SAFETY ARTICLES SUBMITTED/PUBLISHED: 4/3

J. NUMBER OF FLIGHT VIOLATIONS: 0

K. NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE MISHAPS SUBMITTED: 1

L. NUMBER OF ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES/INJURIES (A THRU G): 2 ALFA

M. NUMBER OF "PROS OF THE WEEK" SELECTED BY COMNAVAIRLANT FOR WEEKLY SAFETY PUBLICATIONS: 1

N. NUMBER OF SAFETY STANDOWNS/REVIEWS CONDUCTED: 4

O. SAFETY SURVEY BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION: 03 SER 87, NAVOSH SAFETY INSPECTION.

P. SPECIAL AWARDS RECEIVED:
CNAL SAFETY CITATION FOR FOUR YEARS FLIGHT OPS WITHOUT A CLASS A MISHAP.

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5. (U) ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMMAND INSPECTIONS:

A. ISIC COMMAND INSPECTION: 26-27 OCT 1987 OVERALL GRADE-SATISFACTORY. ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT: OVERALL GRADE OF EXCELLENT. IN THE WORDS OF THE INSPECTORS, "PERSONNEL HAVE AN EXCELLENT WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. ADMIN IS A WELL RUN SHOP." OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT: "OVERALL GRADE OF OUTSTANDING. KNOWLEDGEABLE AND ENTHUSIASTIC OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT."

B. NTPI/DNSI: N/A

C. SQUADRON CORROSION INSPECTIONS: RECEIVED ADJECTIVE GRADES OF OUTSTANDING ON 2 AIRCRAFT MATERIAL CONDITION AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS AUDITS CONDUCTED BY COMFAIRMED.

D. NATOPS EVALUATIONS: CONDUCTED 24-29 AUG 1987; INSPECTOR'S WRITTEN COMMENTS: "OUTSTANDING PILOT NATOPS PROGRAM. AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS KNOWLEDGE AND CREW COORDINATION WERE SUPERB."

E. HUMAN RESOURCES: THIS SQUADRON MAINTAINS AN HRO AND CMEO ORGANIZATION THAT CONTINUALLY IDENTIFIES AND SOLVES PROBLEMS THROUGH THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. ALL SQUADRON MEMBERS RECEIVE THE CMEO WORKSHOP AS PART OF INDOCTRINATION. THE COMMAND ASSESSMENT TEAM INCLUDES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND THE COMMAND MASTER CHIEF. THE COMMANDING OFFICER CONTINUALLY RECEIVES INPUTS FROM THE CAT TEAM, CAPTAIN'S CALLS, CO'S SUGGESTION BOX ITEMS, AND THE SEMI-ANNUAL COMMAND ASSESSMENT. THIS CALENDAR YEAR, THE COMMAND HAS HAD 2 COMMAND ASSESSMENTS AND 2 CAPTAINS CALLS FOR EACH RANK WITHIN THE COMMAND AND HAS EVEN INCLUDED JUNIOR OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND SQUADRON WIVES.

6. (C) ACHIEVEMENTS IN PERSONNEL READINESS:

A. RETENTION

	ELIGIBLE	INELIGIBLE	REEN	PERCENT
(1) FIRST TERM	20	2	8	40
(2) SECOND TERM	14	0	13	92.8
(3) CAREER	6	1	6	100

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B. ADVANCEMENT

(1) CYCLE (MAR 87)

	E-4	E-5	E-6
ELIGIBLE TIS/TIR	46	27	14
NO. TAKING EXAM	33	23	13
NO. NOT REC.	0	0	0
NO. SELECTED	12	3	0
NO. PNA	21	20	13

(2) CYCLE (SEP 87)

ELIGIBLE TIS/TIR	46	29	22
NO. TAKING EXAM	36	19	18
NO. NOT REC	0	0	0
NO. SELECTED	17	6	1
NO. PNA	19	13	17

C. ONE YEAR OR GREATER PRD EXTENSION REQUESTS: 21

(REPRESENTS 10.5 PERCENT OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL ON BOARD)

7. (C) CONTRIBUTIONS TO TACTICAL IMPROVEMENT:

A. (1) TACMEMO: (1) UTILITY HOIST GROUNDING CABLE - COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION AND IN HOUSE AIRBORNE EVAL OF GROUNDING CABLE WHICH ENHANCES COMBAT SURVIVABILITY AND EMERGENCY AIRCREW RESCUE TECHNIQUES/EQUIPMENT FOR CH-53E. COMPLETE SYSTEM SUBMITTED TO NAVAIRSYSCOM VIA HC-16(SAR EVALUATOR), CHTW-1 AND CNAL FOR TEST AND EVALUATION.

