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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following Command Chronology is submitted for the period 1 March 1967 through 31 March 1967.

2. Organizational Data

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME/RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Commanding Officer	U. W. SHADRICK, LTCOL	1 Mar 67 - 31 Mar 67
Executive Officer	G. A. CORLISS, MAJ	1 Mar 67 - 31 Mar 67
Aviation Safety Officer	B. T. LADD, MAJ	1 Mar 67 - 31 Mar 67
Administrative Officer	F. H. KELLER, CAPT T. J. TOBEN, MAJ	1 Mar 67 - 24 Mar 67 25 Mar 67 - 31 Mar 67
Intelligence Officer	G. W. LINN, CAPT	1 Mar 67 - 31 Mar 67
Operations Officer	J. W. ALBER, MAJ	1 Mar 67 - 31 Mar 67
Logistics Officer	R. B. OREY, MAJ	1 Mar 67 - 31 Mar 67
Maint. Officer	W. H. MARSHALL, CAPT R. G. RITCHIE, MAJ	1 Mar 67 - 29 Mar 67 30 Mar 67 - 31 Mar 67
"A" Flight Commander	F. H. KELLER, CAPT	1 Mar 67 - 31 Mar 67
"B" Flight Commander	T. J. TOBEN, MAJ L. R. MOYER, CAPT	1 Mar 67 - 24 Mar 67 25 Mar 67 - 31 Mar 67

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3. Task Organization and Aircraft Allocation

- a. HMM-262, MCAF KY HA, RVN, 1 Mar 67 through 31 Mar 67

4. Average Monthly Strength of Squadron

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	<u>Naval Aviators</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1 Mar 67 through 31 Mar 67	47	5	197

5. Important Visitors to Squadron

- a. R. G. OWENS, Brigadier General, USMC, Asst. 1stMAW Commander

6. Narrative of Events

1 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 48 sorties for a total of 15.5 flight hours. There were 98 troops, 5 passengers and 19 tons of cargo carried. Ten aircraft were detached to MMLF and two aircraft were detached to PHU BAI.

2 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 52 sorties for a total of 26.9 flight hours. There were 76 troops and 18 tons of cargo carried.

Operation Desoto/Deckhouse - There were three aircraft utilized for a total of 38 sorties and 5.8 flight hours. They carried 68 troops and 16 tons of cargo.

3 Mar 67 - The squadron had 10 aircraft deployed in support of MAG-16 which returned on this day. The accomplishments of this day, including the deployed aircraft are: 303 sorties, 33 passengers, 797 troops, 148 tons of cargo and 97.0 flight hours.

Operation Desoto - There were 132 sorties flown for a total of 52.6 flight hours.

4 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 295 sorties for a total of 70.6 flight hours. There were 41 passengers, 467 troops and 144 tons of cargo carried. Two aircraft returned from deployment aboard the LPD-2. They flew 198 sorties for a total of 42.0 flight hours. They carried 28 passengers, 190 troops and 115 tons of cargo. These totals are included in the above figures.

Operation Desoto - There were 252 sorties flown for a total of 73.0 flight hours. There were 483 troops and 135 tons of cargo carried.

5 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 128 sorties for a total of 48.4 flight hours. There were 68 passengers, 386 troops and 34 tons of cargo carried.

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On mission H-0304-71 and 71A, 11 aircraft supported the ARVN. A total of 53 sorties were flown in 21.4 flight hours and 309 troops were carried. On this mission one aircraft received light small arms fire from BT171002. One hit was received in the ramp causing minor damage to the aircraft.

Operation Desoto - A total of 45 sorties were flown in 20.3 flight hours. They carried 73 passengers and 19 tons of cargo.

8 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 63 sorties for a total of 21.9 flight hours. There were 4 passengers, 321 troops and 3 tons of cargo carried.

While on mission H-0308-71 (recon insertion and extraction) 20 sorties were flown in 9.9 flight hours. They carried 73 troops. Two aircraft received small arms fire from BT432010 (0807H), BS437968 (0938H), BT360044 (1041H), BT284063 (1100H) and BS447717 (1158H). One aircraft received one hit from BT289069 (1050H) while in level flight. Damage was minor and the mission was completed.

Operation Desoto - A total of 5 sorties were flown in 2.8 flight hours and 30 passengers were carried.

