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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262

COMMANDER

LTCOL R. A. BANCROFT
1-17 MAY 1970
LTCOL G. S. PATE
18-31 MAY 1970

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1970, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	MAJOR	James M. PERRYMAN, Jr.	1-31 May 1970
Operations Officer	MAJOR	Herbert F. LAWSON, Jr.	1-31 May 1970
Logistics Officer	CAPT	Kenneth H. JOHNSON	1-26 May 1970
	MAJOR	Harris J. FENNELL	27-31 May 1970
Administrative Officer	CAPT	Walter W. GUSTIN	1-31 May 1970
Aviation Safety Officer	1stLT	Dean R. DAVIS	1-31 May 1970
Intelligence Officer	1stLT	Arthur S. BRESNAHAN	1-31 May 1970
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	MAJOR	Robert M. FITZGERALD	1-31 May 1970
Sergeant Major	SGTMAJ	Thomas E. DUKE	1-31 May 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl
55	152	1	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. For the second consecutive month, HMM-262 met the CMO Flight Hour Utilization Factor of 60 hours per month per operational aircraft assigned. This commendable utilization record was accomplished with an average of 21 operational CH-46D's flying 1241.0 hours. HMM-262 flew 4471 sorties in support of the 1st Marine Division, Republic of Korea Marine Corps, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and III Marine Amphibious Force. May's flight activity resulted in the transporting of 7469 passengers and 273 tons of cargo. Squadron aircraft flew 201 medical evacuation missions effecting the medical evacuations of 419 troops (125 emergencies, 99 priorities, 195 routines).
2. The majority of May's flight hours were flown in the 1st Marine Division and Republic of Korea Marine Corps TAOR's in Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces. Missions assigned consisted primarily of standard fragmentary orders involving routine command and control, troop movement, resupply, VIP support, medical evacuation and reconnaissance. HMM-262 flew 42.7 hours this month supporting the Army's 5th Special Forces CCN Reconnaissance Efforts on the western fringes of Quang Nam Province.
3. Fire incidents during May dropped to 18, which is just half the number experienced the previous month. Three aircraft suffered minor damage as the result of small arms fire and a surprise firing device. No injuries were incurred during May.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

- a. Transferred to HMM-262 - 2 Officers 4 Enlisted
- b. Transferred from HMM-262 - 1 Officer 10 Enlisted
- c. Promoted to present rank - 0 Officers 16 Enlisted

2. Administration. On 18 May 1970, LTCOL Richard A. BANCROFT relinquished command of HMM-262 to LTCOL Gerald S. PATE.

3. Awards. The Strike/Flight Air Medal was awarded to 3 officers and 10 enlisted men during May. One Single Mission Air Medal and one Purple Heart Medal were presented to two squadron members.

4. Informational Services. HMM-262 published 91 hometown news releases for Air Crew Wings, Air Medals, Promotions and schools attended.

5. Important Visitors. Brigadier General R. F. CONLEY, Assistant Wing Commander, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, visited the squadron on 18 May 1970 for the Change of Command Ceremony.

6. Operational Highlights.

23 May 1970

HMM-262 launched four Sea Knights to effect a strike force of 485 troops into the Antenna Valley. The troops were successfully placed in eight landing zones. An accompanying Recon team was also inserted. The operation was executed with efficiency despite sporadic enemy fire. One aircraft received minor blade damage resulting from small arms fire. There were no casualties upon the successful completion of the mission.

25 May 1970

While on a routine command and control mission for the 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, a Chatterbox Aircraft detonated a surprise firing device while making an approach to a landing zone, resulting in moderate damage to the fuselage and one aft blade. There were no injuries and the aircraft was returned to MAF without further incident.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. There are no supporting documents.

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