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Commanding Officer	LtCol Wm. CUNNINGHAM	1-31 July 1969
Executive Officer	Major G. W. HINTZ	"
Operations Officer	Major J. VAN NORTWICK	"
Administrative Officer	Capt D. S. VAN LIEN	"
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major F. P. ACCOMANDO	"
Logistics Officer	Capt K. A. SWANNACK	"
WATOPS Officer	Capt D. R. THORNE	"
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt J. G. FLYNN	"
Intelligence Officer	Capt W. A. PHILLIPS	"
Transportation Officer	Lt J. C. SHORT	"
Flight Surgeon	Lt T. S. DAVIS	"
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj D. N. SIMMS	"

2. UNIT LOCATION

HHH-263, 1-31 July 1969, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang,
Republic of Vietnam

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers	46	1	0	47
Enlisted	154	0	0	154

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

Major General TERASH, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
on 18 July 1969.

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03A21669PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

- 1 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 117 sorties for 29.9 flight hours, lifting 2.7 tons of cargo and carrying 290 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 1 priority casualty. No fire incidents were reported.
- 2 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 215 sorties for 37.8 flight hours, lifting 47.1 tons of cargo and 226 troops/passengers.
- 3 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 66 sorties for 19.8 flight hours, lifting no cargo and 7 troops/passengers. Seventeen medevac missions were flown evacuating 10 emergency, 16 priority, and 5 routine casualties.
- 4 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 241 sorties for 59.1 flight hours, lifting 17.8 tons of cargo and 445 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were evacuating 5 emergency, and 14 priority casualties.
- 5 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 164 sorties for 33.2 flight hours, lifting 51.4 tons of cargo and 136 troops/passengers. One fire incident was reported with negative hits of injuries, and 1000 rounds of .50 cal being expended.
- 6 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 123 sorties for 26.9 flight hours, lifting 23.0 tons of cargo and 208 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 16 priority, and 5 routine casualties.
- 7 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 160 sorties for 44.9 flight hours, lifting 4.6 tons of cargo and 240 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency, 1 priority, and 1 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injury, and 200 rounds of .50 cal being expended.

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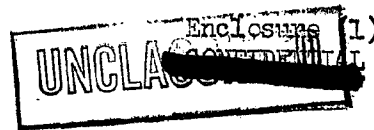
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- 8 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 266 sorties for 54.6 flight hours, lifting 69.1 tons of cargo and 426 troops/passengers. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 priority and 11 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits of injuries, and 200 rounds of .50 cal being expended.
- 9 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 92 sorties for 27.7 flight hours, lifting 0.8 tons of cargo and 102 troops/passengers. Ten medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 7 priority, and 8 routine casualties.
- 10 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 179 sorties for 43.8 flight hours, lifting 35.9 tons of cargo and 343 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, and two priority casualties.
- 11 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 84 sorties for 24.3 flight hours, lifting 14.2 tons of cargo and 40 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 3 priority casualties.
- 12 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 130 sorties for 27.1 flight hours, lifting 23.8 tons of cargo and 103 troops/passengers. Seventeen medevac missions were flown evacuating 15 emergency, 6 priority, and 9 routine casualties.
- 13 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 74 sorties for 22.3 flight hours, lifting 1.1 tons of cargo and 231 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 1 priority casualty.
- 14 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 187 sorties for 34.2 flight hours, lifting 32.7 tons of cargo and 641 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency and 1 routine casualty.
- 15 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 154 sorties for 36.5 flight hours, lifting 9.3 tons of cargo and 459 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 13 routine casualties.
- 16 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 54 sorties for 11.8 flight hours, lifting 16 troops/passengers. Twelve medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 6 priority, and 15 routine casualties.

