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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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1. PART I Organizational Data

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| a. Commanding Officer | LTCOL R.J. EDWARDS
MAJOR R.L. YANKE | 1-19 Sep 68
19-30 Sep 68 |
| b. Executive Officer | MAJOR R.L. YANKE
MAJOR C.A. PALMORE | 1-19 Sep 68
19-30 Sep 68 |
| c. Operations Officer | MAJOR C.A. PALMORE
CAPT. R.F. BYRNE | 1-19 Sep 68
19-30 Sep 68 |
| d. Administrative Officer | 1stLt W.G. CIHAK
1stLt W.F. TYNAN | 1-19 Sep 68
19-30 Sep 68 |
| e. Logistics Officer | CAPT. R.L. HIGGINBOTHAM | |
| f. Material Officer | 2ndLt J.E. FLEMING | |
| g. Maintenance Officer | CAPT. W.L. MITCHELS | |
| i. Intelligence Officer | CAPT. W. EMERSON | |
2. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265
Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF Pacific
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3. Average Monthly Strength: 46 Officers; 187 Enlisted.

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PART II Narrative Summary

1 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 31 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 138 sorties and 44 hours. Enemy small arms fire received while in support of Operation MAMALUKE THRUST resulted in no hits.

2 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 29 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 177 sorties and 43 hours. Small arms fire and enemy automatic weapons fire received while on Recon resulted in no hits.

3 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 43 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 113 sorties and 34 hours. Enemy fire encountered in support of MAMALUKE THRUST resulting in 3 hits with minor damage to squadron aircraft.

4 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 17 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 42 sorties and 10 hours. Bad weather hampered and limited operations. No fire was received.

5 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew no missions due to typhoon weather.

6 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 24 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 125 sorties and 28 hours. Operations were again limited by poor weather and no fire was received.

7 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 27 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 91 sorties and 36 hours. No fire was received and no discrepancies were noted.

8 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 41 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 114 sorties and 49 hours. Enemy small arms fire and mortars resulted in minor damage and no injuries to squadron personnel. Squadron aircraft sustained 3 hits from enemy fire while in support of MAMALUKE THRUST.

9 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 38 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 88 sorties and 29 hours. No enemy fire was received and no discrepancies noted.

10 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 27 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 97 sorties and 30 hours. No fire was received and no discrepancies noted.

11 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 12 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 63 sorties and 27 hours. Mortars received in the zone while resupplying the Thuong Duc outpost resulted in no hits to squadron aircraft and no injury to squadron personnel.

12 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 17 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV and Operation MAMALUKE THRUST for 110 sorties and 39 hours. Mortars received in the zone at Thuong Duc resulted in no hits to squadron aircraft.

13 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 14 missions for 54 sorties and 24 flight hours in support of the 1st MARDIV. Small arms fire received while working on recon resulting in no hits.

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14 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 23 missions for 104 sorties and 37 flight hours in support of the 1st MARDIV. Small arms fire received resulted in no hits and no injury to squadron personnel.

15 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 37 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 117 sorties and 34 flight hours. Enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire on several occasions resulted in no hits and no injury to squadron personnel. 1100 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition was expended to suppress enemy fire.

16 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 22 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV and Operation MAMALUKE THRUST for 115 sorties and 41 flight hours. No fire was received.

17 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 26 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 140 sorties and 50 flight hours. Mortar fire received in one zone resulted in no hits and no injury to squadron personnel.

18 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 27 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV and Operation MAMALUKE THRUST for 165 sorties and 44 flight hours. Enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire received while in support of MAMALUKE THRUST resulted in 4 hits and minor injury to squadron personnel with minor damage to squadron aircraft.

19 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 20 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 95 sorties and 33 flight hours. Enemy small arms and automatic weapons and .50 cal fire resulted in no hits and no injury to squadron personnel. 700 rounds of .50 cal ammunition were expended to suppress enemy fire.

20 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 15 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV and Operation MAMALUKE THRUST for 85 sorties and 37 flight hours. Enemy small arms fire received while in support of MAMALUKE THRUST resulted in no hits and no injury to squadron personnel.

21 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 14 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 103 sorties and 41 flight hours. Enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire resulted in one hit with minor damage to a squadron aircraft and no injury to squadron personnel.

22 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 10 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 177 sorties and 49 flight hours. Enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire resulted in no hits and no injury to squadron personnel.

23-26 Sept 68: During these four days HMM-265 flew 67 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV and Operations MAMALUKE THRUST for 920 sorties and 132 flight hours. No fire was received and no discrepancies noted.

27 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 71 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 221 sorties and 61 hours. Enemy small arms fire resulted in one hit with minor damage to squadron aircraft and no personnel injury.

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28 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 11 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 148 sorties and 42 hours. Enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire resulted in no damage and no injury to squadron aircraft or personnel.

29 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 19 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV and Operation MAMALUKE THRUST for 206 sorties and 65 hours. Small arms and automatic weapons fire received resulted in one hit and no injury to squadron personnel.

30 Sept 68: HMM-265 flew 16 missions in support of the 1st MARDIV for 118 sorties and 48 flight hours. Enemy small arms, automatic weapons and .50 caliber fire resulted in two hits with minor damage to squadron aircraft and no injury to squadron personnel.

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PART III Significant Events

1. Personnel:

- a. At 1600, on 19 September 1968, MAJOR R.L. YANKE assumed command of HMM-265 replacing LTCOL R.J. EDWARDS.
- b. HMM-265 joined twenty-one (21) personnel and transferred twenty-one (21) personnel during the period covered by this report.
- c. Two First Lieutenants were promoted to Captain and one Warrant Officer (W-1) was promoted to Warrant Officer (W-2) during the month of September.

2. Awards:

- a. No awards were presented to HMM-265 personnel during the month of September because the squadron was preparing for deployment.

3. Casualties:

- a. Corporal Marvin WESLEY Jr. 2213421/6320 received shrapnel wounds 16 miles Southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Condition good. Treated and released to duty. Injuries occurred on 18 September 1968.
- b. Lance Corporal Walter T. SAIN 2233157/6311 received shrapnel wounds 16 miles Southwest of Danang, Quang Nam Province, RVN. Condition good. Treated and released to duty. Injuries occurred on 18 September 1968.

4. Civic Affairs:

- a. None.

5. Information:

- a. No News Releases were sent out during the period 1-30 September 1968.

6. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence:

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

7. Air Operations:

- a. Total Hours Flown: 1101.8
- b. Number of Sorties: 3606
- c. Tons of Cargo: 544.6
- d. Number of Passengers: 7770
- e. Number of Medevacs: 497

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8. Major Operations Supported:

- a. MAMELUKE THRUST

9. Ground Defenses:

- a. A squadron reactionary platoon is positioned South of the squadron flight line during base alert condition one.

10. NBC Training:

- a. None.

11. Training:

- a. None.

12. Logistics:

- a. Material Section - Squadron personnel were issued the remainder of the 782 gear that had been collected prior to squadron embarkation in July.

- b. Embarkation - Boxes for future squadron movements were ordered and received from MAG-16.

13. Maintenance:

- a. An average daily availability of 64.7% was maintained with an average of 17.8% aircraft possessed. Aircraft down due to NORS 11.3% and aircraft down to NORM 24.0%.

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