9 Mar 67 - Two aircraft returned from PHU BAI where they were deployed in support of Operation Shining Brass. These aircraft flew 23 sorties for a total of 14.6 flight hours and carried 42 troops.

11 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 152 sorties for a total of 106.3 flight hours. There were 410 troops and 42 tons of cargo carried.

Operation Shining Brass - A total of 29 sorties were flown in 26.6 flight hours. There were 135 passengers and 1 ton of cargo carried.

13 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 146 sorties for a total of 38.5 flight hours. There were 37 passengers, 144 troops and 92 tons of cargo carried.

Mission H-0313-64D was an emergency recon extraction of a 22 man team from BS738351. They received automatic small arms fire from the zone. No hits were received.

Operation Desoto - A total of 96 sorties were flown in 24.2 flight hours. There were 28 passengers and 73 tons of cargo carried.

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14 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 141 sorties for a total of 50.9 flight hours. There were 19 passengers, 335 troops and 20 tons of cargo carried.

Operation Desoto - A total of 35 sorties were flown in 11.4 flight hours. There were 90 troops and 5 tons of cargo carried.

Mission H-0313-94A, B, C (Emergency Med-Evac/Resupply)
On mission -94A, 3 US WIA's were carried. The aircraft received fire from BT313137. No hits were received. On mission -94B and C, 650 pounds of cargo were carried. This flight received fire from BT302142 and BT330108. Both aircraft received a total of 8 hits but were able to returned home without assistance.

17 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 239 sorties for a total of 94.3 flight hours. There were 39 passengers, 650 troops and 100 tons of cargo carried.

Mission H-0316-90 (Emergency Recon Extraction) carried 12 troops, 3 WIA's and 3 KIA's. Fire was received from BS815375 and AT795348. One hit was received causing minor damage to the aircraft but the mission was completed.

Operation Desoto - A total of 98 sorties were flown in 49.3 flight hours. There were 176 troops and 49 tons of cargo carried.

18 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 93 sorties for a total of 51.3 flight hours. There were 151 troops and 26 tons of cargo carried.

Sparrow Hawk - Mission H-0318-53 utilized 2 aircraft to insert a blocking force at BS640960.

19 Mar 67 - A detachment of two aircraft returned from MAG-16. While in support of MAG-16, these aircraft flew 15 sorties for a total of 6.0 flight hours. They carried 30 troops and 100 pounds of cargo.

20 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 183 sorties for a total of 79.3 flight hours. There were 30 passengers, 451 troops and 55 tons of cargo carried.

Mission H-0320-70A utilized two aircraft for a Recon Insertion at BS727375. As the first aircraft touched down in the zone, it received automatic weapons fire. The aircraft received 8 hits resulting in 1 KIA, and 4 WIA's of the recon team and 1 WIA of the aircraft crew.

A detachment of 3 aircraft, deployed in support of MAG-16, returned. While in support of MAG-16 these aircraft flew 19 sorties for a total of 5.4 flight hours. There were 53 troops carried.

Operation Desoto - A total of 21 sorties were flown in 8.7 flight hours. There were 105 troops and 51 tons of cargo carried.

23 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 140 sorties for a total of 50.7 flight hours. There were 116 passengers, 174 troops and 39 tons of cargo carried.

Operation Desoto - A total of 42 sorties were flown in 21.0 flight hours. There were 127 troops and 32 tons of cargo carried.

25 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 178 sorties in 55.1 flight hours. There were 74 passengers, 99 troops and 78 tons of cargo carried.

Operation Desoto - There were 96 sorties flown for a total of 28.5 flight hours. Carried were 60 troops and 46 tons of cargo.

26 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 97 sorties for a total of 73.1 flight hours. There were 13 passengers, 386 troops and 70 tons of cargo carried.

Sparrow Hawk - Mission H-0326-53A involved two CH-46's in support of III MAF on an emergency recon extraction from BS398770. One WIA and 20 troops were extracted.

Operation Desoto - The squadron flew 138 sorties for a total of 42.5 flight hours. There were 197 troops and 54 tons of cargo carried.

27 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 113 sorties for a total of 43.9 flight hours. There were 7 passengers, 145 troops and 18 tons of cargo carried.

Operation Desoto - A total of 42 sorties were flown for a total of 18.2 flight hours. There were 72 troops and 14 tons of cargo carried.

28 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 131 sorties for a total of 51.9 flight hours. There were 16 passengers, 291 troops and 36 tons of cargo carried.

