

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262
Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF Pacific
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16 (Attn: S-3)
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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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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. ORGANIZATION DATA

a. Commanding Officer	Donald J. MESKAN	MAJOR	1-30 Nov
b. Executive Officer	Howard M. WHITFIELD	MAJOR	1-30 Nov
c. Operations Officer	Simon F. STOVER	CAPT	1-30 Nov
d. Logistics Officer	Lester R. GROSE	CAPT	1-30 Nov
e. Personnel Officer	Paul W. DOSS Dean R. DAVIS	1STLT 1STLT	1-15 Nov 16-30 Nov
f. Aviation Safety Officer	Donald V. ESMOND	1STLT	1-30 Nov
g. Intelligence Officer	Hugo T. BECK	1STLT	1-30 Nov
h. Maintenance Officer	David L. WHITE	CAPT	1-30 Nov
i. Sergeant Major	Thomas E. DUKE	SGTMAJ	1-30 Nov

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262
 Marine Aircraft Group 16, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing,
 MACV Pacific, FPO, San Francisco, California 96602
 Phu Bai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, 1-30 November 1969

3. Average Monthly Strength of Squadron

<u>Naval Aviators</u>	<u>Air/Ground Officers</u>
146	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

HEM-262 flew a total of 911.2 flight hours, the majority of which were in support of 1ST MARINE DIVISION & III MAF. The squadron evacuated a total of 213 med-evacs as follows: 59 emergency, 80 priority and 74 routine.

The following is a breakdown on the work completed by the squadron during 1-30 November 1969, including significant operational highlights.

	<u>NO. OF SORTIES</u>	<u>NO. OF TASKS</u>	<u>PROPS LOADED</u>	<u>TONS OF CARGO</u>
1ST MARDIV & III MAF	2646	1297	4441	342.3

The period of 1-30 November 1969 marked a transition from support of the 3RD MARDIV to the 1ST MARDIV. Increased enemy activity in the new area of operations resulted in a substantial increase in fire incidents, and battle damage to six HEM-262 aircraft. Heavy monsoon rains and low ceilings continued to hamper flight operations, and resulted in reduced flight hours once again.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS10 November

Chatterbox 5 aided successful celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday by transporting two tons of birthday cakes for the 1ST MARDIV.

11 November

Chatterbox 11 received two hits from .30 cal. fire on a Visual Reconnaissance Mission at AT872558. The aircraft continued to fly and completed the mission.

16 November

Flying resupply for the 7th Marines, Chatterbox 5 took 4 .30 caliber hits while hovering with an external at BT962349. Due to battle damage, the aircraft returned to base without further incident.

17 November

Three separate fire incidents were reported on this date. Chatterbox 9 received moderate automatic weapons fire at Hoi An Airstrip. There were no hits.

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Chatterbox 5 received intense .50 cal. fire at WD043131 while returning from a resupply mission. The aircraft entered the clouds to avoid further fire and took no hits.

Chatterbox 7, while on emergency Med-Evac for the ROK Marines received intense .30 cal. fire while sitting in the zone at BT219494. The aircraft sustained approximately 24 hits resulting in one crewman KIA and three WIA. The aircraft departed the zone but was forced to land due to battle damage. All crewmembers and med-evacs were picked up by the chase aircraft and taken to Marble Mountain. The downed aircraft was recovered the same day.

28 November

Chatterbox Med-Evac and chase received intense .30 caliber fire flying under low ceilings. Both aircraft received two hits and were forced to shut down at Marble Mountain after completing the assigned Med-Evac.

PART III

1. Personnel

- a. Transfer to HMM-262 - Officers 8 Enlisted 13
- b. Transfer from HMM-262 - Officers 4 Enlisted 3
- c. Promotion to present rank:

BEHRENT, D. E.	CPL	7 November 1969
BORESHA, J. A.	"	"
CARRON, T. J.	"	"
CAUGHERN, G. G.	"	"
COLEMAN, E. E.	"	"
CRAIG, M.	"	"
EVANS, D. R.	"	"
FLORES, P.	"	"
GUZIK, B. J.	"	"
HALL, J. J.	"	"
HARMAW, E. A.	"	"
KAPLAN, H. A.	"	"
KOSTELNIK, D. E.	"	"
MARTINEZ, D.	"	"
MATLOCK, L. W.	"	"
MATSON, L. W.	"	"
MOORE, C. E.	"	"
NOBLETTE, K. B.	"	"
ORLOVE, R. S.	"	"
PERALTA, J. R.	"	"
RAUB, R. W.	"	"
RILEY, J. G.	"	"
RUTLEDGE, K. M.	"	"

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SIGL, D. D.	CPL	7 November 1969
STAMPBERRY, M. D.	"	"
HAVERSTROEL, C. L.	LCPL	5 November 1969
PERKINSON, D. C.	"	"
SEYMON, D. K.	"	29 November 1969
STRADE, K. F. Jr.	"	"
SZCZEPANIK, E. M.	"	"
CARROLL, H.	PFC	7 November 1969

