

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 265
Marine Aircraft Group 36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco, California, 96602

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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 Ralph THUESSEN | 1-30Apr69 |
| b. Executive Officer | MAJOR George M. SHIFFLER Jr. | 1-15Apr69 |
| | LTCOL Robert L. GRAY Jr. | 16-30Apr69 |
| c. Operations Officer | MAJOR John L. MACFARLANE | 1-30Apr69 |
| d. Administrative Officer | 1stLt Buford B. WILEY | 1-30Apr69 |
| e. Logistics Officer | Capt Kenneth L. HOLM | 1-15Apr69 |
| | MAJOR Lynn. M. HAINES | 16-30Apr69 |
| f. Material Officer | 1stLt James E. Fleming | 1-30Apr69 |
| g. Maintenance Officer | MAJOR James W. BRIDGES | 1-30Apr69 |
| h. Intelligence Officer | 1stLt William T. HITCHCOCK | 1-30Apr69 |
| i. Aviation Safety Officer | 1stLt William T. HAYES | 1-15Apr69 |
| | MAJOR George M. SHIFFLER Jr. | 16-30Apr69 |
| j. Squadron Flight Surgeon | LtCmdr James WALTERMIRE | 1-30Apr69 |

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3. Average Monthly Personnel Strength; 48 Officers, 190 Enlisted.

4. Distinguished Visitors

a. The Squadron was visited by Lieutenant General H. W. BUSE Jr. on 26 April 1969. While in the area, Lieutenant General BUSE Jr. awarded the Purple Heart Medal to LCPL C. D. HITCHCOCK.

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PART II. Narrative Summary

1 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of fourteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 42.8 hours. 192 combat troops, 11.1 Tons of combat cargo and 80 Medevacs were transported in 165 sorties in completion of 18 Tasks.

2 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Nine aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 31.3 hours. 97 combat troops, 2.9 Tons of combat cargo and 62 Medevacs were transported in 84 sorties in completion of 18 Tasks.

3 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Nine aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 56.4 hours. 214 combat troops, 3.6 Tons of combat cargo and 84 Medevacs were transported in 134 sorties in completion of 21 Tasks.

4 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Nine aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 27.8 hours. 78 combat troops, 4.3 Tons of combat cargo and 9 Medevacs were transported in 51 sorties in completion of 14 Tasks.


5 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of four aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division for a total of 13.2 hours. 16 combat troops and 0.9 Tons of combat cargo were transported in 18 sorties in completion of 6 Tasks.

6 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of fourteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 44.4 hours. 207 combat troops, 2.5 Tons of combat cargo and 59 Medevacs were transported in 127 sorties in completion of 24 Tasks.

7 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of fourteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 62.4 hours. 206 combat troops, 1.0 Tons of combat cargo and 43 Medevacs were transported in 198 sorties in completion of 24 Tasks.

8 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Ten aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 64.3 hours. 330 combat troops, 9.2 Tons of combat cargo and 77 Medevacs were transported in 191 sorties in completion of 26 Tasks.

9 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Ten aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 58.1 hours. 305 combat troops, 3.1 Tons of combat cargo and 137 Medevacs were transported in 204 sorties in completion of 29 Tasks.


10 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Eleven aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 52.5 hours. 195 combat troops, 9.0 Tons of combat cargo and 85 Medevacs were transported in 177 sorties in completion of 27 Tasks.

11 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Eleven aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 52.4 hours. 290 combat troops, 4.6 Tons of combat cargo and 38 Medevacs were transported in 160 sorties in completion of 22 Tasks.

12 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Eleven aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 53.9 hours. 235 combat troops 4.2 Tons of combat cargo and 89 Medevacs were transported in 174 sorties in completion of 25 Tasks.

13 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Eleven aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 50.6 hours. 244 combat troops, 6.4 Tons of combat cargo and 44 Medevacs were transported in 160 sorties in completion of 30 Tasks.

14 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Fifteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 47.6 hours. 298 combat troops, 4.8 Tons of combat cargo and 34 Medevacs were transported in 141 sorties in completion of 24 Tasks.

15 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Fourteen aircraft in support of the First Marine Division, Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 60.9 hours. 308 combat troops, 6.7 Tons of combat cargo and 106 Medevacs were transported in 207 sorties in completion of 31 Tasks.

16 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Twelve aircraft in support of the First Marine Division, Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 54.2 hours. 267 combat troops, 24.1 Tons of combat cargo and 74 Medevacs were transported in 151 sorties in completion of 17 Tasks.

