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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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**COMMAND CHRONOLOGY**

**1-30 April 1970**

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262

COMMANDER

LTCOL R. A. BANCROFT  
1-30 April 1970

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1970, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	MAJOR	James M. PERRYMAN, Jr.	1-30 April 1970
Operations Officer	MAJOR	Wiley J. SELLERS	1-16 April 1970
	MAJOR	Herbert F. LAWSON	17-30 April 1970
Logistics Officer	CAPT	Kenneth H. JOHNSON	1-30 April 1970
Administrative Officer	CAPT	Walter W. GUSTIN	1-30 April 1970
Aviation Safety Officer	1STLT	Dean R. DAVIS	1-30 April 1970
Intelligence Officer	1STLT	Jackie C. PAGE	1-21 April 1970
	1STLT	Arthur S. BRESNAHAN	22-30 April 1970
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	MAJOR	Robert M. FITZGERALD	1-30 April 1970
Sergeant Major	SGTMAJ	Thomas E. DUKE	1-30 April 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
52	164	1	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. For the second time in a four month period HMM-262 met the CNO Flight hour utilization factor of 60 hours per month per operational aircraft assigned. An average of 20 operational CH-46Ds assigned flew 1227.9 flight hours and 4596 sorties supporting the 1st Marine Division, Republic of Korea Marine Corps, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and III Marine Amphibious Force. April's increased flight activity resulted in the transporting of 6519 troops and 190 tons of cargo. The squadron flew 157 med-evac missions effecting 296 med-evacs (98 Emergencies, 98 Priority, 105 Routines).

2. The majority of the flight hours were flown in the 1st MARDIV/ROKMC TAOR's in Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces. The missions consisted primarily of execution of standard fragmentary orders involving routine command and control, troop movement, resupply, VIP support, medical evacuation, and reconnaissance. HMM-262 continued to provide round-the-clock SAR coverage for MAG-13, Chu Lai Air Base, RVN during April.

3. The number of fire incidents experienced by HMM-262 aircraft during April was the highest since May 1969. Thirty five Fire Incident Reports were filed. Fortunately only 3 aircraft were hit. The damage was minor with no resulting casualties.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

- |                             |            |             |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| a. Transferred to HMM-262   | 5 Officers | 13 Enlisted |
| b. Transferred from HMM-262 | 0 Officers | 13 Enlisted |
| c. Promoted to Present Rank | 1 Officer  | 5 Enlisted  |

2. Awards. The Strike/Flight Air Medal was awarded to 29 squadron personnel during April. Two men received the Purple Heart Medal.

3. Informational Services. HMM-262 published 45 hometown news releases for combat air crew wings, air medals and promotions.

4. Operational Highlights

16 April 1970

HMM-262 launched 4 SeaKnights to participate in a troop lift of 457 ARVN troops to the Happy Valley area, coordinates ZC201642. This mission was unique in that it was executed in coordination with Army gun ships and VNAF rotary-wing aircraft. In spite of small arms fire in the zone the lift was carried out smoothly and with efficiency. There was no damage to squadron aircraft nor injury to squadron personnel. The mission was completed successfully.

26 April 1970

On this date a commendable squadron safety record of 12881.3 accident free flight hours was terminated. Nearly ten months of accident free combat flying ended when a Chatterbox aircraft sheared a nose gear while taxiing off of the newly surfaced Phu Bai Runway. A suspected structural flaw and the 6"-8" difference between the newly surfaced runway and the unsurfaced taxiway are believed to be the cause of this untimely accident. The aircraft was flown to MAAF with no other damage noted.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. There are no supporting documents attached.

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