2. Awards

WHITE, D. L.	CAPT	Single Mission Air Medal
ANDERSON, R. L.	1STLT	" " " "
BLAVARD, S. D.	1STLT	" " " "
KEENEEDY, J. J.	1STLT	" " " "
PARRINAM, J. T.	1STLT	" " " "
DELONG, W. R.	1STLT	" " " "
FLEISCHER, C. W.	1STLT	" " " "
REID, W. T.	1STLT	" " " "
RIDGEWAY, L. R.	1STLT	" " " "
WHITFIELD, H. M.	MAJOR	Purple Heart
WOOD, H. G.	1STLT	" "
BOHNERA, J. A.	CPL	Gold Star in Lieu of 3rd Air Medal
MATLOCK, L. W.	CPL	Bronze Star in Lieu of 2nd Air Medal
YOUNG, E. W.	SGT	Air Medal w/9
BARBERA, A.	SSGT	1st Air Medal
BRIDGES, B. S.	CPL	" " "
BUCHANAN, T. C.	CPL	" " "
CAUCHERN, G. G.	CPL	" " "
CORLE, W. A.	LCPL	" " "
DACUS, T. L.	LCPL	" " "
DOLAN, T. M.	LCPL	" " "
EASTES, J. F.	SGT	" " "
ELDRIDGE, E. W.	CPL	" " "
EVANS, D. R.	CPL	" " "
FLORES, P.	CPL	" " "
HULLER, R. L.	CPL	" " "
GOODNO, R. M.	LCPL	" " "
HALL, J. J.	CPL	" " "
HAVERSTROEL, P. E.	LCPL	" " "
HEITENKUSER, P. W.	LCPL	" " "
KIRK, K. L.	SGT	" " "
LAPLANT, D. H.	CPL	" " "
LAWSON, S.	SGT	" " "
LEE, J. W.	SSGT	" " "
LYTLE, D. D.	LCPL	" " "
MARTIN, H. W.	LCPL	" " "

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HANNICH, T. B.	CPL	1st Air Medal
HOGEE, H. L.	LCPL	" " "
MCLAE, J. L.	CPL	" " "
MILLER, H. C.	SGT	" " "
ORLOVE, R. S.	CPL	" " "
PIPICH, F. C.	LCPL	" " "
PLAISTED, G. E.	SGT	" " "
POTTEWIGER, G. A.	LCPL	" " "
POULOS, J.	LCPL	" " "
SARTAIN, L. A.	CPL	" " "
SILVA, D. A.	LCPL	" " "
SIMKO, L. A.	LCPL	" " "
SIMMONS, G. D.	LCPL	" " "
SHEEP, P. S.	CPL	" " "
STAMBERRY, H. D.	CPL	" " "
SWEENEY, G. F.	CPL	" " "
SZCZEPANIK, E. M.	LCPL	" " "
TAYLOR, J. A.	CPL	" " "
TEELING, W. C.	CPL	" " "
TRUMAN, R. J.	CPL	" " "
WADENIAN, E. H.	LCPL	" " "

3. Casualties

ROGERS, Thomas F.	CPL	2307177/6122	WIA	17Nov69
ESCHOLD, Donald V.	1STLT	095508/7562	WIA	"
BORRENOTAS, R. D.	SGT	2200389/6122	WIA	"
SHLICKER, William H.	LCPL	2445403/6055	WIA	"

4. Recallishments

None

5. Safety. Listed below are the aircraft accidents/incidents for the month of 1-30 November 1969.

Ground Accidents.....	0
Ground Accidents - Due to Enemy Action.....	0
Air Accidents - Operational.....	0
Air Incidents - Operational.....	5
Air Accidents - Due to Enemy Action.....	1
Air Incidents - Due to Enemy Action.....	4
Injury to Personnel.....	4

6. Intelligence

The month of November showed an increase in the level of enemy anti-aircraft fire incidents.

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The reporting period (1-30 November 1969) consisted of a decrease in sorties and an increase in fire incidents, from the previous month (1-31 October 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>
1-30 November	2646	14	6	0.568
1-31 October	2974	9	0	0.309
1-30 September	5178	13	0	0.271

The areas receiving the largest volume of fire incidents were:

1. East of An Hca, South East of Liberty Bridge by Alligator Lake and Spider Lake and the area by Barrier Island.

- a. AT8741 to AT8733 to BT0333 to BT0341
- b. AT9448 to AT9444 to AT9944 to AT9948
- c. AT8559 to AT8549 to AT9049 to AT9059
- d. BT1855 to BT1844 to BT2444 to BT2455

There were a total of 14 fire incidents with the result being six of our aircraft hit. One aircraft was forced to land but was recovered. We had one KIA, one WIA Evac, and two WIA returned to duty. The fire incidents consisted of the following types of fire.

1-30 November 1969

8 - Automatic Weapons
 10 - .30 Cal.
 2 - .50 Cal.
 2 - Airburst

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