

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 265
 Marine Aircraft Group 16
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: Command Chronology, period 1-15 June 1968

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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology
 ✓(2) Daily SITREPS (Original Only)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are hereby submitted.

2. This letter becomes UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosures (1) and (2).

R. L. Yanke
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 by direction

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PART I Organizational Data

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| a. Commanding Officer | LtCol | R.J. EDWARDS |
| b. Executive Officer | Major | R.L. YANKE |
| c. Operations Officer | Major | J.G. MCCABE |
| d. Administrative Officer | 1stLt | W.G. CIHAK |
| e. Logistics Officer | Capt. | R.L. HIGGINBOTHAM |
| f. Material Officer | 2ndLt | J.E. FLEMING |
| g. Maintenance Officer | Capt. | W.L. MITCHELS |
| h. Intelligence Officer | Capt. | T.C. PACK |
2. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265
Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602
3. Average Monthly Strength: 50 Officers, 195 Enlisted

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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 June 1968: HMM-265 launched a section of CH-46A aircraft during the morning in support of the 1st Recon Battalion. Recon teams HEAD COLD, RICE KRISPIES, AUDITOR, and ALA KING were inserted; teams WEDDING RING, SLATE CREEK, ROCKMAT, BLUE SPRUCE and BIG FLOWER were successfully extracted. No hostile fire was taken during the flight and the mission was completed.

2 June 1968: Routine missions flown this day. See Daily SITREPS.

3 June 1968: In support of OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE, 2 CH-46A's flew a total of 57 sorties lifting 46 Marines and 11.8 tons of combat cargo into field positions, and extracting 21 medevacs, 5 of which were emergency, and 3 NVA Prisoners-of-War. During the operation this flight came under small arms and automatic weapons fire upon 10 occasions, and received mortars in the zone once. One hit was sustained. There were no injuries and the mission was flown to its completion.

4 June 1968: At 0140 hours HMM-265 dispatched a section of "Bald Eagle" aircraft to perform an emergency extraction of recon team CAYENNE 23 miles southwest of Danang. CAYENNE had been overrun and there were only two known survivors of the 15 man team. Clouds shrouded the tiny mountain zone thus the pilot air taxied up the ridge line dissipating fog and mist with his rotor wash. Upon landing in the LZ the crewchief found two survivors and the aircraft departed for G-4 Hospital. Moments later it was learned that another badly wounded survivor had returned to the LZ and awaited rescue. The pilot of the lead aircraft returned to the LZ again under the same adverse conditions and made the pickup. No fire was received by the aircraft and the mission was completed.

5 June 1968: A section of CH-46A aircraft flew on a III MAF mission into Khe Sanh, Camp Carroll, and Calu three times flying a total of 44 troops and 400 pounds of cargo into these northern positions.

In support of OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE, HMM-265 aircraft flew 100 sorties lifting 143 troops and 9.3 tons of combat cargo into Marine held positions in the field. A total of 67 medevacs, 14 of which were emergency status, were flown to hospitals in Danang from unsecure field positions. The flight came under automatic weapons fire, enemy .50 caliber fire, and received mortars in the zone upon several occasions. No hits were received and the mission was completed.

6-7 June 1968: Routine missions flown these days. See Daily SITREPS.

8 June 1968: HMM-265 aircraft flying in support of the 1st Recon Battalion attempted an insert of recon team FAST DAY but was shot out of the zone. Recon team SCANDINAVIA was extracted and GRIM REAPER "S" resupplied before the section was diverted to another mission.

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9 June 1968: Routine missions flown this day. See Daily SITREPS.

10 June 1968: In support of OPERATION MAMALUKE THRUST HMM-265 aircraft flew 49 sorties, carrying 76 troops and 5.5 tons of cargo into forward Marine positions in the field and extracted 7 medevacs. Both aircraft received mortars in the zone on two occasions and returned later to extract the resulting medevacs.

11 June 1968: Routine missions flown this day. See Daily SITREPS.

12 June 1968: Flying in support of OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE an HMM-265 aircraft landed in a zone in an attempt to extract emergency medevacs. Hostile fire received in the zone resulted in 19 hits which disabled the #1 engine, the utility hydraulic system, and the generators. The pilots and crew departed the aircraft and were picked up 2 and ½ hours later by another HMM-265 aircraft.

13 June 1968: EP-8, downed in the field the ^{te} previous day was externalized by CH-53 back to Marble Mountain.

14 June 1968: In support of OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE, an HMM-265 aircraft received intense automatic weapons fire in an attempt to drop an emergency resupply into the zone. The aircraft with only one remaining boost system returned to Liberty Bridge where it made a forced landing. One crewmember received shrapnel wounds.

15 June 1968: At 1200, HMM-265 embarked on board the USS VALLEY FORGE LPH-8 with a Command group, 8 aircraft, and 72 personnel. Detachment ALPHA consisting of almost two thirds of the squadron commanded by the Squadron Executive Officer remained at Marble Mountain to augment MAG-16 while the Squadron Flag proceeded to Subic Bay, Phillipines onboard the USS VALLEY FORGE.

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PART III SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel:

a. Joined 24 personnel and transferred 25 personnel during the period 1-15 June 1968.

b. One Corporal and two Lance Corporal promotions took place in HMM-265 during the period 1-15 June 1968.

2. Awards:

a. During the period of 1-15 June HMM-265 personnel were awarded forty-nine Air Medals and three Navy Commendation Medals. The Navy Commendation Medals were awarded to:

(1) 1stLt M.E. FLATER for his actions as pilot during Recon inserts and extracts in the jungle west of Danang on 1 February 1968.

(2) Sergeant R.S. TURNER for his actions as Crew Chief during Recon extracts on 7 October 1967.

(3) Corporal R.A. PERNESKY for his actions during the recovery of a downed CH-46A while on the Squadron Recovery Team.

3. Casualties:

a. SGTMAJOR Jack E. MUISENER died of burns received in an aircraft crash on board the USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8) on 2 June 1968.

b. Major Richard L. YANKE received minor injuries to his leg in an aircraft accident on board the USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8) on 2 June 1968.

c. LCPL John P. MCMAHON received penetrating missile wound through and through both thighs 10 miles south of Danang in Quang Nam Province on 12 June 1968. Four days in Hospital and medevaced.

d. SGT Gary S. MARTIN received shrapnel wounds in left shoulder and right buttock from enemy small arms fire 10 miles south of Danang on 14 June 1968. Treated and released to duty.

4. Civic Affairs:

a. HMM-265 externalized 1500 pounds of cement to the BUDDHIST Temple on top of Marble Mountain. The cement is to be used to construct a drainage system around the Temple.

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5. Information:

a. No News Releases were sent out during the period 1-15 June 1968.