Operation Desoto - The squadron flew 50 sorties for a total of 21.0 flight hours. There were 127 troops and 18 tons of cargo carried.

29 Mar 67 - Two detached aircraft returned from MAG-16. While deployed in support of MAG-16 these aircraft flew 53 sorties for a total of 23.0 flight hours. They carried 41 passengers, 78 troops and 30 tons of cargo.

Operation Desoto - The squadron flew 82 sorties for a total of 23.5 flight hours. There were 71 troops and 53 tons of cargo carried.

30 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 216 sorties for a total of 69.9 flight hours. There were 365 troops and 65 tons of cargo carried.

Operation Desoto - A total of 45 sorties were flown in 13.0 flight hours. There were 60 troops and 13 tons of cargo carried.

31 Mar 67 - The squadron flew 63 sorties for a total 26.1 flight hours. There were 127 troops and 21 tons of cargo carried.

Mission 0330-90 involved two CH-46A's on Bald Eagle Emergency Med-Evac. These aircraft flew 5 sorties for a total of 3.6 flight hours to evac 11 US WIA's and 4 US KIA's.

Operation Desoto - The squadron flew 39 sorties for a total of 15.6 flight hours. There were 69 troops and 15 tons of cargo carried.

7. Listing of Significant Events

a. Personnel

(1) Reassignment of Officers and Enlisted Personnel.

(a) During this period HMM-262 transferred 2 officers to NAS Pensacola and 6 officers to MCAS El Toro. There were 4 officers joined from MAG-26 and 1 officer from MAG-16.

(b) Reassignments for Enlisted Personnel were: 12 men to MAG-26, 2 men to MCAS El Toro, 9 men to Third MAW, 3 men to NAS Pensacola, 2 men to MCB Camp Pendleton, 1 man to MB, Pearl Harbor and 1 man to H&MS-36. The squadron joined 1 man from HMMT-302, 1 man from MAG-26, 1 man from MAG-16, 1 man from Camp Pendleton, 2 men from MABS-36 and 4 men from H&MS-36.

b. Operations

(1) HMM-262 flew 1498.5 flight hours, carried 6682 troops, 937 passengers and 1297 tons of cargo for the month of March 1967.

(2) Operation Shining Brass - The squadron flew 52 sorties, 41.2 flight hours, carried 177 troops and one ton of cargo in support of this operation.

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(3) Operation Deckhouse-6 - The squadron flew 412 sorties, 115.7 flight hours, carried 743 troops and 210 tons of cargo in support of this operation.

(4) Operation Desoto - The squadron flew 1528 sorties, 550.7 flight hours, carried 2564 troops and 894 tons of cargo in support of this operation.

(5) Support of MAG-16 - HMM-262 flew 163 sorties, 66.4 flight hours, carried 373 troops and 44 tons of cargo in support of MAG-16.

c. Training

(1) Major B. T. LADD, Lt C. H. BERCIER (USN) and Cpl R. T. CARDENAS attended the Escape and Evasion School at NAS Cubi Point, P. I.

(2) 1stLt T. F. O'MALLEY attended the PACAF Jungle Survival School at Clark AFB, P. I.

d. Maintenance

(1) Average availability for the period 1 Mar 67 through 31 Mar 67 was 68.1%.

e. Awards

(1) Eight Combat Air Crewmember Wings were awarded.

(2) Three Purple Hearts were awarded.

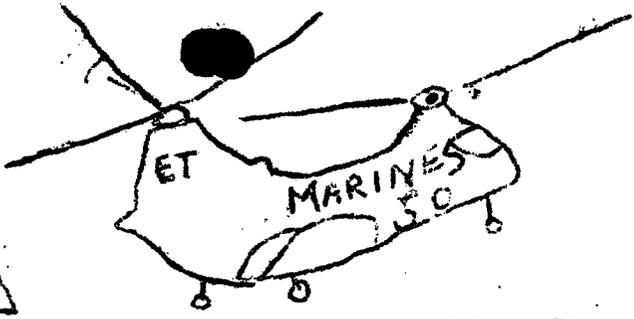
(3) More than 100 Air Medals were received during the month of March.

f. Informational Services

(1) The fourth edition of "Tiger Tales", a monthly publication of HMM-262 was published. (Enclosure (1))

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U. W. SHADRICK

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WHERE EVERY DAY'S A HOLIDAY

This month's editorial will be just a reprinted message received on the 8th of March 1967.