(2) LESSONS LEARNED: (A) OPERATION BRIGHT STAR

(B) CVBG TURNOVER

B. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: HCS - IN THEATRE MEDIUM LIFT AIRFRAME.

C. SIGNIFICANT TACTICAL PROJECTS:

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(1) EXTERNAL CARGO PALLET - PROCURED 20,000 LB CAPACITY CARGO PLATFORM, DESIGNED TO EXTERNALLY LIFT LARGE VOLUMES OF CARGO, WHICH WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF HEAVY LIFT SUPPORT TO MAJOR SIXTH FLEET UNITS. GROUND AND INITIAL STATIC AIRBORNE EVAL COMPLETED.

(2) COMBAT SUPPORT SURVIVABILITY:

(A) INITIAL HANDS ON M-16 AND .38 CAL SMALL ARMS TRAINING COMPLETED FOR ALL AIRCREW.

(B) 4 AIRCREW COMPLETED INITIAL TRAINING WITH .50 CAL AND 11 AIRCREW QUALIFIED WITH .38, .45, AND M-16.

(C) DESIGNATED TWO CREW CHIEFS AND OBTAINED QUOTAS FOR .50 CAL TRAINING AT FLETRACEN SAN DIEGO FOR FURTHER TRAINING OF SQUADRON AIRCREW.

8. CONTRIBUTIONS TO WEAPONS SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.

A. 17 TECHNICAL PUBLICATION DEFICIENCY REPORTS (TPDR) AND 10 QUALITY DEFICIENCY REPORTS (7 CAT I, 3 CAT II) WERE SUBMITTED TO IMPROVE CH53E MAINTENANCE PUBLICATIONS AND MATERIAL, RESPECTIVELY.

B. CH53E ILSMT/RIP REVIEW

9. ADDITIONAL SQUADRON REMARKS

A. SQUADRON AWARDS/COMMENDATIONS/BZ'S:

(1) CTG SIX THREE PT ONE - 122030Z JAN 87, BZ: THE RESPONSIVENESS AND FLEXIBILITY DEMONSTRATED BY HC-4 IN PROVIDING ORIG SHORT-FUZED CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION FROM NAPLES TO KALAMAZOO WAS TRULY EXCEPTIONAL. WELL DONE AND THANKS. HOLLY.

(2) CTG SIX THREE PT ONE - 241600Z JAN 87: LOGISTICS 21-23 AUGUSTA BAY: THE MAGNITUDE OF LOGISTICS UNDERTAKEN DURING SUBJ PERIOD WAS UNPRECEDENTED IN CORPORATE MEMORY. APPROX 2000 PALLETS OF AMMO, MAIL, FLT FRT, PROVISIONS, CASREPS PARTS AND OVER 400 PAX WERE TRANSFERRED TO/FM 33 SHIPS, AUGUSTA BAY HELO PADS, NAS SIGONELLA AND FLT LANDING. FOLLOWING IS AN EFFORT TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE INVOLVED...THE SKILL AND COORDINATION OF THE PILOTS AND CREWS OF THE HC-4 BLACK STALLIONS.

(3) COMCRUDESGRU TWO - 241530Z FEB 87 - BRAVO ZULU: AIR LOGISTICS SUPPORT PROVIDED MED 2-87 BY COMFAIRMED FORCES CONTRIBUTED MARKEDLY TO THE SUSTAINED COMBAT READINESS OF THE BATTLE GROUP. THIS REQUIRED THE EFFORTS OF DEDICATED SCHEDULERS, OPERATORS AND MAINTAINERS. PLEASE PASS TO ALL CONCERNED MY APPRECIATION FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE. RADM SHARP.

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(4) CTF SIX TWO - 110645Z MAY 87, DRAGON HAMMER 87. THANKS FOR SUPPORT IN TRANSPORTING MAR BARRACKS PLAT TO AND FROM CAPO TEULADA. PRECISENESS WITH WHICH ALL WAS ACCOMPLISHED MADE IT EASY TO INTERGRATE PLATOON INTO OPPOSITION FORCE.

(5) COMFAIRMED NAPLES IT - 091525Z JUN 87, FOUR YEARS MISHAP FREE: THE ACHIEVEMENT ON 1 JUNE 1987 BY HC-4 OF FOUR YEARS CLASS A MISHAP-FREE OPERATIONS IS NOTED WITH GREAT PLEASURE. I COMMEND EACH AND EVERY BLACK STALLION FOR A JOB WELL AND SAFELY DONE. BRAVO ZULU. RADM LOFTUS.