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:

- a. Total Hours Flown: 645.3
- b. Number of Sorties: 2283
- c. Tons of Cargo: 349.7
- d. Number of Pax: 3916
- e. Number of Medevacs: 756

8. Major Operations Supported:

- a. OPERATION MAMALUKE THRUST
- b. OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE

9. Ground Defenses:

a. None. HMM-265 was preparing to embark on board the USS VALLEY FORGE.

10. NBC Training:

a. None.

11. Training:

a. Two Safety and Survival lectures were presented to squadron Air Crews.

12. Logistics:

a. A departmental contingency plan was drawn up by S-4 to act as a guide in case of whole or partial Squadron deployment.

b. The Embarkation Section revised its plans to account for a pending deployment by a portion of the Squadron.

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c. The S-4 Section was divided into two segments; HMM-265, on board the USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8), and HMM-265 Detachment ALPHA located at Marble Mountain Air Facility.

13. Maintenance:

a. An average daily availability of 73.1 % was maintained with an average of 21.9 % aircraft possessed. Aircraft down due to NORS 2.2 % and aircraft down to NORM 24.7 %.

PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- ✓1. Documents supporting this report are the Daily SITREPS, enclosure (2).

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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 265
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1 June 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 010001H to 012400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 114 sorties for 28.6 hours lifting 216 troops/pax, 1 US Priority medevac, and 7.1 tons of cargo. A total of 7 missions were fragged and 6 missions completed. Number of fragged missions completed were 85.7%. A/C received no hits and expended 20 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

2. BRILLIANT DRAGON III

a. No flights in support of the ROKMC.

ALLEN BROOKS

a. At 010730H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #16 flying a total of 14 sorties for 3.0 hours lifting 20 US troops/pax, and 2.3 tons of cargo from LZ410 to BT021549 to BT005529 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo lift. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

MAMALUKE THRUST

a. At 010715H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #18 flying a total of 55 sorties for 12.0 hours lifting 75 US / 2 VNCIV / 1 NVA troops/pax, and 1 US Priority medevac, and 4.2 tons of cargo from Hill 55 to Thong Duc to ZC206578 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

3. HIGHLIGHTS

a. 010625H: HMM-265 launched 2 CH-46A on MSN #20. A/C flew from MMAF to LZ401 to AT838733 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting HEAD COLD and extracting WEDDING RING, flew to LZ401 to AT855851 inserting RICE KRISPIES to MMAF to LZ401 to ZC083580 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting AUDITOR and extracting SLATE CREEK to LZ401 to ZC162660 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting ALA KING extracting ROCKMART to ZC087667 extracting BLUE SPRUCE to LZ401 to AN HOA to AT947345 resupplying GRIM REAPER to ZC142586 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting MANOVER and extracting BIG FLOWER to LZ401 and returning to MMAF flying a total of 30 sorties for 8.3 hours lifting 103 US troops/

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pax, no medevacs, and 0.1 tons of cargo while in support of the 1st MARDIV.
A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

4. HMM-265 completed all fragged missions except MSN #32 due to the weather.
5. HMM-265 flew no INST/GCA's during the regular reporting period.

S. G. BENCKENSTEIN
1stLT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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2 June 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 020001H to 022400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 145 sorties for 36.3 hours lifting 241 troops/pax, 1 US Emergency medevac, 3 US Priority, 47 US Routine medevacs and 24.4 tons of cargo. A total of 6 missions were fragged and 5 missions completed. Number of fragged missions completed were 83.3%. A/C received no hits and expended 400 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

2. BRILLANT DRAGON III

a. No flights in support of the ROKMC.

ALLEN BROOKS

a. At 020715H 2 CH-46A launched on mission #16 flying a total of 49 sorties for 9.3 hours lifting 91 US, 2 POW troops/pax, and 10.9 tons of cargo from LZ 410 to At005528 and various other coordinates on a combat cargo and logistic troop lift. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

MAMALUKE THRUST

a. At 022400H 2CH-46A launched on mission #18 flying a total of 71 sorties for 16.0 hours lifting 117 US, 2 ARVN troops/pax, and 13.2 tons of cargo from Hill 55 to At792593 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. Also, 1 US Emergency, 3 US Priority, and 15 US Routine medevacs. A/C received no hits and expended 200 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

3. HIGHLIGHTS

a. 0220755H: HMM-265 launched 1 CH-46A on MSN #20. A/C flew from MAM to REPOSE, 22nd CSE and various other coordinates flying a total of 10 sorties for 3.9 hours lifting 15 US troops/pax, 32 US Routine medevac, and no tons of cargo while in support of the 1st MARDIV. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

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4. HMM-265 completed all fragged missions except MSN #26 due to loss of Aircraft at sea.

5. HMM-265 flew no INST/GCA's during the regular reporting period.

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2ndLt USMCR
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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3 June 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: ^{COMM} Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 030001H to 032400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 142 sorties for 37.7 hours lifting 131 troops/pax, 5 US Emergency, 10 US Priority, and 55 US/3 ARVN Routine medevacs, and 19.3 tons of cargo. A total of 8 missions were fragged and 7 missions completed. Number of fragged missions completed were 87.5%. A/C received 1 hit from automatic weapons at 031902H at AT971528 and expended no ammunition.

2. BRILLIANT DRAGON III

a. No flights in support of the ROKMC.

ALLEN BROOKE

a. At 030725H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #16/5B flying a total of 57 sorties for 12.2 hours lifting 46 US and 3 POW troops/pax, 5 US Emergency, 10 US Priority and 6 US/1 ARVN Routine medevacs, and 11.8 tons of cargo from LZ410 to AT010544 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received S/A's fire at 031840H at LZ410, at 031840H at AT963591, at 031920H at AT981680, and at 031925H at AT981680. A/C also received mortar and automatic weapons fire at 031858H at AT981532, and automatic weapons fire at 031902H, 031903H, and 031904H at the respective coordinates of AT971528 incurring 1 hit, AT976533, and AT979532. No ammunition was expended.


MANALUKE THRUST

a. At 030720H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #17 flying a total of 61 sorties for 14.9 hours lifting 64 US and 2 ARVN troops/pax, 3 US Routine medevacs, and 6.5 tons of cargo from AT962618 to ZC135538 and various other coordinates on a combat/logistics cargo and medevac lift. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

3. HIGHLIGHTS

a. 030810H: HMM-265 launched 1 CH-46A on MSN #25. A/C flew from MMAF to USS Repose to (4 times) 22nd CSF to MMAF flying a total of 9 sorties for 2.4 hours lifting no troops/pax, 45 US and 2 ARVN Routine medevacs, and no cargo while in support of the III MAF. A/C received

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 no fire and expended no ammunition.

