

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 263  
 Marine Aircraft Group 16  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
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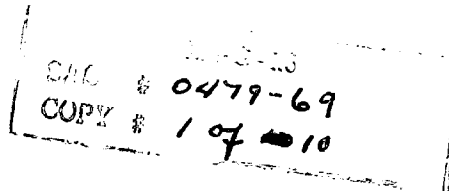
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Encl: (1) Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263, Command Chronology

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

2. Downgrading Instructions: Group 4. Unclassified when enclosure (1) is removed.

  
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Marble Mountain, Republic of Vietnam  
1-31 May 1969



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03A15569PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer	LtCol R. E. HOFSTETTER	1-13 May 1969
	LtCol W. CUNNINGHAM	14-31 May 1969
Executive Officer	Major G. W. HINTZ	1-31 May 1969
Operations Officer	Major J. VAN NORTWICK	"
Administrative Officer	Capt D. S. VAN LIEM	"
Aircraft Maintenance	Major F. P. ACCOMANDO	"
Logistics Officer	Capt K. A. SWANNACK	"
NATOPS Officer	Capt J. G. FLYNN	1-16 May 1969
	1stLt D. R. THORNE	17-31 May 1969
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt J. G. FLYNN	1-31 May 1969
Intelligence Officer	GySgt J. T. BROHY	1-16 May 1969
	1stLt W. A. PHILLIPS	17-31 May 1969
Transportation Officer	1stLt J. C. SHORT	1-31 May 1969
Flight Surgeon	Lt T. S. DAVIS	"
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj D. N. SIMS	"

2. UNIT LOCATION

HMM-273, 1-31 May 1969, Marble Mountain Air Field, Danang, Republic of Vietnam

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers	39	1		40
Enlisted	163			163

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

Brigadier General JASKILKA, Deputy Commander, 1st Marine Division on 28 May 1969.

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03A15569PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Daily Summary of Events. The following was flown in support of III MAF, 1st MARDIV, Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS, DARING REBEL, PIPESTONE CANYON, ROKMC and Operation VICTORY DRAGON.

- 1 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 117 sorties for 38.5 flight hours, lifting 19.0 tons of cargo and carrying 259 troops/passengers. Twenty-seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 13 priority and 11 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injury, and 300 rounds of .50 cal being expended.
- 2 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 181 sorties for 57.2 flight hours, lifting 23.2 tons of cargo and carrying 347 troops/passengers. Fourteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 6 priority and 3 routine casualties. Three fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injury and 300 rounds of .50 cal being expended.
- 3 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 165 sorties for 40.0 flight hours, lifting 24.2 tons of cargo and carrying 523 troops/passengers. Six medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency, 1 priority and 4 routine.
- 4 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 163 sorties for 45.6 flight hours, lifting 24.9 tons of cargo and carrying 224 troops/passengers. Twenty-seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency, 21 priority and 13 routine casualties.
- 5 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 187 sorties for 48.6 flight hours, lifting 27.6 tons of cargo and carrying 657 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 priority and 1 routine casualties.
- 6 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 104 sorties for 39.8 flight hours, lifting 5.9 tons of cargo and carrying 239 troops/passengers. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injury and 125 rounds of .50 cal being expended.

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- 7 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 162 sorties for 37.8 flight hours, lifting 25.5 tons of cargo and carrying 148 troops/passengers. Sixteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 5 priority and 9 routine casualties.
- 8 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 138 sorties for 33.2 flight hours, lifting 14.4 tons of cargo and carrying 243 troops/passengers. Ten medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency, 5 priority and 1 routine casualties.
- 9 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 118 sorties for 40.3 flight hours, lifting 4.0 tons of cargo and carrying 235 troops/passengers. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency and 3 priority casualties.
- 10 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 102 sorties for 34.7 flight hours, lifting 10.0 tons of cargo and carrying 67 troops/passengers. Thirty-three medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 28 priority and 9 routine casualties.
- 11 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 137 sorties for 35.0 flight hours, lifting 18.9 tons of cargo and carrying 131 troops/passengers. Six medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency casualties.
- 12 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 103 sorties for 29.0 flight hours, lifting 8.6 tons of cargo and carrying 173 troops/passengers. Five medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency and 5 routine casualties.
- 13 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 46 sorties for 13.6 flight hours, lifting 54 troops/passengers. Twenty-one medevac mission were flown evacuating 27 emergency, 16 priority and 4 routine casualties.
- 14 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 131 sorties for 49.1 flight hours, lifting 4.0 tons of cargo and carrying 284 troops/passengers. Eleven medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency and 5 priority casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injury and 200 rounds of .50 cal being expended.
- 15 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 115 sorties for 35.3 flight hours, lifting 14.0 tons of cargo and carrying 324 troops/passengers.

