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1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
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03A24569PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer	LtCol Wm. CUNNINGHAM	1-31 August 1969
Executive Officer	Major G. W. HINTZ	1-10 August 1969
	Major J. VAN NORTWICK	11-31 August 1969
Operations Officer	Major J. VAN NORTWICK	1-10 August 1969
	Major W. H. EKHOLM	11-31 August 1969
Administrative Officer	Capt D. S. VAN LIEW	1-31 August 1969
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major F. P ACCOMANDO	"
Logistics Officer	Capt K. A. SWANNACK	"
NATOPS Officer	Capt D. R. THORNE	"
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt J. G. FLYNN	"
Intelligence Officer	Lt D. A. VERNIER	"
Transportation Officer	Lt J. C. SHORT	"
Flight Surgeon	Lt T. S. DAVIS	"
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj D. N. SIMMS	1-15 August 1969
	GySgt W. T. FORSYTH	16-31 August 1969

2. UNIT LOCATION

HMM-263, 1-31 August 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	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>
Enlisted	<u>148</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>148</u>

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON, Assistant Commanding General, 1st  
Marine Aircraft Wing, 28 August 1969.

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03A24569PART 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. August 1969 (S) HMM-263 flew 133 sorties for 27.5 flight hours, lifting 26.1 tons of cargo and carrying 193 troops/passengers. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 18 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 2 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 221 sorties for 42.4 flight hours, lifting 61.7 tons of cargo and carrying 196 troops/passengers. Eleven medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency, 5 priority, and 5 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 3 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 172 sorties for 51.7 flight hours, lifting 18.5 tons of cargo and carrying 187 troops/passengers. Eleven medevac missions were flown evacuating 13 emergency, 16 priority, and 1 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 4 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 233 sorties for 56.9 flight hours, lifting 19.9 tons of cargo and carrying 166 troops/passengers. Thirty Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 15 priority, and 42 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 5 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 201 sorties for 54.8 flight hours, lifting 26.8 tons of cargo and carrying 505 troops/passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 9 priority, and 29 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 6 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 178 sorties for 48.4 flight hours, lifting 12.1 tons of cargo and carrying 167 troops/passengers. Fifteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 13 emergency, 23 priority, and 11 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 7 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 167 sorties for 44.5 flight hours, lifting 34.4 tons of cargo and carrying 387 troops/passengers. Six medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency, 2 priority, and 5 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.

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- 8 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 190 sorties for 54.0 flight hours, lifting 17.7 tons of cargo and carrying 152 troops/passengers. Ten medevac missions were flown evacuating 12 emergency, 15 priority, and 8 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 9 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 186 sorties for 41.1 flight hours, lifting 37.8 tons of cargo and carrying 188 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 10 emergency, 1 priority, and 2 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 10 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 226 sorties for 62.1 flight hours, lifting 17.1 tons of cargo and carrying 387 troops/passengers. Ten medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 9 priority, and 8 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 11 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 189 sorties for 49.2 flight hours, lifting 16.7 tons of cargo and carrying 391 troops/passengers. Ten medevac missions were flown evacuating 10 emergency, 2 priority, and 8 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 12 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 282 sorties for 75.4 flight hours, lifting 13.6 tons of cargo and carrying 589 troops/passengers. Fifty Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 57 emergency, 84 priority, and 45 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries. 75 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 13 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 230 sorties for 53.0 flight hours, lifting 29.8 tons of cargo and carrying 335 troops/passengers. Six medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency, 6 priority, and 3 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 14 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 115 sorties for 31.2 flight hours, lifting 8.8 tons of cargo and carrying 81 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency, 13 priority, and 6 routine casualties. Three fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 15 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 168 sorties for 41.8 flight hours, lifting 15.0 tons of cargo and carrying 297 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, and 2 priority casualties. No fire incidents were reported.

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- 16 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 107 sorties for 27.6 flight hours, lifting 0.1 tons of cargo and carrying 62 troops/passengers. Sixteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 10 emergency, 22 priority, and 12 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 17 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 129 sorties for 34.2 flight hours, lifting 9.6 tons of cargo and carrying 273 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency and 1 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with 1 hit, negative injuries. 350 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 18 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 160 sorties for 40.9 flight hours, lifting 0.6 tons of cargo and carrying 243 troops/passengers. Twenty Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 11 emergency, 29 priority, and 26 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 19 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 128 sorties for 38.3 flight hours, lifting 0.0 tons of cargo and carrying 165 troops/passengers. Ten medevac missions were flown evacuating 16 emergency, 10 priority, and 7 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 20 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 184 sorties for 46.6 flight hours, lifting 10.8 tons of cargo and carrying 191 troops/passengers. Twenty Five medevac missions were flown evacuating 13 emergency, 25 priority, and 18 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with 3 hits, negative injuries.
- 21 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 154 sorties for 41.3 flight hours, lifting 23.9 tons of cargo and carrying 275 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, and 4 priority casualties. Five fire incidents were reported with 1 hit, negative injuries. 200 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 22 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 236 sorties for 64.3 flight hours, lifting 16.2 tons of cargo and carrying 532 troops/passengers. Thirty One medevac missions were flown evacuating 28 emergency, 36 priority, and 21 routine casualties. Six fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injuries.

