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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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Enclosure (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262

COMMANDERLtCol G. S. PATE
1-31 July 19702. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major James M. FERRYMAN, JR.	1-31 July 1970
Operations Officer	Major Herbert F. LAWSON Capt Ronald J. APPEL	1-15 July 1970 16-31 July 1970
Logistics Officer	Major Harris J. FENNELL	1-31 July 1970
Administrative Officer	Capt Walter W. GUSTIN	1-31 July 1970
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt Ronald J. APPEL	1-31 July 1970
Intelligence Officer	1stLt Arthur S. BRESNAHAN	1-31 July 1970
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major Robert H. LOCKWOOD	1-31 July 1970
Sergeant Major	MSGT Charles T. FRAZIER	1-31 July 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. For the fourth consecutive month HMM-262 exceeded the CNO Flight Hour Utilization Factor by accumulating 1512.3 hours in support of combat operations. This monthly flight record was achieved with a daily average of 16 operationally ready CH-46D helicopters. The squadron flew 5745 sorties in support of the 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Republic of Korea Marine Corps and the III Marine Amphibious Force. During July 1970, HMM-262 lifted 337.1 tons of cargo in addition to transporting 12,302 passengers. Chatterbox medevac were responsible for 170 medevac missions accounting for a total of 400 US, ROK and ARVN troops. Priorities were: 86 emergencies, 115 priorities and 199 routines.
2. Combat flight hours for July were flown in Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces and within the TAOR's of the 1st Marine Division and the Republic of Korea Marine Corps.
3. HMM-262 aircraft were involved in 20 fire incidents this month taking four hits in two aircraft. Only minor skin damage resulted. There were two minor casualties.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

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| a. Transferred to HMM-262 | = | 4 Officers | 24 Enlisted |
| b. Transferred from HMM-262 | = | 4 Officers | 25 Enlisted |
| c. Promoted to present rank | = | 1 Officer | 4 Enlisted |

2. Awards. The Strike/Flight Air Medal was awarded to 15 squadron members during July 1970. 12 Aircrew Wings, and 1 single mission Air Medal were awarded.

3. Informational Services. HMM-262 published 64 home town news releases for Aircrew Wings, Air Medals, Promotions, Tactical Operations and duty assignments.

4. Operational Highlights

14-15 July 1970

Flying in support of the Pickens Forest Operation HMM-262 launched a six and an eight plane strike force to insert South Vietnamese Marines in the target area. The operation was executed smoothly in spite of one fire incident and one aircraft down in the zone due to mechanical difficulties. HMM-262's aircraft were used to transport a large number of the combat troops participating in the Pickens Forest Operation being conducted in the western portion of the Quang Nam Province.

31 July 1970

HMM-262 launched a ten plane flight to transport a strike force to the southeastern corner of the Arisena Territory. Working with the 5th Marines and utilizing the vertical assault concept, the target area was quickly surrounded without a single fire incident. The mission was a success. All aircraft returned safely to base.

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PART II

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. There were no supporting documents.

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