4. HMM-265 completed all fragg missions except for MSN #16 due to weather, darkness, and hostile fire causing A/C to abort zone.

5. HMM-265 flew no INST/GCA's during the regular reporting period.

J. J. WILSON
1stLT USMC
SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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4 June 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 040001H to 042400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 143 sorties for 46.7 hours lifting 115 troops/pax, 4 US Emergency medevacs on 2 missions, 54 US/2 WNCIV Priority medevacs on 3 missions, and 7 US/1 VC Routine medevacs on 1 mission and 17.6 tons of cargo. A total of 8 missions were fraggged and 8 missions were completed. Number of fraggged missions completed were 100.0%. A/C received no hits and expended 120 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

2. ALLEN BROOKE

a. At 041615H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #16/5R flying a total of 30 sorties for 5.7 hours lifting 37 US troops/pax, 1 US emergency and 5 US Priority medevacs, and 4.3 tons of cargo from LZ55 to LZ410 to ZC964555 and various other coordinates on a combat cargo and medevac lift. A/C received fire of .30 cal at 041702H at approximately 1/2 mile south of LZ410 and at 041735H at ZC977517. A/C expended 100 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

MAMALUKE THRUST

a. At 040920H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #17 flying a total of 49 sorties for 14.1 hours lifting 35 US and 8 WNCIV troops/pax, no medevacs, and 12.2 tons of cargo from Hill 55 to LZ432 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo lift. A/C received fire of automatic weapons at 041145H at ZC181558 and expended no ammunition.

3. HIGHLIGHTS

Older a. 040140H: HMM-265 launched 2 CH-46A on MSN #3. A/C flew from MAAF to AT832273 holding an Emergency extract of medevacs of CAYENNE to G-4 to MAAF to AT882273 finishing extract of CAYENNE to 1stMD to MAAF flying a total of 10 sorties for 4.4 hours lifting 3 US Emergency medevacs while in support of the 1st MAMDIV. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

4. LATE ENTRY

a. HMM-265 flew an additional 1.0 hours during the period 020001H to 022400H. Change daily total from 36.3 to 37.3 hours.

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b. HMM-265 flew an additional 0.3 hours during the period 030001H to 032400H. Change daily total from 37.7 to 38.0 hours.

5. HMM-265 completed all fragged missions.

6. HMM-265 flew no INST/GCA's during the regular reporting period.

R. L. HIGGINBOTHAM
CAPT USMC
OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 050001H to 052400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 197 sorties for 48.1 hours lifting 363 troops/pax, 14 US Emergency medevacs on 5 missions, 77 US Priority medevacs on 6 missions, and 12 US Routine medevacs on 5 missions and 14.1 tons of cargo. A total of 10 missions were fraggged and 8 missions were completed. Number of fraggged missions completed were 80.0%. A/C received 2 hits at 051055H at AT808632 from S/A's fire. A/C expended 20 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

2. ALLEN BROOKE

a. At 050725H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #16/5M/5P flying a total of 100 sorties for 14.7 hours lifting 143 US troops/pax, 14 US Emergency medevacs, 43 US Priority medevacs, and 10 US Routine medevacs, 9.3 tons of cargo from LZ410 to BT964552 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevacs lift. A/C received .50 cal fire at 051920H at AT8951 incurring no hits, A/C received .50 cal fire at 051940H at AT9757, A/C received S/A's and mortars fire at 051245H at AT938529, A/C received S/A's, automatic weapons and mortar fire at 051253H at AT938529 incurring no hits. A/C expended 20 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

MAMALUKE THRUST

a. At 050715 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #17 flying 34 sorties for 7.8 hours lifting 36 US troops/pax, no medevacs, and 2.8 tons of cargo from THONG DUC to Hill 55 DAI LOC and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo lift. A/C received S/A's fire at 051055H at AT808632 incurring 2 hits. A/C expended no ammunition.

3. HIGHLIGHTS

a. 050635H: HMM-265 launched 2 CH-46A on MSN #21. A/C flew from MNAF to LZ401 to AT838755 extracting HEADCOLD to LZ401 to AT855852 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting BLUE SPRUCE and extracting ALA KING LZ401 to ZC16855 extracting RICE KRISPIES to CMED (Medevac Routine) LZ401 to MNAF (Refuel) to AN HOA to MNAF. A/C flew a total of 11 sorties for 3.4 hours lifting 27 US troops/pax, and 2 US Routine medevacs, and no cargo while in support for the 1st MARDIV. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

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4. LATE ENTRY

a. HMM-265 flew an additional 2.1 hours during the period 040001H to 042400H. Change daily total from 46.7 to 48.8 hours.

5. HMM-265 completed all fragged missions except MSN #16/5M/5P due to troops on the move untill 1845, and MSN #21 due to delay of Hostage A/C.

6. HMM-265 flew n INST/GCA's during the regular reporting period.

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SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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6 June 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 060001H to 062400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 188 sorties for 51.1 hours lifting 588 troops/pax, 1 US Emergency medevacs on 1 mission, 28 US Priority medevacs on 2 missions, and 14 US Routine medevacs on 2 missions, and 21.1 tons of cargo. A total of 6 missions were fraggged and 6 missions completed. Number of fraggged missions completed were 100.0%. A/C received 1 hit from S/A's fire at 060855H at AT992621. A/C expended 100 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

2. ALLEN BROOKE

a. At 060720H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #16 flying atotal of 47 sorties for 13.2 hours lifting 31 US /62 ARVN troops/pax, 1 US Emergency medevac, 1 US Priority medevacs, and 14 US Routine medevacs, 12.7 tons of cargo from LZ410 to AT953537 to LZ410 and various other coordinates on a combat cargo and medevac lift. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

MANALUKE THRUST

a. At 060835H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #17 flying 58 sorties for 13.6 hours lifting 263 troops/pax, no medevacs, and 7.0 tons of cargo from LZ490 to AT992621 to ZC200603 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo lift. A/C received S/A'S fire at 060855H at AT992621 (LZ490) incurring 1 hit. A/C expended 100 rounds of .50 cal ammunition. A/C received automatic weapons fire at 060955H at ZC200603 incurring no hits.

