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MARINE AIRCRAFT HELICOPTER SQUADRON 265
 Marine Aircraft Group 36
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
 FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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 ✓(2) Narrative Summary
 ✓(3) Significant Events
 - (4) Daily Sitreps (Original Only) missing

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), (3) and (4) are hereby submitted.
2. This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of enclosures (1), (2), (3) and (4).

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HMM 265 S&C CONTROL 938-67

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Part I Organizational Data

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| a. Commanding Officer | ItCol. W. R. BENLER |
| b. Executive Officer | Maj. E. L. SANBORN |
| c. Operations Officer | Maj. C. H. PITMAN |
| d. Administrative Officer | 2ndLt. D. S. STOLTZFUS |
| e. Material Officer | Capt. G. R. EMLISON |
| f. Maintenance Officer | Capt. W. W. OGLE |
| g. Intelligence Officer | Capt. S. T. HENICK |
2. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265
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3. Average Monthly Strength: 34 Officers and 178 Enlisted.
4. IMH-265 was visited by WGen. ANDERSON on 25 September 1967, for a presentation of awards and a tour of the working area.

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Part II Narrative Summary

1 September 1967: A recon team "Hong Kong" was inserted at ZC 203811 and a second recon team "Dreadful" was inserted at BT 011444. At approximately 0930H EP153, a Bonnie Sue A/C was involved in an accident while landing at KMAF. The aft pylon separated due to a reason or reasons now under investigation by an Accident Board.

2 September 1967: All CH-46A aircraft were placed on a hold status by the Commanding General, 1st MAW due to unexplained difficulties with the aft pylon sections.

3 September 1967: No Operational Flights, see Daily SITREPS.

4 September 1967: A Sparrow Hawk Mission was launched, moving 170 troops from Hill 63 to BT 100330. Received fire SE of LZ. No hits or injuries were received.

5 September 1967: Sparrow Hawk Mission was launched for the emergency retraction of the recon team "Hong Kong" from ZC177805.

6 September 1967: No Operational Flights, see Daily SITREPS.

7 September 1967: A Sparrow Hawk Mission was launched for the emergency retraction of the recon team "Countersign" from ZC 094650. Enemy automatic fire was received with two hits being received by BP 161 which resulted in a forced landing at a friendly artillery outpost. No injuries were received.

8 - 12 September 1967: No Operational Flights, see Daily SITREPS.

13 September 1967: A Sparrow Hawk Mission was launched moving 356 troops from BT 182306 to BT 158338. A/C received fire from BT 182306, however no hits or injuries were received.

14 - 15 September 1967: A VIP Mission was launched to familiarize MGen. ANDERSON with the CH-46A and the .50 Cal. machine gun capabilities for suppressive fire.

16 September 1967: A VIP Mission was launched to familiarize MGen. REILLY with the capabilities of the CH-46A.

17 - 19 September 1967: No Operational Flights, see Daily SITREPS.

20 September 1967: A VIP Mission was launched to provide transportation for MGen. ANDERSON on a tour of the Northern I Corps area.

21 - 24 September 1967: No Operational Flights, see Daily SITREPS.

25 September 1967: Maj. C. H. PITMAN was awarded the Silver Star Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross by MGen. ANDERSON. Maj. PITMAN received the Silver Star for his action on a night extraction of a recon team south of DaNang on April 8, 1967. Maj. PITMAN received the Distinguished Flying Cross while flying as aircraft commander of six helicopters assigned to transport 160 Marines from Hoi An on an attack against an enemy force near Ban Lanh on January 14, 1967.

HMM-265 was awarded a plaque by Boeing Aircraft officials for being the first squadron to fly more than 10,000 combat hours with the CH-46A Sea Knight in Vietnam in ceremonies at the unit.

The award plaque, presented by Frank A. Tucci, senior Boeing representative for Vietnam, was the first such award to be made in RVN.

26 - 30 September 1967: No Operational Flights, see Daily SITREP.

Part III Significant Events:

1. Personnel:

a. Joined 36 personnel and transferred 43 during the month of September.

b. 11 Corporals promoted to Sergeant, 36 Lance Corporals promoted to Corporal, and 8 Private First Class promoted to Lance Corporal.

c. On 8 September, Maj. C. H. FITZMAN relieved Maj. D. E. SCHMIDT as Operations Officer. Maj. D. E. SCHMIDT reassigned as Assistant Operations Officer, MAG-36. Capt. W. W. GORE replaced Maj. C. H. FITZMAN as Aircraft Maintenance Officer.

