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#### ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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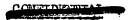
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#### PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Blue Eagles of HNM-263 had a productive month during June 1970. Peachbush aircraft launched on 897 flights, 49 of which were flown during the hours of darkness. During the month 4,631 sorties were flown resulting in 1286.8 flight hours. The Boeing Vertol Sea Kinghts of HAM-263 carried 228.2 cargo tons and 9856 passengers during the month. A total of 96 medevacs missions were flown by the Blue Eagles and 555 WIA and or other personnel were transported to medical facilities. Of these there were 110 emergencies, 100 priorities and 345 routines. Enemy activity increased during this month when 10 fire incidents were reported resulting in two aircraft suffering a total of 43 hits. Slight casualties were inflicted on squadron personnel but hospitilazation was unnecessary. Squadron gunners expended 2300 rounds of 50 cal. defensive fire on Viet Cong and NVA positions.

During the month of June HMM-263 participated in four strikes and numerous pacifier missions. Pacifier during June was rather quiet, however two of the strikes ran into enemy strongholds, "Charlie Ridge" and the "Arizona Territory". In both instances enemy contact and material were encounted by the inserted troops.

The Squadron continued to receive reports and interpret intelligence from EXIV Corps, III MAF, lst IMW, MAG 16 and 1st Recon. Through the media of spot reports fire incident reports and other pilot debriefing forms, intelligence information was forwarded to MAG-16 for dissemination to higher, lower and adjacent units as appropriate. Separate crow debriefs were held after each mission this month and current fire incidents recommensance, and COB Maps were made anailable to all pilots. MMAF was subjected to one enemy attack this month. This incident occurred on the first day of June with 10 mortar rounds being recorded, however no hits were recorded in the Blue Eagles squadron area.

During the month of June the aquadron gained 10 naval evictors and 6 collisted while 6 naval evictors and 12 collisted left the Eagles nest for other duty stations. This leaves the Blue Eagles with a total strength of 201.





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#### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 June 1970 The month started off in hectic fashion with both sections of mission 80 launching on 3 separate emergency recon extracts. There was one fire incident reported on the third extract of the day.
- 5 June 1970 Another successful "pacifier" was flown today. This one resulted in 5 detainees and 3 enemy KIA's. The Squadron flew 141 sorties totaling 36.1 flight hours.
- 7 June 1970 Today was a very good day for the Blue Ecgles. We covered medevac, recon and logistic mission and accrued 79.4 flight hours, high day for the month.
- 8 June 1970 The enemy kept the Eagles' claws full today. One of our medevac birds landed in a mined EZ, both the crew and bird sustained minor injuries.
- 10 June 1970 The enemy does it again! The same plane, crew chief and pilot that got hit on medevac two days ago landed in another mined LZ on Recon. Once again bird and crew sustained only minor injuries.
- 12 June 1970 Another gold star day for the Blue Eagles and their magnificent flying machines. HMM-263 covered medevac today and launched a 6 bird assault for the RCKMC. All went well as the Eagles swooped onto Barrier Island and unloaded the RCK's.
- Il June 1970 Enemy gunners zeroed in on Peachbush today. While placing a strike in the Arizona Touritory our aircraft came under intense small arms fire. One Eagle took three hits, however no extensive damage was sustained.
- 21 June 1970 The Bald Eagle crews launched today to do an emergency recon extract, all went well. Otherwise another light workload. Squadron aircraft flew a total of 34.8 hours.
- 25 June 1970 Once again the Eagles: mission 80 birds save a surrounded recon team. HMM 263 carried another heavy load today with 53.0 flight hours, 132 sorties and a total of 238 passengers.

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- 27 June 1970 Day Bald Eagle, mission 80, is called out in the early AM to help the 7th Marines assault an enemy force in their TACR. We had 7 planes committed to this operation and also covered medevac at Baldy. A very hectic day for the Blue Eagles as they accrued 54.5 flight hours.
- 20 June 1970 Today Peachbush inserted ACTM on the top of "Charlie Ridge". All went well on what was a potentially dangerous mission.
- 30 June 1970 The month ends well as the Blue Eagles accrue 68.6 flight hours, fly 249 sorties and carry 560 passengers.

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