3. HIGHLIGHTS

a. 060645H: HMM-265 launched 2 CH-46A on MSN #19. A/C flew from MMAR to LZ401 to AT824788 insertin AUNT MABLE to LZ401 to AT879625 inserting WEST ORANGE to AT793587 extracting LUCKY LARIS to AN HOA to Hill 55 to LZ401 to AN HOA to ZC138588 holding a FLIPFLOP Inserting WEDDING RING extracting HANOVIA SUE to AN HOA to ZC153505 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting LYNCH LAW extracting SERVICE MAN to AN HOA to AT824448 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting NIGHT SCHOLAR extracting PARALLEL BARS to AN HOA to ZC075578 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting BIG FLOWER

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extracting AUDITOR to AN HOA to LZ401 returnign to MMAF flying a total of 60 sorties for 15.3 hours lifting 200 US / 1 ARVN troops/pax, no medevacs, 0.9 tons of cargo while in support of the 1st MARDIV. A/C received 7 AirBurst of unknow caliber at 061440H at ZC163524 incurring no hits. A/C expended no ammunition.

5. HMM-265 completed all fragged missions.
6. HMM-265 flew no INST/GCA's during the regular reporting period.

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SQUADRON DUTY OFFICER

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 070001H to 072400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 152 sorties for 43.4 hours lifting 120 troops/pax, 17 US Emergency medevacs on 3 missions, 48 US Priority medevacs on 6 missions, and 13 US Routine medevacs on 4 missions, and 16.9 tons of cargo. A total of 9 missions were fragged and 7 missions completed. Number of fragged missions completed were 77.8%. A/C received 1 hit from S/A's fire at 071800H at AT916518. A/C expended 20 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

2. ALLEN BROOKE

a. At 070712 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #16 flying a total of 33 sorties for 5.9 hours lifting 21 troops/pax, 4 US Priority medevacs, 7.9 tons of cargo from LZ410 to AT952537 to AT941531 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

MAMALUKE THRUST

a. At 070855H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #17 flying a total of 80 sorties for 21.3 hours lifting 60 troops/pax, 17 US Emergency medevacs, 43 US Priority medevacs, and 8 US Routine medevacs, and 7.1 tons of cargo from Hill 55 to AT918515 to Hill 55 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received S/A's fire at 071530H at AT918515 incurring no hits, A/C received S/A's fire at 071800H at AT916518 incurring 1 hit. A/C expended 20 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

3. LATE ENTRY

a. HMM-265 flew an additional 9.6 hours during the period 060001H to 062400H. Change daily total from 51.1 to 60.7 hours.

4. a. HMM-265 completed all fragged missions except MSN # 21/3 because no gunships were never furnished and our A/C never launched.

b. 060001H to 062400H: HMM-265 did not complete MSN #31 because the MSN was completed by another squadron 2 hours before our A/C got there.

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6. HMM-265 flew no IIST/GCA's during the regular reporting period.

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8 June 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 080001H to 082400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 124 sorties for 45.7 hours lifting 367 troops/pax, 3 US Priority medevacs on 2 missions, 18 US Routine medevacs on 2 missions, and 27.8 tons of cargo. Number of fragged missions completed were 66.7%. A total of 6 missions were fragged and 4 missions completed. A/C received 2 hits from S/A's fire at 081700H at AT9250. A/C expended 1000 rounds of .50 cal ammunition and 300 rounds of M-16 ammunition and 12 rounds of M-79 ammunition.

2. ALLEN BROOKS

a. At 080710H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #16/21 flying a total of 20 sorties for 10.1 hours lifting 63 troops/pax, 2 US Priority medevacs, and 1 US Routine medevac, 10.8 tons of cargo from LZ410 to AT942529 to 1st MED to LZ410 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

MAMALUKE THRUST

a. At 080855H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #17 flying a total 22 sorties for 14.2 hours lifting 85 troops/pax, 17 US Routine medevacs, and 16.7 tons of cargo from Hill 55 to THOUNG DUC to Hill 55 to THOUNG DUC to Hill 55 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received S/A's fire at 081800H at AT918518. A/C expended no ammunition.

3. HIGHLIGHTS

a. 080620H: HMM-265 launched 2 CH-46A on MSN #21. A/C flew from MNAF to LZ401 to ZC180836 extracting SCANDINAVIA to LZ401 to ZC191851 trying to insert FAST DAY but was shot out of zone to LZ401 back to MNAF to LZ401 to AT831478 to AN HOA to LZ401 AT831478 to AN HOA to ZC151541 resupplying GRIMREAPER "S" to ZC174511 trying to insert TRAILER PARK but was diverted to MNAF to AN HOA to AT831478 AN HOA to AT831478 to AN HOA AT944071.7 to MNAF flying a total of 50 sorties for 14.9 hours lifting 186 US / VC troop/pax, 1 US Priority medevac, and no cargo while in support of the 1st MARDIV. A/C received S/A's and automatic weapons fire at 080800H at ZC191851 incurring no hits, A/C received S/A's fire at 081830H at

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AT9250 incurring no hits, A/C received S/A's, .50 cal and automatic weapons fire at 081700H at AT9250 incurring 2 hits. A/C expended 1000 rounds of .50cal ammunition 300 rounds of M-16 ammunition and 12 rounds of M-79 ammunition.

4. HMM-265 completed all fragg missions except MSN # 20 because pax never showed up and MSN # 21 due to weather and downed A/C.

5. HMM-265 flew 0.8 INSTRUMENT TIME and no GCA'S DURING REGULAR reporting period.

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9 June 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 090001H to 092400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 141 sorties, 40.2 hours lifting 327 troops/pax, 1 US / 1 ARVN Priority medevacs, on 2 missions, and 27.3 tons of cargo. A total of 6 missions were fragged and 5 completed. Number of fragged missions completed were 83.7%. A/C received no hits, no fire and expended no ammunition.

2. ALLEN BROOKE

a. At 090710H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN # 16/17 flying a total of 61 sorties for 14.0 hours lifting 225 troops/pax, 1 US / 1 ARVN Priority medevacs, 18.0 tons of cargo from LZ410 to AT947529 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received no fire and no hits and expended no ammunition.

MAMALUKE THRUST

a. At 090845H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #17 flying a total 39 sorties for 10.5 hours lifting 63 troops/pax, no medevacs, and 8.0 tons of cargo from LZ490 to AN HOA and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo lift. A/C received no fire and no hits and expended no ammunition.

3. HIGHLIGHTS

a. 090635H: HMM-265 launched 2 CH-46A on MSN #21. A/C flew from MNAF to LZ401 to ZC163659 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting FLAKY SNOW and extracting BLUE SPRUCE to LZ401 back to MNAF to AT338828 resupplying MAYFLY to LZ401 to MNAF to AT843721 inserting MOOSE PEAK to LZ401 to AT382348 resupplying PRIME CUT to AN HOA to AT797553 resupplying PAGE AVENUE to MNAF to LZ401 returning to MNAF flying a total of 28 sorties for 9.7 hours lifting 26 troops/pax, no medevacs, 1.0 tons of cargo while in support of the 1st MARDIV. A/C received no fire and no hits and expended no ammunition.