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- 17 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 177 sorties for 34.6 flight hours, lifting 10.5 tons of cargo and 700 troops/passengers.
- 18 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 88 sorties for 24.6 flight hours, lifting 7.0 tons of cargo and 87 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 8 emergency, 5 priority, and 6 routine casualties.
- 19 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 130 sorties for 30.8 flight hours, lifting 24.3 tons of cargo and 196 troops/passengers. Six medevac missions were flown evacuating 12 emergency, 13 priority, and 1 routine casualties.
- 20 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 127 sorties for 37.8 flight hours, lifting 7.6 tons of cargo and 493 troops/passengers. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 priority and 12 routine casualties.
- 21 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 101 sorties for 30.2 flight hours, lifting 3.1 tons of cargo and 67 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 2 priority, and 4 routine casualties.
- 22 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 131 sorties for 31.4 flight hours, lifting 40.2 tons of cargo and 90 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 1 priority casualty.
- 23 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 93 sorties for 17.5 flight hours, lifting 13.6 tons of cargo and 135 troops/passengers. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency and 10 routine casualties.
- 24 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 124 sorties for 28.2 flight hours, lifting 11.2 tons of cargo and 216 troops/passengers. Ten medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 9 priority, and 11 routine casualties.
- 25 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 148 sorties for 34.1 flight hours, lifting 16.5 tons of cargo and 505 troops/passengers. Five medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency and 3 priority.



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- 26 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 208 sorties for 44.7 flight hours, lifting 48.7 tons of cargo and 249 troops/passengers. Ten medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 4 priority, and 6 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with 6 hits and seven injuries and 50 rounds of .50 cal being expended.
- 27 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 160 sorties for 40.6 flight hours, lifting 26.7 tons of cargo and 203 troops/passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 13 emergency, 5 priority, and 8 routine casualties.
- 28 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 115 sorties for 32.1 flight hours, lifting 29.0 tons of cargo and 99 troops/passengers. Eleven medevac missions were flown evacuating 18 emergency, 5 priority, and 1 routine casualties.
- 29 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 177 sorties for 43.3 flight hours, lifting 19.6 tons of cargo and 457 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 priority and 4 routine casualties.
- 30 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 95 sorties for 25.6 flight hours, lifting 0.2 tons of cargo and 90 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency, 15 priority, 19 routine casualties.
- 31 July 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 167 sorties for 45.8 flight hours, lifting 5.2 tons of cargo and 415 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 1 priority casualties.

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	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel joined	3	16	19
b. Personnel dropped	0	31	31

2. ADMINISTRATION

	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel promoted	2	3	5
b. Personnel reduced	0	0	0

3. CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD:

Captain J. J. BARRETT	089369	WIA	26 July 1969
SSgt G. T. GODIN	1675024	WIA	26 July 1969

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. The squadron continued to receive, record, and interpret intelligence information from III MAF, 1stMAW, 1stMARDIV, MAG-16 and 1st RECON. 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. HMM-263 was involved in several strikes during the reporting period. Separate briefs were given to pilots and enlisted crew members on these strikes.

d. To provide continuing up-date of intelligence, the intelligence section conducted briefs at AQM's, the plan of the day was used to pass information to squadron personnel.

e. 6 officers and 3 enlisted attended jungle escape and survival training at NAS, Cubi Point, R. P..

f. 2 officers attended sea survival school at Okinawa.

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

<u>FIRE INCIDENTS</u>	<u>NO. AIRCRAFT HIT</u>	<u>NO. OF HITS</u>
17	8	22*

* One aircraft with unknown number of hits.

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5. LOGISTICS

a. NORS "G" Resume

(1) Submitted	180
(2) Completed	138
(3) Outstanding	42

b. NORS "N" Resume

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

6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

a. Sixty One aircraft of HMM-263 flew 680 sorties for 230.1 flight hours, lifting 2,631 troops/passengers and 296.4 tons of cargo. Eight medevac missions were flown evacuating 12 emergency, 3 priority, and 4 routine casualties, all in support of Operation Pipestone Canyon.

b. Ten aircraft of HMM-263 flew 398 sorties for 50.3 flight hours, lifting 334 troops/passengers and 100.1 tons of cargo. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, and 3 priority casualties, all in support of Operation Victroy Dragon XIII.

c. Thirty One aircraft of HMM-263 flew 553 sorties for 131.6 flight hours, lifting 832 troops/passengers and 70.1 tons of cargo. Thirty Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 14 emergency, 10 priority, and 35 routine casualties, all in support of Operation Durham Peak.

(1) Total Flight Hours	1035.1
(2) Total Task	922
(3) Total Sorties	4285
(4) Total Troops/Passengers	8123
(5) Total Cargo Carried	596.9
(6) Total Medevacs Carried	423

7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

The following Squadron aircraft received battle damage during the period 1-31 July 1969: 153383, 153370, 154806, 154810, 154817, 154833 154812.

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