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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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Enclosure (1)

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. For the sixth consecutive month HMM-262 exceeded the CNO Flight Hour Utilization Factor. A daily average of 13 CH-46D helicopters flew a total of 1332.8 hours. The squadron carried 11,077 passengers and moved 268.2 tons of cargo in support of the 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Republic of Korea Marine Corps, and the III Marine Amphibious Force. During the month of September Chatterbox med-evac aircraft flew 244 missions and evacuated 520 people. The priorities of med-evacs were: 128 emergencies, 124 priorities, and 268 routines.
2. HMM-262 conducted operations in the provinces of Quang Nam and Quang Tin and within the TAOR's of the 1st Marine Division and the Republic of Korea Marine Corps.
3. HMM-262 was involved in 23 fire incidents. Nine aircraft received hits and four aircraft crewmen were wounded but none were fatal.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

- |                             |              |             |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| a. Transferred to HMM-262   | - 9 Officers | 22 Enlisted |
| b. Transferred from HMM-262 | - 6 Officers | 17 Enlisted |
| c. Promoted to present rank | - 3 Officers | 29 Enlisted |

2. Awards: HMM-262 awarded 13 first Air Medals, 2 Single Mission Air Medals, 5 Aircor wings, and 4 Purple Hearts.

3. Informational Services: HMM-262 published 44 home town news releases for promotions and awards.

4. Operational Highlights

2 September 1970

While participating in a troop insert four Chatterbox aircraft were hit by small arms fire. One aircraft was shot down in the landing zone and another aircraft made a precautionary landing at LZ 402. Three crewmembers received minor injuries but both aircraft were recovered.

5 September 1970

Two Chatterbox aircraft were on an admin and logistics mission when they received small arms fire. One aircraft was shot down in the landing zone but was later recovered.

7 September 1970

During a recon insert, a OH-460 was totally destroyed. The crew and passengers sustained only minor injuries.

13-14 September 1970

Chatterbox aircraft participated in a total of three troop inserts in two days. One six plane strike was in Happy Valley and two eight plane strikes were executed in the An Hoa area.

17 September 1970

A Chatterbox aircraft crashed in a landing zone, while on a courier admin mission. The aircraft was destroyed but all aircraft crewmembers and passengers escaped with only minor injuries.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. There were no supporting documents.