

MARINE MEDICAL HELICOPTER SQUADRON 261
Marine Aircraft Group 16 (-)
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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Ref: (a) MCO 3480.1
(b) III MAF Order 3121.1A
Encl: ✓(1) Organizational Data Sheet
✓(2) Operating Summary

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the following information is submitted for the period of 220001 to 302400 June 1965.

a. Operating and Training. Operations Summary contained in enclosure (2).

b. Administration. Squadron personnel summary:

| MARCORP | | NAVY | | NAVAL AVIATORS | COMBAT READY |
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| OFF | ENL | OFF | ENL | | |
| 56 | 172 | 1 | 2 | 53 | 53 |

c. Logistics. Ordnance expended. 1,645 rds. 7.62 mm.

d. Communications. None

e. Plans. None

f. Miscellaneous. None

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. Reporting Unit: HMM-261
2. Period Covered: 22 June 1965 to 30 June 1965
3. Date Submitted: 3 July 1965
4. Commanding Officer: M. B. PORTER, LtCol, USMC
5. Location: Republic of Viet Nam

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OPERATIONS SUMMARY

The Squadron began operating in the Republic of Viet Nam on 22 June 1965. During the period covered by this report, the Squadron has flown 69 missions, 1,282 sorties and 577 hours in support of the 2nd Div., I Corps and 3rd MARDIV. The Squadron has transported 483,738 pounds of cargo, 2,770 military personnel and 1,350 Viet Nameese civilians.

During this period, the Squadron flew 5 combat strikes. One aircraft sustained minor damage from enemy small arms fire. No personnel were injured.

NARRATIVE

22 June 1965: LIFTED 15,045 LBS CARGO, 338 PAX FROM QUANG TIN (BT 292-229) TO TIEN PHOUC (BT 113-137). LIFTED 400 LBS CARGO, 21 PAX FROM NONG SON (AT 825-390) TO DANANG. LIFTED 23 PAX, 2 WIA, 1 SICK (VN) FROM QUANG TIN TO DANANG. LIFTED 600 LBS CARGO, 14 PAX ON 2ND DIV MILK RUN. LIFTED 12,240 LBS CARGO, 64 PAX BETWEEN DANANG AND QUESON (O37-337) ALL IN SUPPORT OF 2ND DIV.

23 June 1965: LIFTED 1400 LBS, 20 PAX BETWEEN DANANG AND THOUNG DUC (ZC 142-532). LIFTED 27,940 LBS, 86 PAX BETWEEN QUANG NGAI, NUI DAU (BS 805-382) AND SA HUYNH (BS 920-219). LIFTED 16,00 LBS, 271 PAX BETWEEN TU PHOUC (BS 455-758) AND QUANG NGAI. MISSION 6-1550-1, UH-34D OF HMM-261 ESCORTED BY 4 UH-1B (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIRLIFT PLATON, USA, 2 O-1B OF VMO-2, AND 3 A4D OF VMA-311 EXECUTED A PREPLANNED STRIKE (NO NAME). 13 U. S. AND 96 ARVN WERE STAGED AT LZ (YC 740-297) AND EVACUATED BACK TO DANANG. A/C DEPARTED DANANG AT 0729 ARRIVING AT THE SITE (YC 740-297) AT 0812 DEPARTED AT 0812, ARRIVING AT DANANG AT 0910. NO INCIDENTS, NO INJURY. LIFTED 7,840 LBS CARGO, 40 PAX BETWEEN DANANG, QUANG NGAI (BS 650-735), NUI DAU (BS 805-382) AND SA HUYNH (BS 920-219).

24 June 1965: LIFTED 10,720 LBS CARGO FROM DANANG TO QUANG TIN (BT 294-229). LIFTED 15,250 LBS CARGO, 206 PAX BETWEEN QUANG TIN, NUI DAU AND SA HUYNH. LIFTED 10,400 LBS CARGO, 10 PAX FROM DANANG TO QUE SON (BT 045-350). LIFTED 23,460 LBS. 101 PAX BETWEEN QUE SON, QUANG TIN AND HEIP DUC (AT 016-246). LIFTED 6,160 LBS CARGO, 2 PAX FROM DANANG TO PHOUC LAM (BT 072-061)/ LIFTED 143 PAX FROM QUANG TIN TO PHOUC LAM. LIFTED 14,190 LBS CARGO, 49 PAX FROM QUANG TIN TO PHOUC LAM. LIFTED 4,380 LBS CARGO FROM DANANG TO QUANG TIN. LIFTED 22,147 LBS CARGO, 168 PAX BETWEEN QUANG TIN, QUANG NGAI AND BA GIA (BS 487-781). LIFTED 56 PAX BETWEEN LZ (AT 950-780) AND LZ (BT 050-730) LIFTED 300 LBS CARGO, 6 PAX FROM HA THANH (BS-395-708) TO DANANG.

