

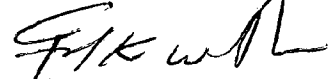
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONS

COMMANDER

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262

LtCol F. K. WEST, Jr.
15-30 April 1971

2. LOCATION

15-30 April, Marble Mountain Air Facility, DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major John A. ROGERS	15-30 April 1971
Operations Officer	Major William H. REVER, Jr.	15-30 April 1971
Logistics Officer	Captain Wayne T. ADAMS	15-30 April 1971
Administrative Officer	Captain James H. LAVELLE	15-30 April 1971
Aviation Safety Officer	1stLt James V. STIGER	15-30 April 1971
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major Harris J. FENNELL	15-30 April 1971
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major Michael F. DOYLE	15-30 April 1971

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
46	170	1	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the last half of the month of April 1971, the number of flight hours continued to decline from the first half of April. Chatterbox aircraft flew 523 hours, and had 100% availability of aircraft on six days. Chatterbox also flew 2,098 sorties in the last half of April. The last 16 days of the month saw 2,294 passengers and 51.4 tons of cargo carried by the Chatterbox helicopters. The squadron flew 94 medevacs, composed of 50 emergencies, 14 priorities, and 30 routines. These medevacs are a large increase over the first half of April.

2. HMM-262 flew support for the Republic of Korea Marine Corps, the ARVN, the CCN, and the III Marine Amphibious Brigade, which was composed of elements of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and the 1st Marine Division. Missions supporting these units were flown in the Provinces of Quang Nam and Quang Tin as well as the Northern I Corps province of Quang Tri, where the squadron sent liaison flights.

3. Chatterbox had ten fire incidents in the last half of April. Two aircraft were hit. Five of the fire incidents occurred on strike missions and the other fire incident was on night medevac missions. There were 8,000 rounds of .50 caliber ordinance fired in combat or training.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel.

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|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| a. Transferred to HMM-262 | 0 Officers | 3 Enlisted |
| b. Transferred from HMM-262 | 3 Officers | 6 Enlisted |
| c. Promoted to present rank | 0 Officers | 0 Enlisted |

2. Informational Services. HMM-262 published no hometown news releases for promotions and awards.

3. Operational Highlights.

21 April 1971

As the Marines in the field began standing down, HMM-262 aircraft were called upon to carry their gear to the rear. Chatterbox flew 39.1 hours and carried 19.0 tons of cargo for the grunts.

23 April 1971

Chatterbox 3 led an ARVN strike into the Arizona Territory. Six of HMM-262's helicopters flew on the strike that carried over 200 ARVN's into battle against VC/NVA forces operating southwest of DaNang. Chatterbox 42 received enemy fire but took no hits.

24 April 1971

Chatterbox 7 was the flight leader of ten of HMM-262's CH-46D's that flew over 200 ROK Marines to a strike south of the Que Son Mountains. On the highly successful flight, there were four fire incidents reported and Chatterbox 13 took one hit to his helicopter but no one was injured and the mission was completed.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. There were no supporting documents.

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