4. HMM-265 completed all fragged missions except MSN #21 due to weather.

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5. HM-265 flew 0.3 INSTRUMENT TIME and no GCA's during the regular reporting period.

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10 June 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 100001H to 102400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 169 sorties for 47.4 hours lifting 301 troops/pax, 2 US / 1 ARVN Emergency medevac on 5 missions, 24 US / 2 ARVN Priority medevacs on 6 missions, and 5 US Routine medevacs on 2 missions, and 16.7 tons of cargo. A total of 12 missions were fragged and 9 completed. Number of fragged missions completed were 70.0%. A/C received 1 Hit at 101730H at AT893517. A/C expended no ammunition.

2. ALLEN BROCKE

a. At 100740H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #16 flying a total of 40 sorties for 9.0 hours lifting 44 troops/pax, 3 US Routine medevacs, 9.8 tons of cargo from LZ410 to AT952537 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

MAMALUKE THRUST

a. At 100815H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #17/5B/5C/5E flying a total of 49 sorties for 11.7 hours lifting 76 troops/pax, 1 US / 1 ARVN Emergency medevacs, 3 ARVN Priority medevacs, and 2 US Routine medevacs, and 5.5 tons of cargo from LZ490 to THONG DUC and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received 2 mortar rounds fire at 101008H at ZC212552, A/C received automatic weapons fire at 101730H AT893517 incurring 1 hit, A/C received automatic weapons fire at 101735H at AT893517 incurring no hits, A/C received automatic weapons fire at 101815H at AT893517 incurring no hits. A/C expended no ammunition.

3. HIGHLIGHTS

a. 100818H: HMM-265 launched 2 CH-46A on MSN #21/3. A/C flew from MMAF to LZ401 to AT846713 extracting medevac from MOOSE PEAK to LZ401 to ZC174511 inserting TRAILER PARK to AN HOA to ZC181580 to AN HOA to ZC137587 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting MINEFISH and extracting WEDDING RING to AN HOA to ZC153503 to AN HOA to AT797528 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting ELK SKIN and extracting PAGE AVENUE to AN HOA to AT837378 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting SERVICE MAN and extracting PADDLE BOAT to AN HOA to AT857670 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting PARALLEL BARS and extracting WEST ORANGE to AN HOA to LZ410 to LZ401 and returning to MMAF flying a

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total of 40 sorties for 12.4 hours lifting 157 troops/pax, no medevacs, 0.8 tons of cargo while in support of the 1st MARDIV. A/C received .50 cal fire at 101730H at AT880480 incurring no hits. A/C expended no ammunition.

4. LATE ENTRY

a. HMM-265 flew an additional 1.8 during the period 090000H to 092400H. Change daily total from 40.2 to 42.0 hours.

5. HMM-265 completed all fragged missions except MSN #21/3 due to weather and MSN #75 due to zone too hot.

6. HMM-265 flew 0.6 INSTRUMENT TIME and no GCA's during the regular reporting period.

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b. 111240H: HMM-265 launched 2 CH-46A on MSN #21. A/C flew from MMAF to ZC065862 holding and emergency extraction of FAST DAY to LZ401 returning to MMAF.

c. A/C flew a total of 32 sorties for 9.0 hours lifting 96 troops/pax, 1 US Routine medevac, 0.6 tons of cargo while in support of the 1st MARDIV. A/C .30 cal fire at 111305H at ZC065862 incurring no hits and A/C expended 200 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

4. HMM-265 completed all fraged missions except MSN #16 due to weather.

5. HMM-265 flew no INST/GCA's during the regular reporting period.

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 120001H to 122400H

1. HM-265 flew a total of 181 sorties for 53.8 hours lifting 288 troops/pax, 7 US / 1 WNCIV Emergency medevacs on 4 missions, 5 US Priority medevacs on 2 missions, 1 US / 2 WNCIV Routine medevacs on 2 missions, and 34.1 tons of cargo. A total of 7 missions were fragged and 6 completed. Number of fragged missions completed were 85.7%. A/C received 3 hits from S/A's fire at 121500H at AT9757 and went down at HILL 55. A/C was brought back by a test pilot and recovery team. A/C received 20 hits from Automatic weapons fire at 121545H at AT978525, A/C went down in zone and is still in zone. A/C received 1 hit from Automatic Weapons fire at 121715H at AT970570. A/C expended 3050 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

2. ALLEN BROOKE

a. At 120803H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #16 flying a total of 53 sorties for 12.7 hours lifting 55 troops/pax, 1 US Emergency medevac, 14.9 tons of cargo from LZ410 to AT955523 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received 3 hits from S/A's fire at 121500H at AT9757, A/C went down at HILL 55, Crew/Chief was wounded. A/C was brought back by a test pilot and recovery team. A/C expended no ammunition.

MANALUKE THRUST

A. At 120810H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #17 flying a total of 75 sorties for 23.3 hours lifting 103 troops/pax, 6 US Emergency medevacs, 4 US Priority medevacs, 1 US / 2 WNCIV Routine medevacs, and 14.2 tons of cargo from LZ490 to AT903517 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received .50 cal fire at 120900H at ZC100530 incurring no hits, A/C received Automatic Weapons fire at 121545H at AT978575 incurring 20 hits and going down in zone, A/C is still in zone. A/C received Automatic weapons fire at 121715H at AT970570 incurring 1 hit, A/C received Automatic Weapons fire at 121835H at AT90491 incurring no hits, A/C received S/A's and Automatic weapons fire at 121845H at AT93486 incurring no hits, A/C received Automatic weapons fire at 122000H at AT990570 incurring no hits, A/C received S/A's fire at 122015H at AT990570 incurring no hits, A/C received S/A's fire at 122020H at BT072723 incurring no hits, A/C expended 3050 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

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3. HIGHLIGHTS

a. 120625H: HMM-265 launched 2 CH-46A on MSN #19. A/C flew from MMAF to LZ401 to AN HOA to LZ401 to AN HOA to AT852448 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting BLUE SPRUCE and extracting NIGHT SCHOLAR to AN HOA to AT998463 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting LUCKY LARK and extracting ROCK MAT (this flipflop was done on two trips) to AN HOA to LZ401 returning to MMAF flying a total of 26 sorties for 7.1 hours lifting 114 troops/pax, no medevacs, 2.0 tons of cargo while in support of the 1st MARDIV. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

4. HMM-265 completed all fragged missions except mission #17 due to A/C being shot down in Zone.

5. HMM-265 flew no INST/GCA's during the regular reporting period.

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 130001H to 132400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 245 sorties for 55.1 hours lifting 248 troops/pax, 12 US Emergency medevacs on 6 missions, 59 US Priority medevacs on 7 missions, 16 US Routine medevacs on 5 missions, and 32.9 tons of cargo. A total of 8 missions were fragged 7 missions completed. Number of fragged missions completed were 87.5%. A/C received no hits and expended 800 rounds of .50 cal ammunition and 100 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition and 10 rounds of .38 ammunition. A/C that went down in zone AT978525 was brought back by recovery team.