FM: CG, FMAW
TO: MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262

1. YOUR MONTHLY RECORD 2198 HOURS DURING FEBRUARY IMPRESSIVE. ALL TIME HIGH FOR CH-46 IN COMBAT. ACHIEVEMENT MADE MORE IMPRESSIVE BY LACK OF ANY OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT WHILE OPERATING STRENUOUS HOURS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER. RECORD PROVIDES SOUND EVIDENCE THAT OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND FLYING SAFETY ARE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING. MY CONGRADULATIONS FOR INSPIRING SQUADRON PERFORMANCE. MAJ GEN ROBERTSHAW SENDS.

NUFF SAID.
Ed.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

1. Take those salt tabs at least 2-4 times a day spread out with as much water as possible!
2. Doc says "Take those malaria pills once a week! It's better to take them than the suffering the disease brings."
3. Pilots and Crews -- "KEEP THOSE VISORS DOWN." You only get one pair of eyes.
4. Pilots -- Don't just sign your log book! Check it! We've got an outstanding group of Ops Clerks but they are only super human!

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5. Doug says "S-4 still has a few fans to check out to you guys if desired."
6. Don't wear any sweet scents like strong after-shaves. If you have to "E&E IT", Ole Vic Charlie will sniff you out like a Blu Tick Houn'.

WELCOME ABOARD

The following men joined HMM-262 during the month of March 1967 from the places indicated next to their names:

Major R. G. RITCHIE - HMMT-302, MHT-30, 3dMAW
 Capt R. F. YEAGER - HMM-261, MAG-26
 Capt L. R. MOYER - HMM-261, MAG-26
 Capt J. D. ALEXANDER - HMM-161, MAG-26
 Capt D. W. MOORE - HMM-164, MAG-16
 Capt G. M. TRAVIS - HMM-161, MAG-26
 MSgt H. R. DALZELL - H&S Co 2dRepl Co, Staging Bn. MCB, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
 2ndLt T. R. EDMUNDS - HMM-161, MAG-26
 Sgt J. P. BORMAN - HMM-164, MAG-16
 LCpl W. E. GOWERS - MABS-36, MAG-36
 Sgt P. G. BURKE Jr. - H&MS-36, MAG-36

BON VOYAGE

The following men were transferred during the month of March 1967:

Capt M. A. HOESCH to MAD, NABTC, NAS, Pensacola, Florida
 Capt D. L. BUCK to 3dMAW, MCAS, El Toro, California
 Capt J. T. DANDREA to MCAS, El Toro, California
 Capt H. L. KENNEDY Jr. to MCAS, El Toro, California
 Capt M. V. SULLIVAN to MAD, NABTC, NAS, Pensacola, Florida
 Capt C. D. BROWN Jr. to MCAS, El Toro, California
 Capt D. W. MCCLEEREY to MCAS, El Toro, California
 1stLt R. D. PARTINGTON to MAG-26, MCAF, New River, Jacksonville, N. C.
 MSgt R. J. FILLMORE to NAMTRAGRU, NAS, Memphis, Tennessee
 GSgt C. C. HALE to MCAS, El Toro, California
 SSgt N. F. ADAMSON to NAMTRAGRU, NAS, Memphis, Tennessee
 SSgt H. R. SHANKEY to NAMTRAGRU, NAS, Memphis, Tennessee
 SSgt J. J. WHITE to NAMTRAGRU, NAS, Memphis, Tennessee
 Sgt P. E. CARRILLO to MAG-26, MCAF, New River, Jacksonville, N. C.
 Sgt S. A. GLONTZ to MARTD, NAS, Memphis, Tennessee
 Sgt R. E. DIKES to MCAS, El Toro, California
 Sgt C. D. MERTZ to MARTD, MARTC, NAS, Dallas, Texas
 Sgt J. P. SIELOFF to MAG-26, MCAF, New River, Jacksonville, N. C.
 Sgt D. E. ROARK to MCAS, El Toro, California
 Sgt D. RAZO Jr. to MCAS, Quantico, Virginia
 Sgt A. A. TERRELL Jr. to MCAS, El Toro, California

