

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 263  
Marine Aircraft Group 16  
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1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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

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Commanding Officer	LtCol Wm. CUNNINGHAM	1-30 Sep 69
Executive Officer	Major J. VAN NORTWICK	"
Operations Officer	Major W. H. EKHOLM	"
Administrative Officer	Capt D. S. VAN LIEW	"
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major F. P. ACCOMANDO	1-19 Sep 69
	Major E. O. MARQUETTE	19-30 Sep 69
Logistics Officer	Capt K. A. SWANNACK	1-30 Sep 69
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	Cysgt W. T. FORSYTH	1-9 Sep 69
	MSgt L. H. SANGMEISTER	9-19 Sep 69
	SgtMaj M. S. LANDY	19-30 Sep 69

2. UNIT LOCATION

HMM-263, 1-30 September 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	48	1	0	49
Enlisted	163	0	0	163

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

Major General W. G. THRASH, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 24 September 1969.

5. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On 30 September 1969, LtCol W. R. LEDBETTER relieved LtCol Wm. CUNNINGHAM in a Change of Command ceremony.

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03A27569PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

- 1 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 117 sorties for 30.2 flight hours, lifting 14.0 tons of cargo and carrying 245 troops/passengers. Eight medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency, 4 priority, and 5 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 2 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 157 sorties for 38.9 flight hours, lifting 10.7 tons of cargo and carrying 229 troops/passengers. Fourteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency, 20 priority, and 7 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 3 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 167 sorties for 47.2 flight hours, lifting 18.0 tons of cargo and carrying 287 troops/passengers. Eighteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 8 emergency, 14 priority, and 9 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 4 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 234 sorties for 67.4 flight hours, lifting 18.0 tons of cargo and carrying 449 troops/passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 11 emergency, 12 priority, and 10 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 5 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 141 sorties for 35.5 flight hours, lifting 12.6 tons of cargo and carrying 308 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 7 priority, and 1 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 6 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 247 sorties for 58.6 flight hours, lifting 21.4 tons of cargo and carrying 380 troops/passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 23 emergency, 13 priority, and 6 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries. 750 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 7 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 132 sorties for 43.2 flight hours, lifting 10.9 tons of cargo and carrying 384 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 2 priority, and 13 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.

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- 8 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 143 sorties for 42.0 flight hours, lifting 0.0 tons of cargo and carrying 314 troops/passengers. Fifteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 14 emergency, 14 priority and 12 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 9 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 90 sorties for 25.4 flight hours, lifting 0.0 tons of cargo and carrying 168 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, 6 priority, and 5 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 10 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 180 sorties for 44.2 flight hours, lifting 3.6 tons of cargo and carrying 175 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 8 priority, and 1 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 11 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 143 sorties for 38.7 flight hours, lifting 0.0 tons of cargo and carrying 175 troops/passengers. Twenty nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 21 emergency, 31 priority, and 52 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with one hit and negative injuries.
- 12 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 204 sorties for 59.6 flight hours, lifting 0.6 tons of cargo and carrying 500 troops/passengers. Seventeen medevac missions were flown evacuating 11 emergency, 23 priority, and 9 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries. 300 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 13 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 148 sorties for 37.4 flight hours, lifting 7.9 tons of cargo and carrying 194 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 12 priority, and 9 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 14 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 212 sorties for 58.2 flight hours, lifting 36.0 tons of cargo and carrying 203 troops/passengers. Twenty three medevac missions were flown evacuating 16 emergency, 10 priority, and 65 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 15 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 206 sorties for 50.0 flight hours, lifting 20.6 tons of cargo and carrying 284 troops/passengers. Sixteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 18 emergency, 7 priority, and 29 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.

