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Commanding Officer

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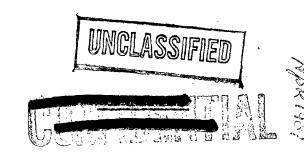
- (a) WgO 5750.1C (b) GruO 5750.1C
- (c) Sqd0 5750.1

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- 1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
- 2. Downgrading instructions: Group h. Unclassified when enclosure (1) is removed.

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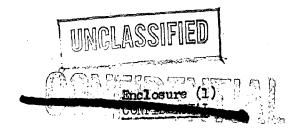
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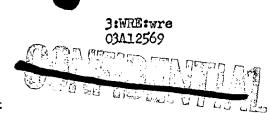
Marble Mountain, Republic of Vietnam

1-30 April 1969





# ORGANIZATIONAL DATA



## 1. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer	LtCol R. E. HOFSTETTER	1-30 Apr
Executive Officer	Major L. I. BLANKENSHIP	l Apr
	Major G. W. HINTZ	2-30 Apr
Operations Officer	Major G. W. HINTZ	l Apr
-	Major B. R. TERHORST	2-19 Apr
	Major J. VAN NORIWICK	20 <b>-</b> 30 Apr
Administrative Officer	Capt D. S. VAN LIEW	1-30 Apr
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major F. P. ACCOMANDO	1-30 Apr
Logistics Officer	Capt K. A. SWANNACK	1-30 Apr
NATOPS Officer	Capt J. G. FLYNN	1-30 Apr
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt J. G. FLYNN	1-30 Apr
Intelligence Officer	CWO-2 R. L. WINFIELD	1-15 Apr
	GySgt J. T. BROHY	16-30 Apr
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt J. C. SHORT	1-30 Apr
Flight Surgeon		1-30 Apr
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj D. N. SIMMS	1-30 Apr

## 2. UNIT LOCATION

HRM-263 1-30 April 1969 Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

## AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC	USN	CTHER	LATOT
Officer	45	ī	0	46
Enlisted	170	0	Ó	170

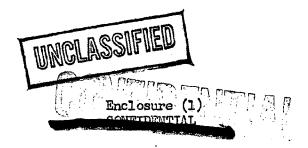
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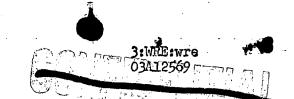
None

# 5. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On 17 April 1969 this Squadron went over 10,000 flight hours since it's last major accident (210ct67). hours are included in this total.

Both UH-34D and CH-46D flight





# PART II

### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Daily Summary of Events. The following was flown in support of III MAF, 1st MARDIV, Operation OKIAHOMA HILLS and VICTORY DRAGON IX.

- 1 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 145 sorties for 41.3 flight hours, lifting 22.5 tons of cargo and carrying 346 troops/passengers. Twelve medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 18 priority and 3 routine casualties. Three fire incidents were reported, receiving negative or unknown amount of hits and five injuries in one aircraft (2 KIA, 3WIA), and returning 1115 rounds of .50 cal.
- 2 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 158 sorties for 39.4 flight hours, lifting 45.8 tens of cargo and carrying 131 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 4 priority and 13 routine casualties. Negative fire incidents were reported.
- 3 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 152 sorties for 47.6 flight hours, lifting 16.4 tons of cargo and carrying 230 troops/passengers. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency, 0 priority and 5 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injuries, and 300 rounds of .50 cal. being returned.
- 4 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 144 sorties for 40.3 flight hours, lifting 8.1 tons of cargo and carrying 164 troops/passengers. Thirty-nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 15 emergency, 32 priority and 24 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injury.
- 5.April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 167 sorties for 51.4 flight hours, lifting 39.8 tons of cargo and carrying 117 troops/passengers. Twenty medevac missions were flown evacuating 11 emergency, 48 priority and 9 routine casualties. No fire incidents reported.
- 6 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 166 sorties for 40.4 flight hours, lifting 35.1 tons of cargo and carrying 212 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown with 6 routine casualties being evacuated. No fire incidents were reported.