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- 23 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 152 sorties for 41.1 flight hours, lifting 17.8 tons of cargo and carrying 255 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 8 emergency casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 24 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 110 sorties for 29.0 flight hours, lifting 2.5 tons of cargo and carrying 113 troops/passengers. Twenty Eight medevac missions were flown evacuating 25 emergency, 15 priority, and 17 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 25 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 152 sorties for 37.6 flight hours, lifting 10.2 tons of cargo and carrying 225 troops/passengers. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency casualties. One fire incident was reported with 1 hit, negative injuries.
- 26 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 193 sorties for 56.1 flight hours, lifting 6.0 tons of cargo and carrying 180 troops/passengers. Twenty medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 38 priority, and 10 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries. 230 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 27 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 177 sorties for 51.2 flight hours, lifting 17.1 tons of cargo and carrying 731 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, 7 priority, and 5 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 28 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 228 sorties for 53.7 flight hours, lifting 24.5 tons of cargo and carrying 370 troops/passengers. Twenty Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 30 emergency, 35 priority, and 25 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 29 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 213 sorties for 63.4 flight hours, lifting 15.9 tons of cargo and carrying 423 troops/passengers. Twenty medevac missions were flown evacuating 12 emergency, 6 priority, and 14 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 30 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 260 sorties for 54.8 flight hours, lifting 27.7 tons of cargo and carrying 733 troops/passengers. No medevac missions were flown. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.

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31 August 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 193 sorties for 51.9 flight hours, lifting 19.8 tons of cargo and carrying 223 troops/passengers. Twenty medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 9 priority, and 19 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.

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	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel joined	12	32	44
b. Personnel dropped	7	12	19

2. ADMINISTRATION

	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel promoted	0	13	13
b. Personnel reduced	0	0	0

3. CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD:

SSgt W. GORDON	1674009	WIA	3 August 1969
ICpl E. M. KEEFER	2417232	WIA	3 August 1969

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. The Squadron continued to receive, report, and interpret intelligence information from III MAF, 1st MAF, 1st MARDIV, 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 1 incoming round in the squadron area during this reporting period.

c. HMM-263 was involved in 1 strike during this reporting period. A brief was given to pilots and crew members on this strike.

d. To provide continued up-to-date intelligence, the intelligence section conducted briefs at AOM's. The Plan of the Day was used to pass information to Squadron personnel.

e. 3 Officers and 6 Enlisted attended Jungle Escape and Survival training at NAS, Cubi Point, R.P.

f. No Officers attended Sea Survival School, Okinawa.

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

<u>FIRE INCIDENTS</u>	<u>NO. AIRCRAFT HIT</u>	<u>NO. OF HITS</u>
27	8	15

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03424569**5. LOGISTICS****a. NORS "G" Resume**

(1) Submitted	239
(2) Completed	179
(3) Outstanding	60

**b. NORS "N" Resume**

(1) Submitted	13
(2) Completed	11
(3) Outstanding	2

**6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS**

a. Twenty Five aircraft of HMM-263 flew 242 sorties for 97.5 flight hours, lifting 706 troops/passengers and 61.4 tons of cargo. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 1 emergency casualty, all in support of Operation Pipestone Canyon.

b. Nine aircraft of HMM-263 flew 291 sorties for 52.9 flight hours, lifting 335 troops/passengers and 73.8 tons of cargo. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, and 1 priority casualties, all in support of Operation Victory Dragon XIII.

c. Thirty Five aircraft of HMM-263 flew 628 sorties for 146.1 flight hours, lifting 1,297 troops/passengers and 163.0 tons of cargo. Eight medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency, 18 priority, and 23 routine casualties, all in support of Operation Durham Peak.

(1) Total Flight Hours	1,446.0
(2) Total Tasks	1,199
(3) Total Sorties	5,667
(4) Total Troops/Passengers	9,215
(5) Total Cargo Carried	540.5
(6) Total Medevacs Carried	1,134

**7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE**

The following Squadron aircraft received battle damage during the period 1-31 August 1969: 153401, 152563, 154810.

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