2. ALLEN BROOKE

a. At 130730H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #16/17/5K flying a total of 94 sorties for 14.7 hours lifting 193 troops/pax, 6 US Emergency medevacs, 13 Priority medevacs, and 4 US Routine medevacs, and lifting 11.7 tons of cargo from LZ410 to AT955523 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received S/A's fire at 131440H at AT974538 incurring no hits, A/C received Automatic Weapons fire at 131805H at AT995539 incurring no hits, A/C received .50 cal fire at 131955H at AT916568 incurring no hits. A/C expended 500 rounds of .50 cal ammunition and 100 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition and 10 rounds of .38 ammunition.

MAMALUKE THRUST

a. At 130825H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #17 flying a total of 91 sorties for 17.2 hours lifting 88 troops/pax, 6 US Emergency medevacs, 17 US Priority medevacs, and 11 US Routine medevacs, and lifting 17.2 tons of cargo from LZ3 to LZ495 to LZ490 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received Mortar fire at 131500H at AT990570 incurring no hits, A/C received .50 cal fire at 131830H at AT990570 incurring no hits. A/C expended 150 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

3. HIGHLIGHTS

a. 130730H: HMM-265 launched 2 CH-46A on MSN #21. A/C flew from MMAF to LZ401 to AT838757 inserting BIG FLOWER to AT831735 extracting MOOSE PEAK to LZ401 to MMAF to ZC108654 inserting PADDLE BOAT to ZC165654

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extracting FLAKY SNOW to LZ401 to MMAF flyign a total of 20 sorties for 4.3 hours lifting 36 troops/pax, no medevacs, and no cargo while in support of the 1st MARDIV. A/C recived no fire and expended no ammunition.

4. LATE ENTRY

a. HMM-265 flew an additional 2.4 hours during the regular reporting period of 120001H to 122400H. Change daily total from 53.8 to 56.2.

5. HMM-265 completed all fragged missions except mission 27 due to mech trouble to A/C/

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 140001H to 142400H

1. HML-265 flew a total of 141 sorties for 34.8 hours lifting 237 troops/pax, 7 US Emergency medevacs on 2 missions, 60 US Priority medevacs on 2 missions, and 4 US medevacs Routine type on 3 missions, and 22.2 tons of cargo. A total of 8 missions were fraggged and 7 completed. Number of fraggged missions completed were 87.5%. A/C received 11 hits at 141110H at AT965543 and is still in zone. A/C received 1 hit at 141700H at AT995538. A/C expended 100 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

2. ALLEN BROCKE

a. A total of 44 sorties and flying a total of 10.9 hours, and lifting 51 troops/pax, 12.8 tons of cargo. A/C received 11 hits at 141110H at AT965543 and is still in zone. A/C received 1 hit at 141700H at AT995538. A/C expended 100 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

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b. A total of 27 sorties and flying a total of 6.0 hours, and lifting 60 troops/pax, and 6.6 tons of cargo. A/C expended no ammunition.

3. HML-265 completed all fraggged missions except HEN #22 due to delay to gun ships and diverted to HEN #17.

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11 June 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 110001H to 112400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 201 sorties for 59.2 hours lifting 274 troops/pax, 19 US / 1 ARVN Emergency medevacs on 4 missions, 76 US / 1 ARVN Priority medevacs on 6 missions, and 10 US Routine medevacs on 4 missions, and 30.6 tons of cargo. A total of 9 missions were fragged and 8 missions were completed. Number of fragged missions completed were 88.9%. A/C received 2 hits from S/A's and Automatic weapons fire at 111605H at AT987515. A/C expended 301 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

2. ALLEN BROOKE

a. At 110715H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #16 flying a total of 47 sorties for 23.8 hours lifting 78 troops/pax, 1 US / 1 ARVN Emergency medevacs, 1 ARVN Priority medevac, 28.0 tons of cargo from LZ410 to AT955527 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received S/A's and Automatic weapons fire at 111605H at AT987515 incurring 2 hits, A/C received S/A's and Automatic weapons fire at 111705H at AT992613 incurring no hits. A/C expended 1 round of .50 cal ammunition.

MAMALUKE THRUST

a. At 110815H 2 CH-46A launched on MSN #17/5P flying a total of 97 sorties for 23.1 hours lifting 80 troops/pax, 18 US Emergency medevacs, 24 US Priority medevacs, and 9 US Routine medevacs, and 20.5 tons of cargo from LZ11 to LZ490 and various other coordinates on a combat troop/cargo and medevac lift. A/C received S/A's fire at 111015H at AT903518 incurring no hits, A/C received .50 cal fire at 111500H at AT850478 incurring no hits, A/C received .30 cal fire at 111515H at AT913504 incurring no hits, A/C received .50 cal fire at 111630H at AT803567 incurring no hits, A/C received S/A's fire at 111700H at AT803560 incurring no hits, A/C received S/A's fire at 111815H at AT970580 incurring no hits. A/C expended 100 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

3. HIGHLIGHTS

a. 110640H: HMM-265 launched 2 CH-46A on MSN #21. A/C flew from MMAF to LZ401 to ZC063864 inserting FAST DAY to LZ401 to AT837378 inserting GRIM REAPER to AN HOA to AT882348 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting HEAD GOLD and extracting PRIME CUT to AN HOA to AT837378 extracting GRIM REAPER to AT882348 to AN HOA to AT857620 holding a FLIPFLOP inserting PARALLEL BARS and extracting WEST ORANGE to 1st MED Battalion to LZ401 to AN HOA to LZ401 returning to MMAF.

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From: Commanding Officer, Detachment ALPHA
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: SITREP 150001H to 152400H

1. HMM-265 flew a total of 39 sorties for 9.5 hours lifting 43 troops/pax, 3 US Emergency medevacs on 4 missions, 3 US Priority medevacs on 2 missions, and 4.4 tons of cargo. A total of 5 missions were fragged and 4 completed. Number of fragged missions completed were 80%. A/C received S/A's and Automatic Weapons fire at 151215H at AT870530 incurring 1 hit, A/C received fire from S/A's and Automatic Weapons and .50 cal fire at 151245H at AT992594 incurring 3 hits. A/C expended no ammunition. A/C that went down in zone AT965543 yesterday was brought back to MAF by A/C Recovery Team today.

