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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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Enclosure (1)

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262

COMMANDINGLtCol G. S. PATE
1-23 November 1970LtCol F. K. WEST, JR.
24-30 November 19702. LOCATION

1-30 November, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major Robert H. LOCKWOOD	1-30 Nov 70
Operations Officer	Major Jac D. WATSON	1-30 Nov 70
Logistics Officer	Major Billy D. COLLINS	1-30 Nov 70
Administrative Officer	Capt William W. GUSTIN	1-4 Nov 70
	Capt James H. LAVELLE	5-30 Nov 70
Aviation Safety Officer	1stLT Raymond E. FAULK	1-30 Nov 70
Intelligence Officer	1stLT William W. FAULKNER	1-30 Nov 70
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major Harris J. FENNELL	1-30 Nov 70
Sergeant Major	MSgt Charles T. FRAZIER	1-30 Nov 70

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
39	182	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The month of November, 1970 reflects the effort and dedication of the men of HMM-262. Once again the CNO Flight Utilization Factor was exceeded with a 64% average aircraft availability launching each day to accumulate 1179.7 flight hours. During flight support operations HMM-262 carried 221 tons of materials and transported a total of 10,412 passengers on operational, administrative, and medevac missions. HMM-262 effected 177 medevac sorties during the month of November providing 297 persons including U.S., Allies, Vietnamese Civilians, and even Viet Cong defectors with efficient expeditious medical attention, of the 297 persons evacuated 84 were designated as emergency medevacs.
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 15 fire incidents resulting in six aircraft being hit with no injuries to crew members.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

a. Transferred to HMM-262	3 Officers	10 Enlisted
b. Transferred from HMM-262	9 Officers	10 Enlisted
c. Promoted to present rank	0 Officers	14 Enlisted

2. Awards. HMM-262 awarded 13 first Air Medals, 365 Air Medals, 12 Air Crew Wings, and 6 Purple Hearts.

3. Informational Services. HMM-262 published 40 hometown news releases for promotions and awards.

4. Operational Highlights

3 November 1970

HMM-262 participated in the redeployment of the ROK Marines necessitated by rising flood waters.

10 November 1970

A Chatterbox aircraft made a precautionary landing due to a burst hydraulic line. The aircraft was recovered and there were no injuries sustained by crew members.

16 November 1970

Chatterbox aircraft operated out of Baldy on mission 86 which was a combination troop lift, resupply, and medevac package. HMM-262 carried 1093 combat Marines to and from the field. The 86 package flew 38.0 hours, and the squadron total was 55.1 hours for all missions.

19 November 1970

HMM-262 flew mission 86 out of Baldy and transported over 700 combat troops to and from the field. Chatterbox aircraft also carried 22 tons of cargo in support of the 5th Marines. The medevac section of mission 86 ran 2 emergency and 5 priority missions.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. There were no supporting documents.

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