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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 W. R. LEDBETTER	1-30 Nov 69
Executive Officer	Major E. O. MARQUETTE	"
Operations Officer	Major B. L. SHAPIRO	"
Administrative Officer	Capt J. G. FLYNN	"
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Capt B. J. BARENTS	"
Logistics Officer	Capt K. A. SWANNACK	1-29 Nov 69
	1stLt J. C. SHORT	30 Nov 69
HATOPS Officer	1stLt T. J. FARRELL	1-30 Nov 69
Aviation Safety Officer	1stLt D. W. NUTTER	"
Intelligence Officer	1stLt D. A. VERNIER	"
Transportation Officer	1stLt J. C. SHORT	1-29 Nov 69
	1stLt S. G. KRAHS	30 Nov 69
Flight Surgeon	Lt T. S. DAVIS	"
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj M. S. LANDY	"

2. UNIT LOCATION

HMMI-263, 1-30 November 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	55	1	0	56
Enlisted	167	0	0	167

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On the 16th, 17th, and 18th of November, 1969, HMMI-263 participated in a "Bomber display" held at DaNang Air Base. The display was in honor of Assistant Secretary of Defense David PARKARD.

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PART II

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03A34069NARRATIVE 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 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 144 sorties for 45.5 flight hours, lifting 0 tons of cargo and carrying 238 troops/passengers. Fourteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 25 priority, and 47 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 2 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 62 sorties for 17.1 flight hours, lifting 0 tons of cargo and carrying 5 troops/passengers. Ten medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 12 priority, and 11 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 3 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 126 sorties for 40.1 flight hours, lifting 0.9 tons of cargo and carrying 95 troops/passengers. Twelve medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, 42 priority, and 8 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 4 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 106 sorties for 30.7 flight hours lifting 0 tons of cargo and carrying 199 troops/passengers. Twelve medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, 15 priority, and 19 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 5 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 118 sorties for 47.8 flight hours lifting 2.7 tons of cargo and carrying 147 troops/passengers. Fifteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, 26 priority, and 17 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 6 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 138 sorties for 37.3 flight hours lifting 25.0 tons of cargo and carrying 276 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, 8 priority, and 13 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 7 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 103 sorties for 33.4 flight hours lifting 0 tons of cargo and carrying 282 troops/passengers. Five medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency, 10 priority, and 2 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injuries.

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- 8 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 56 sorties for 23.9 flight hours lifting 0.4 tons of cargo and carrying 39 troops/passengers. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency, 6 priority, and 2 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 9 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 112 sorties for 42.7 flight hours lifting 5.0 tons of cargo and carrying 370 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 19 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported. 1525 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 10 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 74 sorties for 23.2 flight hours lifting 0 tons of cargo and carrying 153 troops/passengers. Eight medevac missions were flown evacuating 11 emergency, 6 priority, and 8 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 11 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 94 sorties for 33.7 flight hours lifting 1.7 tons of cargo and carrying 125 troops/passengers. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency, 2 priority, and 1 routine casualty. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 12 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 234 sorties for 58.1 flight hours lifting 5.9 tons of cargo and carrying 786 troops/passengers. Twenty-one medevac missions were flown evacuating 20 emergency, 36 priority, and 7 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injuries. 2350 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 13 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 263 sorties for 83.0 flight hours lifting 44.6 tons of cargo and carrying 780 troops/passengers. Eleven medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 6 priority, and 78 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 14 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 201 sorties for 51.5 flight hours lifting 0.5 tons of cargo and carrying 400 troops/passengers. Sixteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 18 emergency, 13 priority, and 12 routine casualties. Three fire incidents were reported with one hit and no injuries, and no rounds expended.