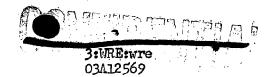




- 7 April 1969
- (C) HMM-263 flow 168 sorties for 44.6 flight hours, lifting 23.4 tons of cargo and carrying 297 troops/passengers. Eighteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 8 emergency, 14 priority and 3 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported receiving no hits or injuries, and returning 500 rounds of .50 cal.
- 8 April 1969
- (C) HMM-263 flew 155 sorties for 13.9 flight hours, lifting 18.5 tons of cargo and carrying 321 troops/passengers. Eleven medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency, 2 priority and 11 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported receiving no hits or injury.
- 9 April 1969
- (C) HMM-263 flew 116 sorties for 42.9 flight hours, lifting 29.8 tons of cargo and carrying 105 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 5 emergency casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with no hits or injuries, returning 50 rounds of .50 cal.
- 10 April 1969 (C)
- (C) HMM-263 flew 110 sorties for 43.3 flight hours; lifting 1.8 tons of cargo and carrying 244 troops/passengers. Twelve medevacs were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 6 priority and 13 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with no hits or injuries.
- 11 April 1969 (C)
  - HMM-263 flew 224 sorties for 56.8 flight hours, lifting 23.9 tons of cargo and carrying 301 troops/passengers. Twenty medevac missions were flown evacuating 8 emergency, 6 priority and 12 routine casualties.
- 12 April 1969
- (C) HMM-263 flew 156 sorties for 53.5 flight hours, lifting 33.1 tons of cargo and carrying 369 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 2 priority casualties. Three fire incidents were reported receiving no hits or injuries, returning 300 rounds of .50 cal.
- 13 April 1969
- (C) HTM-263 flew 258 sorties for 39.2 flight hours, lifting 55.8 tons of cargo and carrying 380 troops/passengers. Fifteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 11: emergency, 12 priority and 6 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with no hits or injuries.

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- 14 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 285 sorties for 89.2 flight hours, lifting 59.6 tons of cargo and carrying 1,060 troops/passengers. Twenty-two medevac missions were flown evacuating 10 emergency, 36 priority and 13 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported receiving no hits or injuries.
- 15 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 155 sorties for 58.4 flight hours, lifting 26.9 tons of cargo and carrying 229 troops/passengers, Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 1 priority and 33 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported receiving no hits or injuries.
- 16 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 192 sorties for 56.7 flight hours, lifting 21.5 tons of cargo and carrying 395 troops/passengers. Fifteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 10 emergency, 6 priority and 13 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported receiving no hits or injuries.
- 17 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 107 sorties for 52.2 flight hours, lifting 27.5 tons of cargo and carrying 187 troops/passengers. Eighteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 19 emergency, 8 priority and 6 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 18 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 160 sorties for 51.8 flight hours, lifting 43.7 tons of cargo and carrying 242 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 5 priority and 22 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 19 April 1969 (C) HNM-263 flew 162 sorties for 42.1 flight hours, lifting 81.5 tons of cargo and carrying 304 troops/passengers. Six medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, 12 priority and 2 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported receiving unknown number of hits and 6 KIA.
- 20 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 135 sorties for 48.5 flight hours, lifting 10.1 tons of cargo and carrying 126 troops/passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency, 7 priority and 10 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported receiving 2 hits, no injury, and returning 100 rounds of .50 cal.

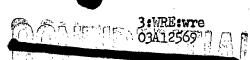






- 21 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 133 sorties for 40.7 flight hours, lifting 21.5 tens of cargo and carrying 417 troops/passengers. Five medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency and 1 priority casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 22 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 123 sorties for 43.2 flight hours,
  lifting 2.5 tons of cargo and carrying 203 troops/
  passengers. Fourteen medevac missions were flown
  evacuating 1 emergency, 7 priority and 14 routine
  casualties. One fire incident was reported receiving
  2 hits, and no injuries, and 600 rounds being returned.
- 23 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 167 sorties for 53.3 flight hours, lifting 24.0 tons of cargo and carrying 218 troops/passengers. Sixthen medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 6 priority and 5 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported receiving 2 hits, 1 injury, and returning 300 rounds of .50 cal.
- 24 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 70 sorties for 34.6 flight hours, lifting 6.1 tons of cargo and carrying 132 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 priority and 2 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported receiving no hits, no injury, and returning 100 rounds of .50 cal.
- 25 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 145 sorties for 39.8 flight hours, lifting 22.6 tons of cargo and carrying 178 troops/passengers. Nineteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 13 priority and 6 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported receiving 1 hit, no injuries, and no rounds returned.
- 26 April 1969 (C) HEM-263 flew 101 sorties for 38.7 flight hours, lifting 9.8 tons of cargo and carrying 161 troops/passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 18 emergency, 16 priority and 1 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported receiving 2 hits, no injuries and no rounds returned.
- 27 April 1969 (C) HIM-263 flew 187 sorties for 47.2 flight hours, lifting 13.8 tons of cargo and carrying 404 troops/passengers. Thirty-four medevac missions were flown evacuating 23 emergency, 26 priority and 14 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported

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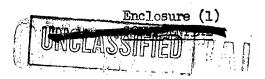


receiving no hits, and no injuries, and returning 300 rounds of .50 cal.

- 28 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 140 sorties for 29.4 flight hours, lifting 28.7 tons of cargo and carrying 56 troops/passengers. Ten medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency and 12 priority casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 29 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 130 sorties for 35.6 flight hours,

  21 fting 22.3 tons of cargo and carrying 210 troops/
  passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown
  evacuating 9 emergency, 3 priority and 12 routine
  casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 30 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 146 scrties for 36.9 flight hours, lifting 25.3 tons of cargo and carrying 314 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency, 17 priority and 3 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.

2. HMM-263 flew a total of 1,408.5 flight hours; 4,717 sorties; lifting 8,053 troops/passengers and 801.4 tons of cargo with an average aircraft availability of 9 aircraft for the period.





# 1. PERSONNEL

		CFFICER	ENLISTED	TOTAL
a,	Personnel Joined	4	28	32
b.	Personnel Dropped	5	10	15

## 2. ADMINISTRATION

			OFFICER	ENLISTED	TOTAL
a,	Personnel	Promoted	O	7	7
b.	Personnel	Reduced	0	2	2

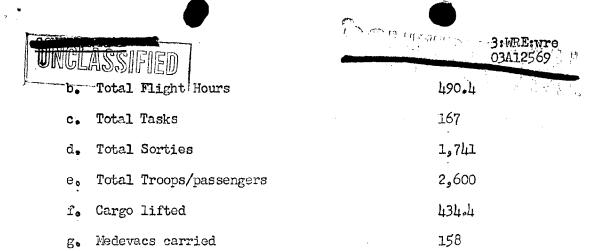
## 3. CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD

NAME	PANK	SERNO	SERVICE	KIA/WIA	DATE
BLANKENSHIP, L. I. CARROLL, F. J.	MAJOR 1STLT	060005 010 <b>17</b> 95	USMC	KIA	1 Apr 69
NEWTON, E. D.	LAPL	2350578	11	WIA	?t
OROZCO, D. M. STAPLES, G. M.	TC br		11 11	EL EL	11
GALLION, G. R. HENDERSON, A. F.	$ ext{CPL}$	2270449 2349056	11 11	KIA	19 Apr 69
HUIE, R. D. JR. ROISTAD, T. S.	lstlt LCPL		11 11	n n	1) 11
Terhorst, B. R.	MAJOR	068004 2158003	17	tt T.T.A	11 00 A-m 60
BOBENREITH, J. B. JR. SEELEY, M. D.	SGT SGT	2122115	11	WIA	20 Apr 69
DOI, C. K. HAUFLER, G. W.	1STLT 2NDLT	0103448 0105533	n n	12 ·	23 Apr 69
HINTZ, G. W.	MAJOR	069684		<b>11</b> , .	17

### 4. INTELLIGENCE

- a. The Squadron continued to receive and record intelligence information from III MAF, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16, 1st Recon and the 7th Marines. Through spot reports, fire incident reports, and other pilot debriefing forms, intelligence information was passed to MAG-16 for dissemination to higher, lower and adjacent units.
  - b. HMM-263 received negative incoming during the reporting period.
- c. To provide a continuing up-date of intelligence, the intelligence section conducted briefs at the weekly ACM. Also during this period, a





# 7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

The following Squadron aircraft received battle damage during the period; 154814, 154802, 154843, 154808, 154835, 154812, 154807, 154806, 154817, 154795.