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Cpl P. M. CAQUETTE to MAG-26, MCAF, New River, Jacksonville, N. C.
 Cpl W. E. COOLEY to MAG-26, MCAF, New River, Jacksonville, N. C.
 Cpl S. D. LANIER to MAG-26, MCAF, New River, Jacksonville, N. C.
 Cpl D. M. GOLDER to MCAS, El Toro, California
 Cpl B. L. HOFFMAN to MAG-32, MCAS, Beaufort, S. C.
 Cpl K. D. KISSINGER to MAG -31, MCAS, Beaufort, S. C.
 Cpl G. A. MALONE Jr. to MCAS, El Toro, California
 Cpl J. M. MCNABB to MAG-26, MCAF, New River, Jacksonville, N. C.
 Cpl C. H. PATRUM to MCAS, El Toro, California
 Cpl J. R. ROSS to MCAS, El Toro, California
 Cpl W. S. ORZEL to MCAS, El Toro, California
 Cpl J. L. ZMYSCOWSKI to MCAS, El Toro, California
 Cpl D. A. SNOWDEN to MCB, Camp Pendleton, California
 LCpl V. B. COBB to MCAS, El Toro, California
 LGpl B. P. RAMIREZ to Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

Sung to the tune of "June is Busting out all over."

♪ Captains are Bustin out all over. Railroad tracks are everywhere. ♪

Yep! That's right! We got a whole new batch of Captains during the month of March. Five are wearing the tracks already and in a few weeks there will be several more.

Those presently wearing the new rank are:

Captain George W. LINN

Capt James L. KIRSCHNIK

Captain Paul S. JOHNSTON

Captain David R. HAMILL

Captain Carl D. BROWN Jr.

We've 11 new Sergeants, 10 new Corporals and three new Lance Corporals, who are listed below. Congratulations to all:

Sergeants:

J. P. BORMAN

D. L. NIX

D. J. CALABRETTA

A. B. PENN

J. J. DOUGERTY JR.

L. A. RINER

G. L. KAVELARAS

R. N. STEELE

M. G. KEEGAN

W. L. YEARICK

D. V. KIRCHER

Corporals:

S. M. ARNOLD

R. T. ASHBY

R. BUDA

W. F. CLOVER JR.

K. M. KYLLO

D. L. OUDMAN

D. A. SNOWDEN

C. A. WILLIAMS

W. M. HAGAN

R. J. SIEI

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Capt J. R. WILKIE Jr. - award of stars in lieu of the 3rd thru 7th Air Medal

SSgt J. E. AKERLEY - award of the Air Medal and stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 5th Air Medal

Corporal James M. AKSTIN - award of a gold star in lieu of the 4th Air Medal

SSgt P. T. ANDERSON - award of gold stars in lieu of the 2nd and 3rd Air Medal

LCpl B. E. ANDREWS - award of stars in lieu of the 3rd and 4th Air Medal

Cpl S. M. ARNOLD - award of stars in lieu of the 3rd thru 9th Air Medal

Cpl R. T. ASHBY - award of stars in lieu of the 4th thru 9th Air Medal

Sgt H. J. ATKINSON - award of stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 4th Air Medal

SSgt D. J. AUSTIN - award of a gold star in lieu of the 3rd Air Medal

Sgt J. P. BORMAN - award of a gold star in lieu of the 4th Air Medal

Sgt R. L. BROOKS - award of stars in lieu of the 5th thru 10th Air Medal

Cpl R. R. BRYANT - award of a gold star in lieu of the 5th Air Medal

Cpl R. BUDA - award of a gold star in lieu of the 2nd Air Medal

Cpl M. F. BYOKAWSKI - award of a gold star in lieu of the 3rd and 4th Air Medal

LCpl R. J. CAIN - award of stars in lieu of the 3rd thru 5th Air Medal

Cpl F. L. CAITHAMER Jr. - award of an Air Medal and gold star in lieu of the 2nd Air Medal

Cpl R. T. CARDENAS - award of stars in lieu of the 4th thru 10th Air Medal

Sgt G. L. CARR - award of stars in lieu of the 3rd thru 8th Air Medal

Sgt P. CLARK - award of the Air Medal

Cpl W. F. CLOVER JR. - award of stars in lieu of the 5th thru 10th Air Medal

SSgt R. R. COLEGROVE - award of a gold star in lieu of the 4th Air Medal

Sgt J. P. CORWIN - award of the Air Medal

SSgt F. B. DOUGLASS - award of stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 5th Air Medal

