

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262
Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, MAF Pacific
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To: Commanding Officer, Provisional Marine Aircraft Group 39 (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology, Period 1-15 October 1969
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. This letter becomes UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1).

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Enclosure (4)

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. ORGANIZATION DATA

a. Commanding Officer	Donald J. MESKAN	MAJOR	1-15 Oct
b. Executive Officer	Howard M. WHITEFIELD	MAJOR	1-15 Oct
c. Operations Officer	Simon F. STOVER	CAPT	1-15 Oct
d. Logistics Officer	Lester R. BROSE	CAPT	1-15 Oct
e. Personnel Officer	Paul W. DOSS	1STLT	1-15 Oct
f. Aviation Safety Officer	Donald V. ESMOND	1STLT	1-15 Oct
g. Intelligence Officer	Hugo T. BECK	1STLT	1-15 Oct
h. Maintenance Officer	David L. WHITE	CAPT	1-15 Oct
i. Sergeant Major	Thomas E. DUNE	SGTMAJ	1-15 Oct

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

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 Marine Aircraft Group 16, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing,
 FMF Pacific, FPO San Francisco, California 96602
 Phu Bai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, 1-15 October 1969

3. Average Monthly Strength of Squadron

<u>Naval Aviators</u>	<u>Air/Ground Officers</u>
141	3
<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Naval Officers</u>
145	1

4. Important Visitors to the Squadron

None

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

HMM-262 flew a total of 395.2 flight hours, the majority of which were in support of III MARINE DIVISION & III MAF. The squadron evacuated a total of 47 med-evacs as follows: 21 emergency, 23 priority and 3 routine.

The following is a breakdown on the work completed by the squadron during 1-15 October 1969, including significant operational highlights.

	<u>NO. OF SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS FLOWN</u>	<u>TROOPS LIFTED</u>	<u>TONS OF CARGO</u>
GEORGIA TAP	10	4.0	0	0.0
IDAHO CANYON	43	20.8	168	0.0
III MARDIV & III MAF	1108	370.4	2556	80.6
TOTALS	1161	395.2	2724	80.6

Flight operations were hampered during this reporting period (1-15 October) due to the fact that Northern I Corps was under the influence of heavy monsoon rains resulting in low ceilings and poor visibility. Another factor contributing to low flight time totals for this reporting period is the fact that HMM-262 was involved in moving from Quang Tri Air Base to Phu Bai Air Base. Further curtailment of flight hours resulted from reduced operational commitments to the III Marine Division as it pulled out of the field.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS14 October

Chatterbox 93-9 observed airbursts within 500 meters of his aircraft at XD 935560. Later that afternoon 93-9 received moderate automatic weapons fire at XD 7736. No hits.

15 October

On 15 October HMM-262 chopped OPCON to MAG-36 and ADCON to MAG-16.

PART III1. Personnel

a. Transfer to HMM-262 - Naval Officer 1, Enlisted 3.

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b. Transfer from HMM-262 - Officers 5, Enlisted 38

c. Promotions to present rank:

DELF, D. P.

LCPL

8 October 1969

2. Awards

SKINNER, W. E.

LCPL Three Single Mission Air Medals

3. Casualties

None

4. Reenlistments

None

5. Safety. Listed below are the aircraft accidents/incidents for the month of 1-15 October 1969.

Ground Accidents.....0
 Ground Accidents - Due to Enemy Action.....0
 Air Accidents - Operational.....0
 Air Incidents - Operational.....1
 Air Accidents - Due to Enemy Action.....0
 Air Incidents - Due to Enemy Action.....0
 Injury to Personnel.....0

6. Intelligence

The month of October showed a continued low level of enemy anti-aircraft fire incidents. The reporting period (1-15 October 1969) consisted of a decrease in sorties and also a decrease in fire incidents, as the previous month (1-15 September 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>
1-15 October	1161	4	0	0.344
1-30 September	5178	13	0	0.251
1-31 August	5178	10	1	0.193

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The areas receiving the largest volume of fire incidents were:

1. East of An Hoa, South East of Liberty Bridge by Alligator Lake and Spider Lake.

a. AT 8741 to AT 8733 to BT 0333 to BT 0341

b. AT 9448 to AT 9444 to AT 9944 to AT 9948

c. AT 8559 to AT 8549 to AT 9049 to AT 9059

There was a total of 8 fire incidents, none of our aircraft were hit. There were no aircraft forced to land, no strike aircraft and no casualties.

1-15 October fire incidents consisted of the following types of fire:

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1-Small Arms

0-Automatic Weapons

6-.30 Cal.

2-.50 Cal.

0-Mortar

0-Grenade

0-RPG

1-Airburst

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