17 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Ten aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 42.1 hours. 195 combat troops, 2.2 Tons of combat cargo and 116 Medevacs were transported in 123 sorties in completion of 29 Tasks.

18 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Thirteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 49.1 hours. 203 combat troops, 1.2 Tons of combat cargo and 57 Medevacs were transported in 168 sorties in completion of 21 Tasks.

19 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Fifteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 56.4 hours. 147 combat troops, 3.6 Tons of combat cargo and 101 Medevacs were transported in 167 sorties in completion of 27 Tasks.

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20 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Eleven aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 43.7 hours. 298 combat troops, 3.4 Tons of combat cargo and 55 Medevacs were transported in 150 sorties in completion of 23 Tasks.

21 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Eleven aircraft in support of the First Marine Division, Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 56.0 hours. 161 combat troops, 18.8 Tons combat cargo and 125 Medevacs were transported in 201 sorties in completion of 27 Tasks.

22 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Ten aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 48.3 hours. 151 combat troops, 3.3 Tons of combat cargo and 145 Medevacs were transported in 185 sorties in completion of 21 Tasks.

23 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Thirteen aircraft in support of the First Marine Division, Third Marine Division, ROKMC and III MAF for a total of 56.8 hours. 226 combat troops, 23.8 Tons of combat cargo and 67 Medevacs were transported in 216 sorties in completion of 24 Tasks.

24 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Eleven aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division, ROKMC and III MAF for a total of 41.4 hours. 155 combat troops, 22.1 Tons of combat cargo and 80 Medevacs were transported in 167 sorties in completion of 21 Tasks.

25 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Twelve aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division, ROKMC and III MAF for a total of 59.4 hours. 270 combat troops, 36.3 Tons combat cargo and 61 Medevacs were transported in 246 sorties in completion of 28 Tasks.

26 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Eight aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division, ROKMC and III MAF for a total of 46.6 hours. 186 combat troops, 25.3 Tons combat cargo and 28 Medevacs were transported in 194 sorties in completion of 32 Tasks.

27 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Eleven aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 47.7 hours. 373 combat troops, 3.6 Tons combat cargo and 40 Medevacs were transported in 179 sorties in completion of 26 Tasks.

28 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Ten aircraft in support of the First Marine Division, Third Marine Division, ROKMC and III MAF for a total of 50.4 hours. 187 combat troops, 24.5 Tons combat cargo and 73 Medevacs were transported in 176 sorties in completion of 21 Tasks.

29 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Seven aircraft in support of the First Marine Division, Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 45.0 hours. 151 combat troops, 2.4 Tons combat cargo and 129 Medevacs were transported in 154 sorties in completion of 20 Tasks.

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30 April 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of Ten aircraft in support of the First Marine Division, Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 45.8 hours. 223 combat troops, 3.8 Tons of combat cargo and 86 Medevacs were transported in 227 sorties in completion of 24 Tasks.

PART III Significant Events

1. Air Operations:

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|-------------------------|--------|
| a. Total Hours Flown | 1461.5 |
| b. Number of Sorties | 4895. |
| c. Tons of Cargo | 272.7 |
| d. Number of Passengers | 6408. |
| e. Number of Medevacs | 2184. |

2. Major Operations Supported

| <u>OPERATION</u> | <u>HOURS FLOWN</u> | <u>SORTIES</u> | <u>TONS CARGO</u> | <u>PASS</u> | <u>MEDEVACS</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| PURPLE MARTIN | 214.9 | 800 | 23.5 | 1,029 | 158 |
| OKLAHOMA HILLS | 38.2 | 155 | 15.5 | 115 | 41 |
| VICTORY DRAGON X | 76.2 | 388 | 113.6 | 237 | 8 |
| MAINE CRAIG | 475.3 | 1558 | 48.7 | 1,847 | 149 |
| OTHERS | 656.9 | 1994 | 71.4 | 3,180 | 1828 |

3. Promotions: One Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant, Four Corporals to Sergeant, One Lance Corporal to Corporal and One Private First Class to Lance Corporal.

4. Awards: Lance Corporal Danuel J. HOFFMASTER AND Lance Corporal Calvin D. HITCHCOCK were awarded the Purple Heart Medal and First Lieutenant William T. HAYES was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

5. Civil Affairs: Two Pigs were donated to the Catholic Orphanage in Hue/Phu Bai.

6. Casualties: None

7. Logistics: None

8. Maintenance Department: An average daily availability of 55% was maintained with an average of 21 aircraft possessed. Aircraft down to NORS 18% and aircraft down to NORM 27%.