On 4 September, Capt. G. R. EMMERTON replaced Capt. H. H. CLARK as Material Officer. Capt. H. H. CLARK was transferred TAD to NAS Atsugi, Japan for a period of about 60 days.

2. Awards:

a. 167 Air Medals were awarded during the month of September.

b. Two Purple Hearts were awarded during the month of September.

c. One Silver Star was awarded to Maj. C. H. FITZMAN during the month of September.

d. Five Distinguished Flying Crosses were awarded during the month of September to the below listed personnel:

Capt. H. H. CLARK

Maj. C. H. FITZMAN

Capt. C. C. HETREYS

Maj. G. D. DUNLAP

e. Six Navy Commidation Medals were awarded in the month of September to the below listed personnel:

Sgt. A. K. FINNUS

Cpl. T. G. THOMAS

Cpl. G. I. MCINTYRE

Cpl. R. C. BROOKUS

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Cpl. B. D. GREGORY

Sgt. H. J. ATKINSON

3. Casualties:

a. No casualties were taken during the month of September.

4. Civil Action:

a. On the 16th of September members of HHS-265 visited the Catholic Orphanage near China Beach. While there, the members of HHS-265 was able to assist the Sisters in starting their gas powered engine for their generator and water pump. Additional engine oil was obtained for the generator engine.

b. On the 20th of September members of HHS-265 personnel visited the Protestant Orphanage in the vicinity of Lien Cha. There was some painting to be done, so the squadron members brought along paint, brushes, rollers and equipment to do the job. The two rooms designated as a dispensary were painted white.

5. Information Services:

a. 227 News Releases were sent out during the month of September.

6. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence:

a. Briefings were given by the Intelligence Section prior to each flight and debriefings were given after the termination of each flight as applicable.

7. Air Operations, HHS-265

a. Total Hours Flown: 143.4

b. Number of Sorties: 256

c. Tons of Cargo: 3.4

d. Number of Medical Evacuations: 2

e. Number of Passengers Carried: 662

f. HHS-265 Pilots flew the following hours with the indicated units listed below during the month of September:

(1) VMO-2 130.1

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(2) HMM-263 189.1

(3) HMM-363 47.2

(4) HMM-361 9.6

g. HMM-265 Aerial Gunners flew the following hours with the indicated units listed below during the month of September:

(1) VMO-2 30.1

(2) HMM-361 100.3

(3) HMM-463 36.2

8. This squadron participated in the following operations:

a. SHIPT

9. Ground Defense:

a. This squadron had six enlisted personnel assigned to ZULU Company, MMAF, for the purpose of perimeter guard during this month.

10. NBC Warfare:

a. No NBC Warfare Training was conducted during the month of September.

11. Training:

a. FAM firing was conducted during the month of September on the following weapons:

(1) .45 Cal. Pistol

(2) .38 Cal. Pistol

(3) M-14 Rifle Automatic/Semi-automatic

(4) M-16 Rifle Automatic/Semi-automatic

(5) M-60 Machine Gun

(6) M-79 Grenade Launcher

(7) M-3A1 Grease Gun

12. Logistics:

- a. Erected retaining wall to halt erosion behind squadron working area.
- b. Erected Bridge and Walkways.
- c. Completed "Clean up, Fix up, and Paint up" of squadron working area.
- d. Completed corrosion control program on aircraft.
- e. Inventoried Individual Equipment in hands of squadron personnel and verified those quantities with IHR cards.
- f. Inspected weapons and checked present condition against condition when issued.

13. Motor Transport:

- a. HFF-265 has three G-120 trucks; two M-38 trucks; two M-35 trucks; two M-100 cargo trailers; five M-107 water tank trailers; one M-40 platform truck; one M-2A utility trailer; and one M-63 tanker.

14. Maintenance:

- a. An average daily availability of 53.4% was maintained with an average of 20 aircraft assigned. Aircraft down due to NOPS - 16.3% and aircraft down due to LOM - 30.3%.

Part IV Supporting Documents:

- 1. Documents supporting this report are the Daily SITREP, Enclosure (4).