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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. LEDDEYER	1-31 Dec 69
Executive Officer	Major J. A. CREECH	"
Operations Officer	Major B. L. SHAPIRO	"
Administrative Officer	Capt J. G. FLYNN	"
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Capt B. J. BARENTS	1-31 Dec 69
	Capt A. H. LEGERE	16-31 Dec 69
Logistics Officer	1stLt J. C. SHORT	1-31 Dec 69
Medical Officer	1stLt T. J. FARRELL	"
Aviation Safety Officer	1stLt D. W. NUTTER	"
Intelligence Officer	1stLt D. A. VERNIER	"
Transportation Officer	1stLt S. G. KRAHE	"
Flight Surgeon	Lt T. S. DAVIS	"
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj N. S. LANDY	"

2. UNIT LOCATION

HMM-263, 1-31 December 1969, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Quang
Republic of Vietnam.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC	USN	OTHER	TOTAL
Officers	58	1	0	59
Enlisted	172	0	0	172

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On 4 December 1969, HMM-263 began its move across the field to its new location. The move was completed on 5 December 1969.

5. IMPORTANT VISITORS

On 7 December 1969, MajGen W. G. THRASH visited the HMM-263 area.

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- 1 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 130 sorties for 34.4 flight hours, lifting 9.9 tons of cargo and carrying 261 troops/passengers. Six medevac missions were flown evacuating 20 priority and 17 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 2 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 148 sorties for 37.0 flight hours lifting 27.5 tons of cargo and carrying 346 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 priority and 4 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries. 100 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 3 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 65 sorties for 20.5 flight hours, lifting 1.5 tons of cargo and carrying 21 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency and 6 priority casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 4 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 147 sorties for 40.8 flight hours, lifting 19.8 tons of cargo and carrying 591 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency and 2 priority casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injuries. 1500 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 5 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 134 sorties for 35.6 flight hours, lifting 2.2 tons of cargo and carrying 150 troops/passengers. Nine medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency, 23 priority and 25 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 6 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 112 sorties for 31.9 flight hours, lifting 10.3 tons of cargo and carrying 143 troops/passengers. No medevac missions were flown. No fire incidents were reported.
- 7 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 161 sorties for 42.1 flight hours, lifting 5.5 tons of cargo and carrying 387 troops/passengers. Twelve medevac missions were flown evacuating 15 emergency, 14 priority and 7 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with two hits and two injuries.

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- 8 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 100 sorties for 30.8 flight hours, lifting 0 tons of cargo and carrying 208 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 15 emergency and 2 priority casualties. 600 rounds of .50 cal, and 10 M-79 rounds were expended. No fire incidents were reported.
- 9 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 157 sorties for 49.3 flight hours, lifting 16.0 tons of cargo and carrying 596 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 1 emergency casualty. No fire incidents were reported.
- 10 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 164 sorties for 62.2 flight hours, lifting 16.2 tons of cargo and carrying 449 troops/passengers. Six medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 priority and 32 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported. 100 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 11 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 55 sorties for 8.9 flight hours, lifting 0 tons of cargo and carrying 23 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 priority casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 12 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 206 sorties for 61.4 flight hours, lifting 18.2 tons of cargo and carrying 343 troops/passengers. Thirty-six medevac missions were flown evacuating 6 emergency, 22 priority, and 16 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 13 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 95 sorties for 27.9 flight hours, lifting 7.4 tons of cargo and carrying 166 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 2 emergency casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries. 400 rounds of .50 cal, and 132 rounds of 7.62mm were expended.
- 14 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 84 sorties for 29.0 flight hours, lifting 8.9 tons of cargo and carrying 176 troops/passengers. Four medevac missions were flown evacuating 7 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.

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- 15 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 101 sorties for 28.3 flight hours, lifting 0 tons of cargo and carrying 195 troops/passengers. Seventeen medevac missions were flown, evacuating 4 emergency, 4 priority and 8 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with two hits and no injuries. 20 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 16 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 99 sorties for 37.0 flight hours, lifting 2.0 tons of cargo and carrying 162 troops/passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 11 emergency and 1 routine casualty. No fire incidents were reported.
- 17 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 52 sorties for 11.6 flight hours, lifting 3.3 tons of cargo and carrying 34 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 2 emergency casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 18 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 80 sorties for 22.3 flight hours, lifting 1.8 tons of cargo and carrying 10 troops/passengers. Thirteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, 5 priority and 8 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 19 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 74 sorties for 23.2 flight hours, lifting 7.0 tons of cargo and carrying 41 troops/passengers. No medevac missions were flown. No fire incidents were reported.
- 20 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 116 sorties for 34.1 flight hours, lifting 0 tons of cargo and carrying 345 troops/passengers. No medevac missions were flown. No fire incidents were reported.
- 21 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 197 sorties for 50.4 flight hours, lifting 28.5 tons of cargo and carrying 700 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 19 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported. 100 rounds of .50 cal, and 30 rounds of 7.62mm were expended.

