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1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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Commanding Officer	LtCol R. E. HOFSTETTER	1-30 Apr
Executive Officer	Major L. I. BLANKENSHIP	1 Apr
	Major G. W. HINTZ	2-30 Apr
Operations Officer	Major G. W. HINTZ	1 Apr
	Major B. R. TERHORST	2-19 Apr
	Major J. VAN NORTWICK	20-30 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
	Cysgt J. T. BROHY	16-30 Apr
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt J. C. SHORT	1-30 Apr
Flight Surgeon	Lt T. S. DAVIS	1-30 Apr
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj D. N. SIMMS	1-30 Apr

2. UNIT LOCATION

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

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC	USN	OTHER	TOTAL
Officer	45	1	0	46
Enlisted	170	0	0	170

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None

5. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On 17 April 1969 this Squadron went over 10,000 flight hours since it's last major accident (21Oct67). Both UH-34D and CH-46D flight hours are included in this total.

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03A12569PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Daily Summary of Events. The following was flown in support of III MAF, 1st MARDIV, Operation OKLAHOMA 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 tons 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.

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- 7 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 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 43.9 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) 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) HMM-263 flew 258 sorties for 89.2 flight hours, lifting 55.8 tons of cargo and carrying 380 troops/passengers. Fifteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 14 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 167 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) HMM-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.

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- 21 April 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 133 sorties for 40.7 flight hours, lifting 21.5 tons 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. Sixteen 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) HMM-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) HMM-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, lifting 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 sorties 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.

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	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel Joined	4	28	32
b. Personnel Dropped	5	10	15

2. ADMINISTRATION

	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel Promoted	0	7	7
b. Personnel Reduced	0	2	2

3. CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>KIA/WIA</u>	<u>DATE</u>
BLANKENSHIP, L. I.	MAJOR	060005	USMC	KIA	1 Apr 69
CARROLL, F. J.	1STLT	0101795	"	"	"
NEWTON, E. D.	1AFL	2350578	"	WIA	"
OROZCO, D. M.	LCPL	2373722	"	"	"
STAPLES, G. M.	LCPL	2359347	"	"	"
GALLION, G. R.	CPL	2270449	"	KIA	19 Apr 69
HENDERSON, A. F.	LCPL	2349056	"	"	"
HUIE, R. D. JR.	1STLT	092875	"	"	"
ROLSTAD, T. S.	LCPL	2251338	"	"	"
TERHORST, B. R.	MAJOR	068004	"	"	"
BOBENREITH, J. B. JR.	SGT	2158003	"	WIA	20 Apr 69
SEELEY, M. D.	SGT	2122115	"	"	"
DOI, C. K.	1STLT	0103448	"	"	23 Apr 69
HAUFLER, G. W.	2NDLT	0105533	"	"	"
HINTZ, G. W.	MAJOR	069684	"	"	"

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. The Squadron continued to receive and record intelligence information from III MAF, 1st MAW, 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 AOM. Also during this period, a

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b. Total Flight Hours	490.4
c. Total Tasks	167
d. Total Sorties	1,741
e. Total Troops/passengers	2,600
f. Cargo lifted	434.4
g. Medevacs carried	158

#### 7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

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

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