2. ALLEN BROOKE

A. A total of 10 sorties and flying a total of 2.9 hours, and lifting 21 troops/pax, and 1.7 tons of cargo. A/C received no fire and expended no ammunition.

MAMALUKE THRUST

A. A total of 14 sorties and flying a total of 2.6 hours, and lifting 8 troops/pax, and 0.7 tons of cargo. A/C received S/A's and Automatic weapons fire at 151215H at AT870530 incurring 1 hit, A/C received S/A's Automatic Weapons and .50 cal fire at 151245H at AT992594 incurring 3 hits. A/C expended no ammunition.

3. HMM-265 completed all fragged missions except MSN #17 due to Battle damage.

4. LATE ENTRY, HMM-265 flew an additional 0.7 hours during the regular reporting period of 140001H to 142400H. Change daily total from 34.8 to 35.5.

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12 July 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commander, Task Group 79.5

Subj: Command Chronology; period 1-30 June 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) Brigo 5750.1C

Encl: ✓(1) HMM-265 Command Chronology for the period 16-30 June 1968
✓(2) HMM-265 Detachment ALPHA Command Chronology for the period
16-30 June 1968
✓(3) HMM-265 Command Chronology for the period 1-15 June 1968

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosures (1) and (2) is submitted herewith. Enclosure (3) is submitted for information purposes.

a. Enclosure (1) covers HMM-265 operations during the period 16-30 June 1968 while deployed aboard the USS VALLEY FORCE (LPH-8).

b. Enclosure (2) covers HMM-265 Detachment ALPHA operations while attached to MAG-16 during the period 16-30 June 1968.

c. Enclosure (3) covers HMM-265 operations during the period 1-15 June 1968 while the complete squadron was located at Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang.

2. This letter becomes UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosures (1), (2) and (3).

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PART I Organizational Data

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| b. Executive Officer | MAJOR | R. L. YANKE |
| c. Operations Officer | MAJOR | J. G. MCCABE |
| d. Administrative Officer | 1STLT | W. G. CHAK |
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| f. Material Officer | 2NDLT | J. E. FLEMING |
| g. Maintenance Officer | CAPT | W. L. MITCHELS |
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2. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265
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3. Average Monthly Strength: 48 Officers; 196 Enlisted.

PART II Narrative Summary

During the period 16 June through 6 July the squadron was separated. Eight aircraft and 76 men under the leadership of LtCol EDWARDS embarked aboard the U. S. S. VALLEY FORGE and departed for Subic Bay, The Philippines, to undergo training with the SIF. Twelve aircraft and 165 men with Maj YANKE as Officer-in-Charge of Detachment Alpha remained in-country to augment MAC-16.

16 June 1968: HMM-265 flew a total of 16.1 hours in support of the SIF. A total of 101 troops were removed from point to point ashore, and from shore to ship.

17 June 1968: A total of 14 pilots made 5 landings each while the ship was underway for Subic Bay. All embarked pilots are now carrier qualified for day landings.

18 June 1968: The personnel and aircraft of HMM-265 were flown ashore to NAS Cubi Point as the U. S. S. VALLEY FORGE neared the mouth of Subic Bay.

19 June 1968: During the day, HMM-265 launched three aircraft to recon terrain and possible landing zones for a proposed training exercise.

After sunset, three aircraft launched from Cubi Point flying GCA's and TACAN approaches in an effort to increase pilot instrument and night proficiency.

20 June 1968: HMM-265 launched five aircraft this day. Pilots flew admin/liason runs to Baguio, Clark AFB, and Sangley Point NAS.

21 June 1968: A section of two HMM-265 aircraft performed a paradrop mission over Castilljos, Philippines, in support of the 12th Underwater Demolition Team.

22 June 1968: HMM-265 launched local area pilot training hops of a routine nature.

BrigGen CHIP, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, visited HMM-265 this day.

23 June 1968: LtGen CUSHMAN, Commanding General, III MAF, visited HMM-265 this day.

HMM-265 launched a division of four aircraft transporting 207 troops in support of helo-embark/debark exercises for BLT 2/7.

24 June 1968: HMM-265 aircraft flew training missions with the BLT 2/7 throughout the day lifting 233 troops from the seaplane ramp to Red and Green beaches.

25 June 1968: HMM-265 flew 39 sorties lifting 184 troops from Green Beach to Cubi Point in continued support of BLT 2/7 training.

Vice Admiral BRINGLE, Commander 7th Fleet, visited HMM-265 this day.

26 June 1968: Five CH-46A's flew 81 sorties lifting 707 BLT2/7 troops in continued support of BLT 2/7 training exercises.

27 June 1968: There were no flight operations this day.

28 June 1968: A division of CH-46A's transported 236 troops and 12,400 lbs. of cargo in support of BLT 2/7 training exercises.

29 June 1968: HMM-265 aircraft and personnel unloaded aboard the U. S. S. VALLEY FORGE. Fourteen pilots in seven aircraft flew touch and go's during the afternoon. After sunset all helicopter aircraft commanders became night carrier qualified during a 2 hour training session.

30 June 1968: Six CH-46A's launched at dawn to simulate the proposed strike of Green and Red Beaches for the following day. (Operation HILLTOP XX)

PART III SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel:

a. No personnel were joined and none were transferred during the period covered by this report.

b. One Corporal was promoted Meritoriously to Sergeant during 16-30 June 1968.

2. Awards:

a. No awards were presented to HMM-265 personnel during the period 16-30 June 1968.

3. Casualties:

a. HMM-265 had no casualties during the reporting period.

4. Civic Affairs:

a. HMM-265 was deployed out of country and did not contribute to any civic action programs.

5. Information:

a. No news releases were sent out during the period 16-30 June 1968.

6. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence:

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

7. Air Operations: (Complete monthly totals are added in parenthesis to reflect the squadrons complete monthly operations)

a. Total Hours Flown:	170.5	(1088.6)
b. Number of Sorties:	717	(3803)
c. Tons of Cargo:	39.1	(476.4)
d. Number of PAX:	2349	(7383)
e. Number of Medevacs:	7	(827)

8. Major Operations Supported:

a. OPERATIONS HILLTOP XX (Training Exercise)

9. Ground Defenses:

- a. None. HMM-265 was embarked on board the USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8).

10. NBC Training:

- a. None.

11. Training:

- a. One Safety and Survival lecture was presented to squadron Air Crews.

12. Logistics:

- a. Intensive efforts were made to screen Squadron requirements in the nature of Marine Corps Property to insure adequate equipment on hand for field deployment.

b. A significant occasion arose, when the unit was called upon to provide an eight plane detachment to proceed to Cubi Point, R. P. to support the 2nd Battalion, Seventh Marines during their rehabilitation program and training phase prior to commitment to the Special Landing Force for combat operations. Several problems arose and were solved quickly, except for communications between the two units.