(6) COMCARGRU EIGHT - 191645Z JUN 87, LOGISTICS SUPPORT: MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE SPIRIT AND PROFESSIONALISM OF THE BLACK STALLIONS AND THE SUPERB SUPPORT DURING MY TENURE AS CTF 60. THE FACT THAT THERE WAS ALWAYS A SUPER STALLION ON THE HORIZON WHEN ONE WAS NEEDED IS A CREDIT TO THE PEOPLE OF YOUR SQUADRON. WELL DONE. RADM KELLY SENDS.

(7) CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK - 221736Z JUN 87, BRAVO ZULU - HC-4'S FOUR YEAR MISHAP FREE: NOTED WITH GREAT PLEASURE. THIS ACHIEVEMENT EXEMPLIFIES THE HIGH STANDARDS OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF HC-4 AND ISSUES A SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS CHALLENGE TO ALL YOUR SHIPMATES. HIGH PRIORITY CARGO AND PERSONNEL MOVEMENT DEMANDS LONG HOURS, EXHAUSTING WORK AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL. TO THE SHIPS AT SEA IT IS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE. WITHOUT THE EXPERTISE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN PROVIDING SUCH SUPPORT -ON THE GROUND AND IN THE AIR -SIXTHFLT OPERATIONS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY HAMPERED. YOU HAVE PROVEN THAT YOU ARE MASTERS AT FLEET SUPPORT. THAT YOU HAVE DONE SO WHILE ALSO ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPLARY SAFETY RECORD PARTICULARLY ENHANCES YOUR REPUTATION. WELL DONE. ADMIRAL JAMES B. BUSEY, USN.

(8) COMPHIBRON FOUR - 041115Z JUL 87, THIS IS A JOINT COMPHIBRON FOUR/TWO SIX MAU MESSAGE, SUBJ: FAREWELL TO THE MED: AS THE UNITS OF MARG/LF6F 2-87 DEPART THE MED WE WISH TO EXTEND SPECIAL THANKS FOR A JOB WELL-DONE THE LAST FIVE MONTHS. THE MAIL CALLS RESULTING FROM VOD FLIGHTS WERE HIGH POINTS IN THE DAY FOR OUR SAILORS AND MARINES. YOUR SUPPORT WAS MAGNIFICENT.

(9) ASCOMED NAPLES IT - 200809Z JUL 87, LOGISTICS SUPPORT: MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPERB SCHEDULING SUPPORT DURING MY TENURE AS CTF-60. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A HEAVY DV/CV ORIENTATION SCHEDULE, DRAGON HAMMER 87, NUMEROUS AIRWING DETS, PLANNING CONFERENCES, AS WELL AS DAILY LOG SUPPORT CAN BE DIRECTLY TIED TO YOUR EFFORTS. YOUR RESPONSIVENESS TO THE NEEDS OF THE FLEET MAKES YOU A KEY FACTOR IN LOGISTICS SUCCESS. WELL DONE. RADM KELLY SENDS.

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(10) USS JOSEPH HEWES - 111950Z AUG 87, BZ: WELL DONE TO THE CREW OF JM 548 FOR 11 AUG DELIVERY OF MUCH NEEDED PARTS AND MAIL. SUPERB AIRMANSHIP DEMONSTRATED MOST IMPRESSIVE AND DEFINITELY EVENT OF THE DAY.

(11) ASCOMED NAPLES IT - 131051Z AUG 87, LOGISTICS SUPPORT ICO USS JOSEPH HEWES: APPRECIATE OUTSTANDING LOGISTICS SUPPORT IN PROVIDING JOSEPH HEWES CASREP 87-052 PART. THREE DAYS (PART OVER WEEKEND) FM CASREP TO CASCOR FOR SHIP ON ASW LINE DUTIES IS IMPRESSIVE. THANKS.

(12) USNS SATURN/HC-6 DET TWO - 180655Z AUG 87, GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR VALUABLE ASSISTANCE DURING OUR RECENT STAY IN SIGONELLA. HC-4 PERSONNEL MADE OUR SHORT STAY A GREAT ONE. WE'RE THANKFUL FOR "A FRIEND IN THE MED".

