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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONSCOMMANDER

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262

LtCol F. K. WEST, Jr.  
1-7 May 19712. LOCATION

1-7 May, Marble Mountain Air Facility, DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major John A. ROGERS	1-7 May 1971
Operations Officer	Major William H. REVER, Jr.	1-7 May 1971
Logistics Officer	Captain Wayne T. ADAMS	1-7 May 1971
Administrative Officer	Captain James H. LAVELLE	1-7 May 1971
Aviation Safety Officer	1stLt James V. STIGER	1-7 May 1971
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major Connie A. BARSKY	1-7 May 1971
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major Michael F. DOYLE	1-7 May 1971

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
48	167	0	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. HMM-262 was the last active CH-46 squadron left in Vietnam on 1 May 1971. Missions supporting the Marines in our TAOR were few because of the few Marines remaining in the field. Chatterbox aircraft flew 150.4 hours in the first week in May before standing down on the afternoon of 7 May 1971. During this week 620 sorties and 314 tasks were flown by HMM-262 aircraft and 4.0 tons of cargo were carried. On 2 May flight operations came to a virtual stand still as a typhoon headed towards DaNang but veered south just before reaching the coast. A total of only 13 medevac missions were handled by Chatterbox Medevac crews during the week. Of these, six were "emergency", four were "priority", and three were "routine".

2. HMM-262 flew support for the Republic of Korea Marine Corps, the ARVN, the CCN, and the III Marine Amphibious Brigade. The Chatterbox "Flying Tigers" also had the pleasure of flying General R. G. DAVIS, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps and LtGen W. K. JONES, CG, FMFPAC. Missions of support were flown in the Provinces of Quang Nam and Quang Tri, where the squadron sent liaison and VIP flights.

3. Chatterbox aircraft reported no fire incidents for the first week of May.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel.

a. Transferred to HMM-262	0 Officers	11 Enlisted
b. Transferred from HMM-262	1 Officer	0 Enlisted
c. Promoted to present rank	0 Officer	0 Enlisted

2. Awards. During the first week in May, HMM-262 awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Navy-Marine Corps Medals, 11 Air Medals, and 22 Combat Air Crew Wings.

3. Operational Highlights.

1 May 1971

The sniper that was taking target practice at Chatterbox personnel in April returned for more training. In the morning he took a shot at the Luminous medevac radio operator who was walking across the Chatterbox flight line, but missed him.

5 May 1971

LtGeneral W. K. JONES, CG, FMFPAC, was in the DaNang area for briefings and inspections of the Marines who were standing down. Chatterbox VIP CH-46's provided his transportation and Chatterbox 11 was the pilot.

6 and 7 May 1971

General R. G. DAVIS, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, was in Vietnam for conferences with the CG of III MAB and various unit commands in I Corps. Chatterbox 1 and Chatterbox 35 were his pilots and took him to his meetings.

7 May 1971

MajGeneral A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG, III MAB and LtCol Frank K. WEST, Commanding Officer of HMM-262 flew the last combat hop of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 in the Republic of Vietnam.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. There were no supporting documents.

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