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- 22 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 97 sorties for 31.5 flight hours, lifting 1.2 tons of cargo and carrying 252 troops/passengers. One medevac mission was flown evacuating 1 priority casualty. Two fire incidents were reported with negative hits or injuries. 200 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 23 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 121 sorties for 33.1 flight hours, lifting 14.5 tons of cargo and carrying 183 troops/passengers. Seven medevac missions were flown evacuating 14 emergency, 2 priority and 3 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 24 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 122 sorties for 36.4 flight hours, lifting 8.4 tons of cargo and carrying 93 troops/passengers. Eleven medevac missions were flown evacuating 30 emergency, 35 priority and 5 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 25 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 101 sorties for 41.9 flight hours, lifting 34.3 tons of cargo and carrying 163 troops/passengers. Seventeen medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 13 priority and 22 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 26 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 24 sorties for 50.3 flight hours, lifting 40.9 tons of cargo and carrying 624 troops/passengers. Twenty medevac missions were flown evacuating 1 emergency, 6 priority and 30 routine casualties. One fire incident was reported with negative hits or injuries.
- 27 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 97 sorties for 28.0 flight hours, lifting 13.3 tons of cargo and carrying 63 troops/passengers. Three medevac missions were flown evacuating 3 emergency, 2 priority and 7 routine casualties. Two fire incidents were reported with six hits and two injuries. 200 rounds of .50 cal were expended.
- 28 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 85 sorties for 19.3 flight hours, lifting 3.5 tons of cargo and carrying 259 troops/passengers. No medevac missions were flown. No fire incidents were reported.

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- 28 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 159 sorties for 44.2 flight hours, lifting 20.5 tons of cargo and carrying 239 troops/passengers. Five medevac missions were flown evacuating 12 emergency, 6 priority, and 8 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported.
- 30 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 65 sorties for 32.5 flight hours lifting 3.2 tons of cargo and carrying 308 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 4 emergency and 4 priority casualties. One fire incident was reported with two hits and no injuries. 300 rounds of 7.62mm were expended.
- 31 December 1969 (C) HMM-263 flew 204 sorties for 60.2 flight hours, lifting 42.4 tons of cargo and carrying 430 troops/passengers. Two medevac missions were flown evacuating 5 emergency, 5 priority and 55 routine casualties. No fire incidents were reported. 600 rounds of .50 cal were expended.

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	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel joined	10	18	28
b. Personnel dropped	7	18	25

2. ADMINISTRATION

	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Personnel promoted	0	19	19
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>
CANADY, O. L.	SGT	2112804	USMC	WIA	7 Dec 69
RIGGS, M. D.	CPL	2326776	"	"	"
ASHER, G. B.	SSGT	2322345	"	"	27 Dec 69
COLLAD, C. G.	1EPL	2455191	"	"	"

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. The Squadron continued to receive, report, and interpret Intel-
ligence information from III MAF, 1st MAF, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16, and 1st Force
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 7 December 1969 at 0130.
No incoming rounds impacted in the URM-263 area.

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

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

e. One enlisted man attended Jungle Escape and Survival Training at
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f. No officers attended Sea Survival School, Okinawa.

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

<u>FIRE INCIDENTS</u>	<u>NO. AIRCRAFT HIT</u>	<u>NO. OF HITS</u>
15	5	12

5. LOGISTICS

a. NORS "G" Resume

(1) Submitted	369
(2) Completed	350
(3) Outstanding	19

b. NORS "N" Resume

(1) Submitted	31
(2) Completed	28
(3) Outstanding	3

6. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

a. Sixteen aircraft of MM-263 flew 264 sorties for 56.2 flight hours, lifting 699 troops/passengers and 66.3 tons of cargo. No medevac missions were flown. All above information was in support of Operation Victory Dragon.

(1) Total Flight Hours	1087.6
(2) Total Tasks	847
(3) Total Sorties	3773
(4) Total Troops/Passengers	7696
(5) Total Cargo Carried (Tons)	368.2
(6) Total Medevacs Carried	597

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7. AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

UNCLASSIFIED The following Squadron aircraft received battle damage during the period 1-31 December 1969:

154799	Major Damage	153394	Major Damage	154028	Minor Damage
153370	Minor Damage	154043	Minor Damage		

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