25 June 1965: LIFTED 2200 LBS TO KY TRA (BT 317-087). LIFTED 4,175 LBS, 1 PAX FROM QUANG NGAI (BS 650-735) TO NUI DAY (BS 872-325). LIFTED 9,000 LBS, 24 PAX FROM QUANG NGAI TO SA HUYNH (BS 935-230). LIFTED 16,286 LBS, 13 PAX FROM QUANG NGAI TO CONG HUA (BS 605-552). LIFTED 3,490 LBS, 81 PAX FROM SA HUYNH TO NUI DAU. LIFTED 4,800 LBS, 22 PAX FROM QUANG NGAI TO MINH CONG (BS 535-512). LIFTED 1,200 LBS, 4 PAX FROM DANANG TO HA THUON (BS 390-650). LIFTED 4 WIA'S, 1 KIA AND 7 PAX FROM LZ (BS 350-650) TO QUANG NGAI, DEFENSIVE FIRE REQUIRED IN LOADING ZONE. LIFTED 137 PAX ON 2ND DIV MILK RUN. LIFTED 2,520 LBS, 8 PAX BETWEEN DANANG AND NONG SON (AT 825-390). LIFTED 2,400 LBS, 37 PAX BETWEEN QUE SON (BT 038-345), HOI AN (BT 152-570) AND DAI LOC (AT 915-580). LIFTED 8,360 LBS, 26 PAX FROM THUONG DUC (ZC 145-535) AND HOI AN. LIFTED 18,205 LBS CARGO, 150 PAX FROM DANANG TO QUE SON AND HOI AN. MISSION 6-1594-1. 3 UH-34D'S OF HMM-261, SUPPORTED BY 2 UH-1B'S OF VMO-2 CARRIED 30 TROOPS OF THE DANANG REACTION FORCE ON BLUESFRING.

26 June-1965: LIFTED 16,200 LBS CARGO, 35 PAX BETWEEN DANANG AND DAI LOC

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27 June 1965: LIFTED 3,640 LBS CARGO, 12 PAX FROM HOI AN (BT 152-570) TO THONG DUC (ZC 140-530). FLEW 12,760 LBS CARGO FROM DANANG TO QUANG TIN, CARRIED 11,900 LBS CARGO AND 4 PAX BETWEEN QUANG TIN, QUANG NGAI (BS-650-735) AND SA HUYNH (BS 935-230). LIFTED 14,180 LBS CARGO, 60 PAX FROM QUANG NGAI TO BA GIA. CARRIED 3,000 LBS CARGO, 3 PAX FROM DANANG TO QUANG TRI. MSN # 6-1798-1, 15 UH-34D'S OF HMM-261 ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1B'S (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AIRLIFT PLT., USA, EXECUTED A PREPLANNED STRIKE (NO NAME). 234 U. S. AND 5 ARVN WERE LIFTED FROM DANANG TO LZ BRAVO (AT 851-782). A/C DEPARTED DANANG AT 0615 FOR LZ BRAVO (AT 851-782) THREE LIFTS WERE EXECUTED. THE LIFT WAS COMPLETED AT 0730. NO INCIDENTS, NO INJURIES ALL IN SUPPORT OF 3RD MARDIV.

28 June 1965: LIFTED 56,330 LBS CARGO, 250 PAX BETWEEN DANANG, QUANG TIN (BT 292-229), TIEN PHOUC (BT 113-137), PHOUC LAM (BT 072-062), HIEP DUC (AT 914-246) AND KY TRA (BT 318-087). 2 ARVN MED EVACS FROM TIEN PHOUC TO QUANG TIN, 2 ARVN MED EVACS FROM QUANG TIN TO DANANG. FLEW 1 MED EVAC, 7 PAX FROM DAI LOC (AT 918-579) TO DANANG. CARRIED 1 U.S. MIL MED EVAC FROM QUANG NGAI (BS 650-735) TO CHU LAI. LIFTED 2,880 LBS CARGO FROM DANANG TO QUANG TRI (YD 328-526). CARRIED 2,000 LBS CARGO, 25 PAX BETWEEN DANANG, QUANG NGAI, BINH SON (BS 605-919), BA GIA (BS 495-788), HA THAN (BS 388-705), CONG HOA BRIDGE (BS 609-549), BA TO (BS 571-338), DUC PHO (BS 805-382) AND MO DUC (BS 732-542) ALL ON 2ND DIV MILK RUN.