(13) CTF SIX ZERO - 221135Z AUG 87, BRIGHT STAR 87 LOGISTICS SUPPORT: DURING BRIGHT STAR 87 HELSUPPRON FOUR DET ALEXANDRIA PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO COMMANDER BATTLE FORCE SIXTH FLEET. FROM DELIVERING MAIL/CARGO TO THE MOVING OF SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED EGYPTIAN/US VIPS TO AND FROM THE BATTLE GROUP THEIR PERFORMANCE WAS FLAWLESS. TASKING WAS OFTEN ON SHORT NOTICE AND TYPICALLY RESULTED IN VERY LONG FLIGHT DAYS. THE "BLACK STALLIONS" STATURE AND "CAN-DO" SPIRIT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN HIGHER. BZ AND THANKS, RADM BOORDA.

(14) NAS SIGONELLA - 250906Z AUG 87, COMISO SAAM 1137-01: MERGING OF USAF/USN/USMC TEAM AND A THREE HELO CONCEPT WITH TWO HELO ESCORT DEMONSTRATED THE PROFESSIONALISM BY ALCON IN COMPLETING A CRITICAL MISSION IN MINIMUM OF TIME. DEDICATION TO DETAIL, SUPERB PERFORMANCE AND PROFESSIONAL AIRMANSHIP WERE KEY ELEMENTS TO EXTREMELY SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATION. JOB WELL DONE. THANKS.

(15) USS COMTE DE GRASSE - 280410Z AUG 87, LAMPS PART RECEIPT: PART RECEIVED PM 27 AUG VIA HC-4 VOD. GREATLY APPRECIATED RAPID ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY ALCON.

(16) COMSIXTHFLT - 291823Z AUG 87, COMISO SAAM 1137-01: THE DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND PERFORMANCE OF ALCON MOST NOTEWORTHY. WELL DONE. VADM MORANVILLE.

(17) COMSIXTHFLT - 280727Z OCT 87, CVBG TURNOVER AUGUSTA BAY 17 OCTOBER 1987: THE LOGISTICS TURNOVER OF CVBG'S IN AUGUSTA BAY 17 OCTOBER WAS AN EXAMPLE OF THE OBVIOUS PROFESSIONALISM OF EACH PARTICIPATING COMMAND. THAT IT WAS ONE OF THE SMOOTHEST TURNOVERS EVER IS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY IN VIEW OF IT BEING ONE OF THE LARGEST IN RECENT MED HISTORY.

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(18) USDAO TEL AVIV IS - 291549Z OCT 87, OPERATIONS IN ISRAEL. "WHAT MARKED THE VISIT OF HC-4 AS VERY SPECIAL WAS THE GREAT DEGREE OF WARMTH, PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH DEVELOPED BETWEEN HC-4 AND DAO PERSONNEL WHILE EXECUTING THESE OPS. PLEASE EXPRESS MY THANKS TO THE CREWS FOR THEIR SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCE."

(19) USS AINSWORTH - 171640Z DEC 87, LOGISTICS SUPPORT: USS AINSWORTH HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN PROVIDED WITH OUTSTANDING LOGISTICS SUPPORT SINCE INCHOP INTO SIXTH FLEET. AN EXAMPLE IS THE SUPERB SUPPORT GIVEN A RECENT CIWS CASREP REQUISITION TRANSMITTED VIA CH-53E 16 DEC 87. THIS OUTSTANDING LEVEL OF SUPPORT HAS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS ALLOWED AINSWORTH TO SUSTAIN AT-SEA OPERATIONS. IT IS JUST AND FITTING TO EXPRESS SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPERB SUPPORT PROVIDED THE AINSWORTH. THANKS.

B. INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- (1) MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL - 1
- (2) NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL - 1
- (3) NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL - 5
- (4) GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS - 28
- (5) LETTERS OF COMMENDATION - 6
- (6) LETTERS OF ACHIEVEMENT/APPRECIATION - 9

C. REMARKS:

1. (C) FOR 1987 THE BLACK STALLIONS CONTINUED THE TREND OF INCREASING FLEET SUPPORT BY SERVING MORE DECKS, MORE DAYS AND DELIVERING MORE GOODS THAN EVER BEFORE. SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

- DEPLOYED 35 DETACHMENTS OF ONE OR TWO AIRCRAFT FLYING 2442 SORTIES AND 2768 MISHAP-FREE FLIGHT HOURS PROVIDING RECORD SETTING FLEET SUPPORT TO FIVE CARRIER BATTLE GROUPS (CVBG'S), THREE MARINE AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUPS (MARG'S), AND ONE SURFACE ACTION GROUP (SAG):