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- 16 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 162 sorties for 42.0 flight hours, lifting 1.9 tons of cargo and carrying 289 troops/passengers. Nineteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 8 emergency, 34 priority, and 22 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 17 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 211 sorties for 52.8 flight hours, lifting 18.4 tons of cargo and carrying 134 troops/passengers. Eighteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 16 priority, and 54 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 18 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 152 sorties for 42.4 flight hours, lifting 2.4 tons of cargo and carrying 143 troops/passengers. Eighteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency, 16 priority, and 54 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries. 450 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 19 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 117 sorties for 37.6 flight hours, lifting 12.0 tons of cargo and carrying 254 troops/passengers. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, and 3 priority casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 20 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 238 sorties for 64.7 flight hours, lifting 17.0 tons of cargo and carrying 273 troops/passengers. Twenty four medevac missions were flown evacuating 11 emergency, 85 priority, and 39 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 21 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 201 sorties for 21.6 flight hours, lifting 21.6 tons of cargo and carrying 291 troops/passengers. Eight medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, 19 priority, and 7 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries. 40 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 22 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 264 sorties for 75.0 flight hours, lifting 18.0 tons of cargo and carrying 337 troops/passengers. Twenty nine medevac missions, and 15 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.

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- 23 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 148 sorties for 38.5 flight hours, lifting 16.8 tons of cargo and carrying 154 troops/passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 8 emergency, 14 priority, and 18 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 24 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 152 sorties for 44.6 flight hours, lifting 0.5 tons of cargo and carrying 112 troops/passengers. Twenty one medevac missions were flown evacuating 15 emergency, 23 priority, and 56 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported. 600 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 25 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 190 sorties for 41.8 flight hours, lifting 14.5 tons of cargo and carrying 487 troops/passengers. Fourteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency, 30 priority, and 7 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported. 830 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 26 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 189 sorties for 53.1 flight hours, lifting 48.4 tons of cargo and carrying 268 troops/passengers. Fourteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency, 27 priority, and 3 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 27 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 190 sorties for 44.4 flight hours, lifting 34.9 tons of cargo and carrying 213 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency, 11 priority, and 6 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 28 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 193 sorties for 45.3 flight hours, lifting 5.5 tons of cargo and carrying 353 troops/passengers. Sixteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 10 emergency, 13 priority, and 28 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 29 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 123 sorties for 29.3 flight hours, lifting 9.1 tons of cargo and carrying 66 troops/passengers. Twelve medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency, 7 priority, and 11 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.

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30 September 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 128 sorties for 37.1 flight hours, lifting 3.2 tons of cargo and carrying 217 troops/passengers. Fourteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 43 priority, and 13 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries. 200 rounds of .50 cal were expended.

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	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel joined	4	14	18
b. Personnel dropped	3	4	7

2. ADMINISTRATION

	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel promoted	1	24	25
b. Personnel reduced	0	0	0

3. CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD:

None

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. MAG-16 came under a mortar attack on 6 September at 0200. No incoming rounds impacted in the HMM-263 area.

c. HMM-263 was involved in 1 strike on 25 September. Separate briefs were given to pilots and aircrews. The strike went off without incident.

d. To provide continued up-to-date intelligence, the intelligence section conducted briefs at AQM's, on Recon missions, and the Plan of the Day was used to pass information to squadron personnel.

e. 2 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 September are as follows:

<u>FIRE INCIDENTS</u>	<u>NO. AIRCRAFT HIT</u>	<u>NO. OF HITS</u>
10	1	1 ALPHA DAMAGE

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03A275695. LOGISTICS

## a. NCRS "G" Resume

(1) Submitted	231
(2) Completed	217
(3) Outstanding	14

## b. NCRS "N" Resume

(1) Submitted	9
(2) Completed	5
(3) Outstanding	4

6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

a. Thirty four aircraft of HMM-263 flew 593 sorties for 138.7 flight hours, lifting 1,181 troops/passengers and 151.1 tons of cargo. Twenty medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 emergency, 14 priority, and 33 routine casualties, all in support of Operation Pipestone Canyon.

b. Four aircraft of HMM-263 flew 129 sorties for 26.9 flight hours, lifting 50 troops/passengers and 53.6 tons of cargo. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 4 emergency casualties, all in support of Operation Victory Dragon XIII.

c. Four aircraft of HMM-263 flew 66 sorties for 23.4 flight hours lifting 73 troops/passengers and 16.0 tons of cargo. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 2 emergency, and 1 priority casualty, all in support of Operation Idaho Canyon.

(1) Total Flight Hours	1377.5
(2) Total Tasks	1122
(3) Total Sorties	5179
(4) Total Troops/Passengers	7997
(5) Total Cargo Carried (Tons)	398.5
(6) Total Medevacs Carried	1302

7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

The following Squadron aircraft received battle damage during the period 1-30 September 1969: 153383

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