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- 16 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 166 sorties for 43.0 flight hours, lifting 24.3 tons of cargo and carrying 120 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency and 33 priority casualties. One fire incident was reported with 2 hits and 300 rounds of .50 cal being expended.
- 17 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 187 sorties for 44.9 flight hours, lifting 39.3 tons of cargo and carrying 296 troops/passengers. Six medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency and 2 priority casualties. One fire incident was reported with no hits or injury and 200 rounds of .50 cal being expended.
- 18 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 146 sorties for 41.0 flight hours, lifting 15.1 tons of cargo and carrying 298 troops/passengers. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injury and 500 rounds of .50 cal being expended.
- 19 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 93 sorties for 31.0 flight hours, lifting 3.0 tons of cargo and carrying 96 troops/passengers. Eight medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 3 priority and 2 routine casualties.
- 20 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 223 sorties for 62.1 flight hours, lifting 59.3 tons of cargo and carrying 322 troops/passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 14 emergency and 5 priority casualties. One fire incident was received with one hit.
- 21 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 146 sorties for 39.7 flight hours, lifting 23.6 tons of cargo and carrying 314 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 1 emergency casualty.
- 22 May 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 84 sorties for 22.8 flight hours, lifting 8.3 tons of cargo, and carrying 13 troops/passengers. Twenty-five medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 15 priority and 1 routine casualties.
- 23 May 1969 , (C) HMM-263 flew 149 sorties for 33.1 flight hours, lifting 18.8 tons of cargo and carrying 309 troops/passengers. Ten medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency and 9 routine casualties.

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- 24 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 104 sorties for 31.5 flight hours, lifting 19.3 tons of cargo and carrying 205 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency and 1 priority casualties.
- 25 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 180 sorties for 33.4 flight hours, lifting 34.0 tons of cargo and carrying 164 troops/passengers. Seventeen medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency, 6 priority and 5 routine casualties.
- 26 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 136 sorties for 35.1 flight hours, lifting 21.3 tons of cargo and carrying 298 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency, 5 priority and 1 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with 1 injury.
- 27 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 167 sorties for 39.7 flight hours, lifting 20.3 tons of cargo and 498 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency and 11 routine casualties. Three fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injury and 1,000 rounds of .50 cal being expended.
- 28 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 128 sorties for 30.3 flight hours, lifting 18.1 tons of cargo and carrying 178 troops/passengers. Thirty medevac missions were flown evacuating 13 emergency, 19 priority and 113 routine casualties.
- 29 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 108 sorties for 28.5 flight hours, lifting 13.2 tons of cargo and carrying 201 troops/passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 19 emergency, 16 priority and 4 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with 5 hits being received.
- 30 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 128 sorties for 32.1 flight hours, lifting 7.8 tons of cargo and carrying 199 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 1 routine casualty.
- 31 May 1969 (C) HHM-263 flew 164 sorties for 45.1 flight hours, lifting 27.8 tons of cargo and carrying 352 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency, 5 priority and 2 routine casualties.

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2. HMM-263 flew a total of 4,278 sorties for 1,175.5 flight hours, lifting 7,771 troops/passengers and 577.6 tons of cargo with an average aircraft availability of 9 aircraft during the period.

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03A18369PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. **Daily Summary of Events.** The following was flown in support of III MAF, 1st MARDIV, ROKMC, OPERATION PIPESTONE CANYON, and OPERATION VICTORY DRAGON.