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- 15 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 182 sorties for 58.0 flight hours, lifting .5 tons of cargo and carrying 266 troops/passengers. Eighteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 2 priority, and 53 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 16 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 40 sorties for 22.7 flight hours, lifting 0 tons of cargo and carrying 5 troops/passengers. Eight medevac missions were flown evacuating 8 emergency, 1 priority, and 9 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 17 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 111 sorties for 37.4 flight hours, lifting 3.0 tons of cargo and carrying 200 troops/passengers. Eighteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 9 emergency, 25 priority, and 7 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 18 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 112 sorties for 39.0 flight hours, lifting 4.3 tons of cargo and carrying 465 troops/passengers. No medevac missions were flown. One fire incident was reported with one hit and negative injuries.
- 19 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 162 sorties for 43.0 flight hours, lifting 24.7 tons of cargo and carrying 228 troops/passengers. Eighteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 12 priority, and 32 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 20 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 126 sorties for 31.5 flight hours, lifting 17.9 tons of cargo and carrying 99 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency, 8 priority, and 3 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 21 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 142 sorties for 46.1 flight hours, lifting 38.1 tons of cargo and carrying 189 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 priority casualties. No fire incidents were reported.

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- 22 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 78 sorties for 24.0 flight hours, lifting 13.2 tons of cargo and carrying 202 troops/passengers. No medevac missions were flown. No fire incidents were reported.
- 23 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 69 sorties for 21.8 flight hours, lifting 7.5 tons of cargo and carrying 297 troops/passengers. No medevac missions were flown. No fire incidents were reported.
- 24 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 37 sorties for 16.3 flight hours, lifting 0 tons of cargo and carrying 42 troops/passengers. Eight medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, 4 priority, and 7 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 25 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 54 sorties for 17.3 flight hours, lifting 6.3 tons of cargo and carrying 133 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 1 emergency casualty. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 26 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 54 sorties for 12.2 flight hours, lifting 7.1 tons of cargo and carrying 122 troops/passengers. No medevac missions were flown. No fire incidents were reported.
- 27 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 156 sorties for 48.9 flight hours, lifting 29.1 tons of cargo and carrying 342 troops/passengers. Twenty-one medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency, 14 priority, and 35 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injuries. 400 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 28 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 77 sorties for 18.0 flight hours, lifting 22.5 tons of cargo and carrying 67 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 12 priority, and 20 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.

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- 29 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 147 sorties for 40.3 flight hours, lifting 9.8 tons of cargo and carrying 239 troops/passengers. Eight medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 priority, and 8 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries. 250 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 30 November 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 100 sorties for 35.8 flight hours, lifting 26.9 tons of cargo and carrying 184 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, and 1 priority casualty. No fire incidents were reported.

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PART II
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL

	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel joined	3	7	10
b. Personnel dropped	1	7	11

2. ADMINISTRATION

	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel promoted		59	60
b. Personnel reduced	0	2	2

3. CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD:

None

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. The Squadron continued to receive, report, and interpret intelligence information from III MAF, 1st MAW, 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 mortar attack on 3 November 1969 at 0050. No incoming rounds impacted in the HMM-263 area.

c. HMM-263 was involved in 4 strikes during this period. Separate briefs were given to pilots and airmen.

d. To provide continued up-to-date intelligence, the Intelligence Section conducted briefs at AOM's and before recon missions. Current fire incident and recon maps were kept and made available to the pilots.

e. 6 officers and 3 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 November are as follows:

<u>FIRE INCIDENTS</u>	<u>NO. AIRCRAFT HIT</u>	<u>NO. OF HITS</u>
17	2	2

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a. NORS "G" Resume

(1) Submitted	167
(2) Completed	151
(3) Outstanding	20

b. NORS "N" Resume

(1) Submitted	32
(2) Completed	30
(3) Outstanding	2

6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

a. Nineteen aircraft of HMM-263 flew 373 sorties for 90.9 flight hours, lifting 958 troops/passengers and 90.5 tons of cargo. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 routine casualties, all in support of Operation Victory Dragon.

b. Four aircraft of HMM-263 flew 53 sorties for 9.7 flight hours, lifting 198 troops/passengers and 20.6 tons of cargo. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 2 routine casualties, all in support of Operation Pipestone Canyon.

(1) Total Flight Hours	1082.8
(2) Total Tasks	811
(3) Total Sorties	3478
(4) Total Troops/Passengers	6685
(5) Total Cargo Carried (Tons)	277.6
(6) Total Medevacs Carried	861

7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

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

153383 Minor Damage 153964 Minor Damage

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