

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262
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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
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a. Commanding Officer	Donald J. MESKAN	MAJOR	1-31 August
b. Executive Officer	Howard M. WHITFIELD	MAJOR	1-31 August
c. Operations Officer	Simon F. STOVER	CAPT	1-31 August
d. Logistics Officer	Lester R. GROSS	CAPT	1-31 August
e. Personnel Officer	Paul W. DOSS	1/LT	1-31 August
f. Aviation Safety Officer	Donald V. ESMOND	1/LT	1-31 August
g. Intelligence Officer	Charles L. STORY	1/LT	1-31 August
h. Maintenance Officer	Raymond G. PINSON David E. WHITE	MAJOR CAPT	1-11 August 12-31 August
i. Sergeant Major	Gene D. PALMER Darrel A. WILSON	MGYSGT GYSGT	1-15 August 16-31 August

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

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 Provisional Marine Aircraft Group 39, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing,
 BMF Pacific, FPO San Francisco, California 96602
 Quang Tri Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, 1-31 August 1969

3. Average Monthly Strength of SquadronNaval Aviators

41

Air/Ground Officers

4

Enlisted

153

Naval Officers

1

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4. Important Visitors to the Squadron

CMC and Party 8 August 1969

General ZAIS 22 August 1969

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

HM-262 flew a total of 1242.2 flight hours, the majority of which were in support of III MARINE DIVISION & III MAF. The squadron evacuated a total of 444 med-evacs as follows: 104 emergency, 164 priority and 176 routine.

The following is a breakdown on the work completed by the squadron during August including significant operational highlights.

	<u>NO. OF SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS FLOWN</u>	<u>TROOPS LIFTED</u>	<u>TONS OF CARGO</u>
GEORGE TLR	1051	223.8	2325	215.0
IDEALO CANYON	1111	307.8	1568	195.5
ARLINGTON CANYON	656	150.9	1205	112.0
IROQUOIS CANYON	20	2.0	66	2.0
III MAR DIV & III MAF	2340	557.7	5894	102.0
TOTALS	5178	1242.2	11058	635.5

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS9 Aug

The afternoon section of Quang Tri Med Evac, during the course of the afternoon were diverted to and accomplished the pickup of an OV-10 pilot and an A-1 in the YD 280611 after they had ejected from their aircraft.

10 Aug

The morning of 10 Aug, Chatterbox 93-1, 2, 3, 7 4 launched on a troop lift from Vandegrift Combat Base to the XD 9461. Mortars were encountered throughout the morning but the mission was completed.

21 Aug

The morning of 21 Aug 1969, Chatterbox Med Evac was operating out of Vandegrift Combat Base. As the two Med Evac birds were refueling at the fuel pits, mortars and rockets landed 30 to 50 meters from aircraft. No damage was sustained and mission was completed.

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28 Aug

The morning of 28 Aug 1969, Chatterbox Med Evac launched on an emergency Med Evac mission to "B" 1/3. On the first approach, Chatterbox Med Evac was fired at by a RPG. Fixed wing flights were run on the area after which Med Evac again entered the zone and successfully completed the mission.

PART III1. Personnel

- a. Transfer to HMM-262 - Officers 6, Enlisted 8
- b. Transfer from HMM-262 - Officers 1, Enlisted 111
- c. Promotions to present rank:

LAFRENIERE, A. E.	2/LT	8 Aug 69
BALSLEY, J. B.	CPL	"
BILANZICH, D. A.	"	"
BRIDGES, B. S.	"	"
CALVERT, C. M.	"	"
COLTES, C. M.	"	"
GAWLIN, B. E.	"	"
HOLLER, G. J.	"	"
KREPS, F. D.	"	"
KUETZNER, M. R.	"	"
LENNOR, F. T.	"	"
MARWICK, T. B.	"	"
SARTAIN, L. A. Jr.	"	"
SHEETS, J. A.	"	"
SKEMP, P. S.	"	"
WOLF, T. O.	"	"
TEELING, M. C.	"	"
TAYLOR, J. A.	"	14 Aug 69
CONNOR, R. D.	LCPL	31 Aug 69
DAVIS, R. L.	"	"
ELDRIDGE, E. W.	"	"
FROLICK, F.	"	"
GOBLE, W. A.	"	"
LYTLE, D. O.	"	"
POULOS, J.	"	"
SIMRO, L. A.	"	"
SIMONS, G. D.	"	"