- 1 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 134 sorties for 28.9 flight hours, lifting 29.3 tons of cargo and carrying 123 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 priority, and 2 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with one hit, no injuries, and 50 rounds of 50 cal. being expended.
- 2 June 1969 (C) HMM-236 flew 208 sorties for 48.3 flight hours lifting 52.3 tons of cargo and carrying 264 troops/passengers. Five medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 1 priority and 4 routine casualties.
- 3 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 136 sorties for 23.5 flight hours lifting 43.6 tons of cargo and carrying 27 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency, 3 priority, 7 routine casualties.
- 4 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 205 sorties for 46.4 flight hours, lifting 35.8 tons of cargo and carrying 305 troops/passengers. Twenty-four medevac missions were flown evacuating 16 emergency, 20 priority, and 29 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with one hit and no injuries, and no ammunition expended.
- 5 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 159 sorties for 52.1 flight hours, lifting 49.8 tons of cargo and carrying 311 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 routine casualties.
- 6 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 117 sorties for 27.4 hours and carrying 54 troops/passengers. Twenty-three medevac missions were flown evacuating 10 emergency, 8 priority and 7 routine casualties.
- 7 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 222 sorties for 57.2 flight hours, lifting 33.0 tons of cargo and carrying 164 troops/passengers. Forty-two medevac missions were flown evacuating 52 emergency, 34 priority and 20 routine casualties.
- 8 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 123 sorties for 38.1 flight hours, lifting 31.6 tons of cargo and carrying 166 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 1 emergency casualty.

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- 9 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 233 sorties for 55.6 flight hours, lifting 44.8 tons of cargo, and carrying 246 troops/passengers. Twenty-six medevac missions were flown evacuating 13 emergency, 16 priority, and 16 routine casualties. One fire incident was received with 10 hits and 1 WIA.
- 10 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 406 sorties for 78.0 flight hours, lifting 60.0 tons of cargo, and carrying 918 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency and 3 priority casualties.
- 11 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 141 sorties for 54.1 flight hours, lifting 14.3 tons of cargo and carrying 241 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency and 2 routine casualties.
- 12 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 95 sorties for 36.3 flight hours, lifting 11.2 tons of cargo, and carrying 28 troops/passengers. Eleven medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency, 10 priority, and 4 routine casualties.
- 13 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 170 sorties for 40.9 flight hours, lifting 16.8 tons of cargo, and carrying 136 troops/passengers. Twenty-five medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency, 11 priority, and 24 routine casualties.
- 14 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 157 sorties for 37.6 flight hours, lifting 47.3 tons of cargo, and carrying 315 troops/passengers.
- 15 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 139 sorties for 48.7 flight hours, lifting 8.8 tons of cargo, and carrying 321 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency, 7 priority, and 12 routine casualties.
- 16 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 114 sorties for 26.3 flight hours, lifting 8.6 tons of cargo, and carrying 100 troops/passengers. Twelve medevac missions were flown evacuating 10 emergency, 10 priority, and 5 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits of injury.
- 17 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 241 sorties for 43.7 flight hours, lifting 44.4 tons of cargo, and carrying 259 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injury.

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- 18 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 144 sorties for 34.2 flight hours, lifting 22.0 tons of cargo, and carrying 222 troops/passengers. Eighteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency, 8 priority, and 17 routine casualties.
- 19 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 91 sorties for 32.6 flight hours, lifting 9.8 tons of cargo, and carrying 65 troops/passengers. Fourteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 12 emergency, 4 priority, and 7 routine casualties.
- 20 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 142 sorties for 46.1 flight hours, lifting 19.4 tons of cargo, and carrying 207 troops/passengers. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injury, and 80 rounds of 50 cal being expended.
- 21 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 90 sorties for 29.0 flight hours, lifting 13.0 tons of cargo, and carrying 122 troops/passengers. Three fire incidents were reported with 32 hits and 700 rounds of 50 cal being expended.
- 22 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 89 sorties for 18.3 flight hours, lifting 17.0 tons of cargo, and carrying 98 troops/passengers. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injury, and 450 rounds of 50 cal being expended.
- 23 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 130 sorties for 32.6 flight hours, lifting 24.4 tons of cargo, and carrying 290 troops/passengers.
- 24 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 53 sorties for 13.2 flight hours, lifting 1.7 tons of cargo, and carrying 298 troops/passengers.
- 25 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 210 sorties for 42.3 flight hours, lifting 41.7 tons of cargo, and carrying 254 troops/passengers. Thirty-three medevac missions were flown evacuating 27 priority, and 22 routine casualties.
- 26 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 135 sorties for 31.4 flight hours, lifting 23.9 tons of cargo, and carrying 144 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency and 32 priority casualties.
- 27 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 133 sorties for 31.1 flight hours, lifting 21.3 tons of cargo, and carrying 141 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 12 emergency, 3 priority, and 11 routine casualties.