29 June 1965: CARRIED 6,160 LBS CARGO AND 1 PAX FROM DANANG TO THONG DUC (ZC 142-535). LIFTED 3,040 LBS CARGO AND 26 PAX FROM THONG DUC TO TRA KIEU (BT 032-510). TRANSPORTED 4,800 LBS CARGO, 14 PAX BETWEEN DANANG AND HA THAN (BS 393-705). CARRIED 2,750 LBS CARGO, 18 PAX BETWEEN NONG SON (AT 825-390) AND DANANG. LIFTED 3 KIA AND 3 WIA FROM LZ (BT 383-539) TO DANANG ARVN HOSPITAL. CARRIED 300 LBS CARGO AND 10 PAX ON 2ND DIV MILK RUN. MISSION # 6-1920-1, 16 UH-34D A/C OF HMM-261, SUPPORTED BY 6 UH-1B'S OF THE 7TH AVIATION PLATOON, 4 A4D'S OF MAG-12 AND 1 O-1B OF VMO-2 CONDUCTED A PREPLANNED STRIKE (NO NAME) AT LZ 1 (AT 975-541) AND LZ 2 (AT 970-530). THE STRIKE WAS STAGED FROM DANANG AND DIEN BAN (AT 066-582). DEPARTED DANANG 0648 ARRIVED LZ 1 AT 0700, DEPARTED 0701, DIRECT DIEN BAN PICKED UP MORE ARVN TROOPS, DIRECT LZ 2. ONE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT WHILE CLIMBING OUT FROM LZ 2, ONE .30 CAL. ROUND ENTERED THE CABIN OF UH-34D, BUNO 149382 AFT OF THE CABIN DOOR AND PASSED UP AND THROUGH THE CABIN AND EXITED JUST AFT OF THE CLAM SHELL DOOR OF THE PORT SIDE OF THE TRANSMISSION DECK. NO INJURIES. CARRIED 2,200 LBS CARGO FROM DANANG TO QUANG TRI (YD 328-526).

30 June 1965: LIFTED 2,900 LBS CARGO, 12 PAX FROM DANANG TO NONG SON (AT 812-391). TRANSPORTED 9,790 LBS CARGO, 122 PAX BETWEEN QUANG TIN (BT 292-229) AND HIEP DUC (AT 916-246). LIFTED 50 LBS CARGO, AND 8 PAX FROM NONG SON TO DANANG. CARRIED 1 PAX FROM QUANG TRI TO HUE PHU BAI (YD 892-150) ON SAR NORTH. LIFTED 1,000 LBS CARGO, 1 PAX BETWEEN GIA VUC AND LZ (BS 593-373). CARRIED 1 MED EVAC FROM (BT 275-155). MISSIONS # 6-1938-1, 6-1955-2. 13 UH-34D A/C OF HMM-261, SUPPORTED BY 4 UH-1B'S OF THE 7TH AVIATION PLATOON 2 USAF O-1B'S, 8 A4D'S OF MAG-12, 4 F4B'S OF VMF 513 AND 4 USAF A1E'S EXECUTED A PREPLANNED STRIKE, PHI HO-FOUR. THE A/C DEPARTED DANANG AT 0653 CARRIED 166 PAX TO LZ BRAVO (BS 626-393). 2 UH-34D'S SUPPORTED BY 2 UH-1B'S CARRIED THE SENIOR U. S. SPECIAL FORCES ADVISOR AND 2 PAX FROM BA TO (BS 565-330) TO A LZ AT (BS 573-372). MISSIONS #6-1955-3, 6-1953-3, 9 UH-34D'S SUPPORTED BY 4 UH-1B'S WERE ON STATION AT GIA VUC (BS 380-269) FOR TRANSPORTATION OF REACTION FORCES AND EVAC OF WOUNDED. EVACUATED 2 U. S. MIL CASUALTIES AND 51 CIVILIANS FROM LZ (BS 609-398) TO BA TO. CARRIED 500 LBS CARGO AND 14 U. S. MIL, 9 ARVN FROM LZ (BS 626-393) TO GIA VUC. CARRIED 91 ARVN REFUGEES FROM BA TO TO GIA VUC ALL IN SUPPORT OF 2ND DIV AND U. S. SPECIAL FORCES.

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