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STRICKLER, W. H. LCPL 31 Aug 69
 WALLACE, K. J. " "
 WATERMAN, E. H. " "
 WEIMER, C. D. " "
 WRIGHT, R. L. PFC 16 Aug 69

2. Awards

ANDERSON, R. C.	1/LT	SMM	23 Aug 1969
BECK, H. T.	1/LT	1ST Air Medal	23 Aug 1969
DAVIS, D. R.	1/LT	1ST Air Medal	23 Aug 1969
FORTNER, T. R.	SGT	SMM	27 Aug 1969
RAUB, R. W.	LCPL	1ST Air Medal	27 Aug 1969
SEELY, R. L.	LCPL	SMM	27 Aug 1969

3. Casualties

NONE

4. Reenlistments

NONE

5. Safety. Listed below are the aircraft accidents/incidents for the month of August 1969.

Ground Accidents.....	0
Ground Accidents - Due to Enemy Action.....	0
Air Accidents - Operational.....	0
Air Incidents - Operational.....	3
Air Accidents - Due to Enemy Action.....	0
Air Incidents - Due to Enemy Action.....	8
Injury to Personnel.....	0

6. Intelligence

The month of August showed a continued low level of enemy anti aircraft fire incidents. The reporting period (1-31 August 1969) consisted of an INCREASE in sorties accompanied by approximately the same number of fire incidents as the previous month (1-31 July 1969).

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>FIRE INCIDENTS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT RECEIVING BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>% OF FIRE PER SORTIES</u>
August	5178	10	1	0.193
July	4197	9	3	0.213
June	4177	19	4	0.454

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The areas receiving the largest volume of fire incidents were:

(1) Leatherneck Square

(a) West of Con Thien YD 0570-0567-1170-1167 (This threat area was reported last month. This month it included 3-50 cal, 5-AW, 4-SA and 1-RPG incidents).

(b) Northeast of Con [REDACTED] 1571-1575 (This threat area was reported last month. This month it included 2-50 cal, 3-AW and 2-SA).

(c) Song Cam River area North XD 8467-8462-9662-9667 (This threat area includes four months of continuous anti aircraft incidents, including in August, 10-50 cal, 5-Mort, 3-RPG, 25-AW and 13-SA.

(d) Mutters Ridge area XD 9867-9860-0160-0167 (This is a new threat area. Fire incidents included 7-50 cal, 14-AW and 17-SA.

Threat Areas Dropped:

(1) Helicopter Valley-YD 0666-0662-1062-1066

(2) Along Route No. 9-XD 8741-8535-9141-9239-8531

There was a total of 10 fire incidents resulting in 1 aircraft receiving battle damage and a total of 1 hit. There was no aircraft forced to land, no strike aircraft and no casualties. Total August Fire Incidents consisted of the following types of fire:

August 1969

4-Small Arms
0-Automatic Weapons
3-.30 Cal
0-.50 Cal
4-Mortar
0-Grenade
1-RPG
0-Airburst
1-Rocket

July 1969

3-Small Arms
2-Automatic Weapons
2-.30 Cal
0-.50 Cal
6-Mortar
0-Grenade
1-RPG
0-Airburst
0-Rocket

The S-2 held two gunners schools and a total of 42 hours of intelligence was conducted. SERE classes for all gunners and crew-chiefs, with SERE maps distributed to all flight crewmen.

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Significant events during the reporting period were:

(1) On 21 and 22 August a total of four airburst from RPG's were received by aircraft flying the Blue Route to Vandegrift. (21 August 1969 - RPG - ED 985548, 22 August 1969 - RPG - ED 983554, RPG - YD 022555, RPG - YD 028562.) ██████████

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