** 7,956,000 PASSENGERS SAFELY TRANSPORTED (UP 7.8 PERCENT)

** 1,102,576 LBS MAIL DELIVERED (UP 30.3 PERCENT)

** 5,182,200 LBS CARGO CARRIED (UP 17.2 PERCENT)

** 391,000 LBS EXTERNAL CARGO VERTREPPED (UP 540 PERCENT)

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- SHIPBOARD DELIVERY OF AN UNPRECEDENTED 230,200 LBS OF MAIL/CARGO IN ONE DAY WITH A SINGLE AIRCRAFT.
- FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF ACCIDENT FREE OPERATIONS.
- SQUADRON'S MONTHLY FLT HOUR RECORD WAS BROKEN THREE TIMES; ULTIMATELY STANDING AT 345 HRS, AND ANOTHER SQUADRON UTILIZATION RECORD THAT SAME MONTH OF OVER 70 PERCENT.
- FLEW 2768 FLT HOURS FOR THE YEAR WHICH EXCEEDED 1986 BY 4.2 PERCENT IN SPITE OF THE CONTINUOUS SDLM CYCLE OF 1 AIRCRAFT AND 515 AIRCRAFT-DAYS OUT OF REPORTING STATUS.
- MAINTAINED HIGHEST NAVY/MARINE CORPS CH-53E UTILIZATION RATE AT 189 PERCENT OF WSPD PROJECTED RATE OF 26.2 HOURS/ACFT.
- THE ONLY NAVY/MARINE CORPS HELICOPTER SQUADRON TO OPERATIONALLY AIR TO AIR REFUEL ON A ROUTINE BASIS. ACCOMPLISHED THE LONGEST NON-STOP OVERWATER FLIGHT OF ANY HELICOPTER IN THE MEDITERREAN AT OVER 1000 NM.
- THE ONLY CH-53E OPERATOR ANYWHERE TO HELICOPTER INFLIGHT REFUEL (HIFR) FROM A SHIP IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL MISSIONS. THIS CAPABILITY HAS SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED SUPPORT TO SIXTH FLEET UNITS. ONE MISSION ENABLED AN 840 NM LEG FROM SICILY DIRECT TO SPAIN, AND ANOTHER INVOLVED AN EXTERNAL LIFT OF A CASREP PART TO ONE SHIP AND A HIGH PRIORITY HOIST DROP TO ANOTHER SHIP ON THE SAME FLIGHT, A MISSION UNABLE TO BE PERFORMED BY ANY OTHER SQUADRON WITH ANY TYPE AIRCRAFT.
- WITHIN 12 HOURS OF NOTIFICATION DEPLOYED ONE AIRCRAFT TO USS IOWA IN EASTLANT PROVIDING 37 HRS OF DIRECT AIR LOGISTICS SUPPORT IN 4 DAYS.
- WITHIN 24 HOURS OF NOTIFICATION DEPLOYED 2 AIRCRAFT NON-STOP TO ISRAEL FOR AIR LOGISTIC OPERATIONS.
- SOLE LOGISTICS SUPPORT FOR NBC TODAY SHOW ON USS CORAL SEA. TRANSPORTED TWO 10,000 POUND REMOTE TRANSMISSION VANS WHICH ENABLED TIMELY BROADCAST OF THIS IMPORTANT SHOW.
- PROVIDED 11 CRITICAL SUPPORT MISSION FLIGHTS FOR SPECIAL WEAPONS IN SUPPORT OF COMISO, AFB.
- HC-4 MAINTENANCE SUPPORTED 51 MAJOR HIGH TIME COMPONENT CHANGES EXPENDING A TOTAL OF 149,546 MAINTENANCE MAN HOURS, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 64.3 MM/FH.

2. PROVIDING INCREASED LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO SIXTH FLEET UNITS AND U.S. FORCES EUROPE, HC-4 HAS CLEARLY IMPROVED ALREADY HIGH STANDARDS OF OPERATIONAL MISSION COMPLETION. INDIVIDUAL AND PERSONAL SERVICE TO ALL SIXTH FLEET UNITS, AND THE ONLY DEDICATED MEDITERRANEAN BASED LOGISTIC ASSET FOR NIGHT CV SUPPORT, THE BLACK STALLIONS SHATTERED RECORDS OF PREVIOUS AWARD-WINNING YEARS, AND CONTINUE TO DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES AS THE LEADER IN HELICOPTER COMBAT SUPPORT.

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