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- 28 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 93 sorties for 24.8 flight hours, lifting 1.0 tons of cargo, and carrying 19 troops/passengers. Fourteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 12 emergency, 31 priority, and 2 routine casualties.
- 29 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 132 sorties for 30.4 flight hours, lifting 8.0 tons of cargo, and carrying 202 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency, 5 priority, and 1 routine casualties.
- 30 June 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 86 sorties for 25.3 flight hours, lifting 23.9 tons of cargo, and carrying 115 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency and 2 priority.
2. HMM-263 flew a total of 4,828 sorties for 1143.0 flight hours, lifting 746.7 tons of cargo, and carrying 6,065 troops/passengers with an average aircraft availability of 8 aircraft during the period.

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	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel Joined	2	22	24
b. Personnel Dropped	6	40	46

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>
HARMAN, R. E.	LCPL	2337532	USMC	WIA	9 May 1969
BARTON, L. F.	LCPL	2410566	USMC	WIA	26 May 1969

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. The Squadron continued to receive, record, and interpret Intelligence information from III MAF, 1st MAF, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16, 1st REGON 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 no incoming rounds during this reporting period.

c. To provide continuing up-date of intelligence, the Intelligence Section conducted briefs at the weekly AOM. Crew Chiefs and Gunners have been invited to visit the Intelligence Section at any time to keep them abreast of the enemy situation and to discuss spot reports. The Plan of the Day was used to pass items of information to Squadron personnel.

d. Four Officers and two Enlisted attended Jungle Escape and Survival Training at NAS Cubi Point, R.P.

e. HMM-263's fire incidents for the month of May are as follows:

<u>FIRE INCIDENTS</u>	<u>NO. AIRCRAFT HIT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF KITS</u>
19	6	14

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## 5. LOGISTICS

### a. NORS "G" Resume

(1) Submitted	205
(2) Completed	193
(3) Outstanding	12

### b. NORS "N" Resume

(1) Submitted	13
(2) Completed	10
(3) Outstanding	3

## 6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

### a. Major Operations Supported

(1) Thirty aircraft of HMM-263 flew 526 sorties for 155.2 flight hours, lifting 1,051 troops/passengers and 134.2 tons of cargo. Five medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency, 2 priority and 2 routine, all in support of Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS.

(2) Three aircraft of HMM-263 flew 37 sorties for 9.2 flight hours, lifting 69 troops/passengers and .5 tons of cargo in support of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON.

(3) Eight aircraft of HMM-263 flew 68 sorties for 17.9 flight hours, lifting 430 troops/passengers and .8 tons of cargo in support of Operation DARING REBEL.

(4) Twelve aircraft of HMM-263 flew 245 sorties for 61.0 flight hours, lifting 217 troops/passengers and 88.0 tons of cargo. Three medevac missions were flown as follows, 2 priority and 1 routine. Total ammunition expended amounted to 600 rounds of .50 cal, all in support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON XI.

b. Total Flight Hours 1175.5

c. Total Tasks 920

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d. Total Sorties 4,278  
e. Total Troops/Passengers 7,771  
f. Total Cargo Carried 577.6  
g. Total Medevacs Carried 606

7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

The following Squadron aircraft received battle damage during the period 1-31 May 1969; 154806, 154795, 154843, 154803, 154800 and 154808.

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