It is to be noted, that in the event of a future deployment of this nature the Squadron Command should not be separated or a repetition of the problems encountered in the area of communications will arise, resulting in late reports, inability to provide timely and accurate information, and failure to fully utilize the resources allotted to the Squadron.

- c. The Ordnance posture improved considerably by obtaining 24 Spade Grip Butt Plate assemblies from the Fleet Ordnance Pool at Subic Bay. We can now employ all assigned AN-M2 Machine Guns on Squadron Aircraft.

d. To the Embarkation Section fell the task of preparing a number of loading plans, to the USS VALLEY FORGE, and the USS TRIPOLI, the plans were well written and once in operation, performed smoothly. Both the USS VALLEY FORGE and the USS TRIPOLI commended the Squadron on the neat, orderly, and accurate plans submitted to them, and on the fact that they worked, as evidenced by the rapid loading and off-loading operations. Continued emphasis and command attention have been stressed to all hands to maintain a high degree of Material readiness, since a broken part or an inoperative item of equipment while on board ship can have serious adverse effects on the Squadrons' contribution to the support of the BLT.

13. Maintenance:


- a. An average daily availability of 80.4% was maintained with an

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average of 8 aircraft possessed. Aircraft down due to NORS 9.2% and aircraft down to NORM 10.2%

PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Enclosures 2 and 3 are submitted.

DETACHMENT ALPHA
MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 265
Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602


Addendum to Enclosure (2) (HMM-265 Detachment ALPHA Command Chronology
for the period 16-30 June 1968)

At the request of CTG 79.5 day and night carrier qualifications were
conducted by CTG 76.4 for all Detachment ALPHA, HMM-265 pilots aboard the
USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) while TG 79.5 was in Subic Bay. A total of 23 pilots
were carrier qualified during this training period conducted on 3 July 1968.


R. L. FARRER

Det "Alpha", HMM-265

16-30 June 68

DETACHMENT ALPHA
MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 265
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From: Officer-In-Charge
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: Command Chronology; period 16-30 June 1968

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology
(2) Daily SITREP (Original Only)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are hereby submitted.

2. This letter becomes UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1) and (2).


R. L. YANKE

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1. PART I Organizational Data

a. Officer-In-Charge	MAJOR	R.L. YANKE
b. Executive Officer	MAJOR	C.A. PALMORE
c. Operations Officer	CAPTAIN	R.F. BYRNE
d. Administrative Officer	1stLT	D.A. SHUBIN
e. Logistics Officer	2ndLT	J.E. FLEMING
f. Material Officer	2ndLT	J.E. FLEMING
g. Maintenance Officer	1stLT	D.A. CAMPER
h. Intelligence Officer	1stLT	R.J. CARLSON

2. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 (Detachment ALPHA)
Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

3. Average Monthly Strength: 28 Officers, 137 Enlisted.

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PART II Narrative Summary

16 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" flew 33 sorties for 7.7 flight hours on missions scheduled by the Daily Frag Sheet.

17 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" completed all Fragg missions for a total of 53 sorties and 15 flight hours.

18 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" had one aircraft make an emergency landing in a Landing Zone due to engine failure. The aircraft was recovered by a recovery team the same night and returned to Marble Mountain.

19 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" completed all fragg missions for a total of 59 sorties and 20 hours. Aircraft received a total of three hits from enemy fire while in support of OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE. One aircraft was forced to land at Hill 37 due to transmission trouble and remains there.

20 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" completed all fragg missions and the aircraft down at Hill 37 was returned to Marble Mountain.

21 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" completed all fragg missions for a total of 54 sorties and 21 hours. Enemy fire received in support of OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE resulted in one hit.

22 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" completed all fragg missions receiving fire while in support of OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE. One hit was taken.

23 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" flew 113 sorties for 23 hours. Enemy fire was received while in support of OPERATION MAMALUKE THRUST and no hits were received.

24 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" flew 25 sorties for a total of 8 hours. Enemy fire received by aircraft in support of OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE resulted in no hits.

25 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" flew 98 sorties for a total of 30 hours and completed all fragg missions. Enemy fire received in support of OPERATIONS ALLEN BROOKE resulted in no hits.

26 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" flew 65 sorties for a total of 14 hours and completed all fragg missions. Enemy fire, including .50 Cal. resulted in no hits on aircraft.

27 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" flew 68 sorties for a total of 20 hours completing all fragg missions. 1600 rounds of .50 Caliber ammunition were expended in an Aerial Gunner Training Flight.

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28 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" flew 98 sorties for 27 hours and completed all fragged missions. Enemy fire received by aircraft flying in support of OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE resulted in no hits.

29 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" aircraft flew 83 sorties for a total of 24 hours. Aircraft received enemy automatic weapons and .50 caliber fire while flying in support of OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE with no hits resulting.

30 June 1968: HMM-265 Detachment "A" flew 30 sorties for a total of 8 hours.. All fragged missions were completed.

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PART III Significant Events

1. Personnel:

a. HMM-265 Detachment "A" did not join or transfer any personnel during the period 16-30 June 1968.

b. HMM-265 Detachment "A" did not promote any personnel during the period 16-30 June 1968.

2. Awards:

a. No awards were presented to HMM-265 Detachment "A" personnel during the period 16-30 June 1968. An awards ceremony is scheduled when DET "A" rejoins HMM-265 in the near future.

3. Casualties:

a. HMM-265 Detachment "A" received no casualties during the period 16-30 June 1968.

4. Civic Affairs:

a. No Civic Action was accomplished by HMM-265 Detachment "A" during the period 16-30 June 1968.

5. Information:

a. No News Releases were sent out during the period 16-30 June 1968.

6. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence:

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

7. Air Operations:

a. Total Hours Flown:	270.3
b. Number of Sorties:	944
c. Tons of Cargo:	147.4
d. Number of Pax:	1355
e. Number of Medevacs:	145

8. Major Operations Supported:

a. OPERATION MAMALUKE THRUST
b. OPERATION ALLEN BROOKE

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9. Ground Defenses:

a. None.

10. NBC Training:

a. None.

11. Training:

a. Three lectures were given on the .50 caliber Machine Gun and one Safety and Survival lecture were presented to squadron Air Crews.

12. Logistics:

a. Preparations are being made for the embarking of HMM-265 Detachment "A" to rejoin HMM-265.

13. Maintenance:

a. An average daily availability of 69.6 % was maintained with an average of 12.4 % aircraft possessed. Aircraft down due to NORS 2.1 % and aircraft down due to NORM 28.1 %.

PART IV Supporting Documents:

1. Documents supporting this report are the Daily SITREPS, enclosure (2).

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