Sgt E. ESCARCEGA - award of stars in lieu of the 5th thru 9th Air Medal

LCpl K. M. ETTER - award of stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 8th Air Medal

LCpl M. B. FARLEY - award of gold stars in lieu of the 2nd and 3rd Air Medal

Sgt R. A. GODLEWSKI - award of the Air Medal and gold star in lieu of the Air Medal

Cpl J. W. HAWKINS - award of a gold star in lieu of the 3rd Air Medal

SSgt J. E. HOLLEY - award of a gold star in lieu of the 2nd and 3rd Air Medal

LCpl J. E. JACOBS Jr. - award of gold stars in lieu of the 3rd thru 10th Air Medal

Sgt S. A. JONES - award of stars in lieu of the 5th thru 8th Air Medal

CSgt W. S. JONES - award of a gold star in lieu of the 2nd Air Medal

CSgt L. N. KARR - award of a gold star in lieu of the 3rd Air Medal

Sgt M. G. KEEGAN - award of stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 5th Air Medal

Cpl E. H. KRUGER - award of the Air Medal and stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 5th Air Medal

Cpl K. M. KYLLO - award of stars in lieu of the 3rd thru 9th Air Medal

Sgt D. W. LANGLOIS - award of stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 8th Air Medal

Pfc M. D. LAYMON - award of the Air Medal and gold stars in lieu of the 2 thru 5th Air Medal

LCpl C. S. MCCONNELL III - award of stars in lieu of the 5th thru 9th Air Medal

Cpl R. T. MCGETTIGAN - award of stars in lieu of the 3rd thru 7th Air Medal

LCpl F. H. MILLS - award of stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 5th Air Medal

SSgt A. NASH - award of a gold star in lieu of the 3rd Air Medal

Sgt D. L. NIX - award of the Air Medal

LCpl S. E. OLECKNA Jr. - award of stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 4th Air Medal
 Cpl J. E. PAGE - award of stars in lieu of the 6th thru 9th Air Medal
 Sgt R. E. PARTRIDGE - award of stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 5th Air Medal
 GySgt P. C. PHILLIPS - award of the Air Medal
 Sgt D. W. REINBOLT - award of stars in lieu of the 9th thru 14th Air Medal
 Pfc G. ROSSER - award of stars in lieu of the 4th thru 6th Air Medal
 Sgt L. P. ROSSI - award of a gold star in lieu of the 3rd Air Medal
 Sgt G. D. SCHADE - award of stars in lieu of the 4th thru 8th Air Medal
 Cpl R. J. SIELOFF - award of stars in lieu of the 5th thru 7th Air Medal
 SSgt E. R. SMITH - award of a gold star in lieu of the 4th Air Medal
 Sgt R. N. STEELE - award of stars in lieu of the 4th thru 7th Air Medal
 Cpl M. L. STEWART - award of stars in lieu of the 4th thru 9th Air Medal
 LCpl T. F. SULLIVAN - award of stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 4th Air Medal
 Sgt R. THOMAS - award of stars in lieu of the 2nd thru 5th Air Medal
 LCpl N. F. VINSON - award of the Air Medal
 SSgt J. O. WALKER Jr. - award of gold stars in lieu of the 2nd and 3rd Air
 SSgt J. E. WHALEN Jr. - award of a gold star in lieu of the 2nd and 3rd Air
 Cpl C. A. WILLIAMS - award of a gold star in lieu of the 4th and 5th Air Me

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

S-1 sends, "when returning from leave, TAD, R&R or any schools, PLEASE check in with us."

On the 25th of March new job changes were noticed around the area. To the following men we send a "Good Luck", you've got it:

Major T. J. TOBEN Jr. - Administration and Personnel Officer
 Captain D. R. HAMILL - Legal Officer
 Captain J. W. HOGUE - Motor Transport Officer
 Captain J. W. NALL - Marine Corps Property Officer
 Captain R. F. YEAGER - Postal Officer
 1stLt R. J. KALATA - Career Advisory and Education Officer

FROM THE TIGER OPERATIONS LOOK-OUT: WHAT HAVE WE DONE SINCE OUR ARRIVAL IN VIETNAM?

Now I know ALL HANDS want to tell me where to go and how they can help me there after that question. But lets take a look from ye ole statics board of our Operations Sections and see what happened.

First of all the squadron arrived in Vietnam on 1 December 1966 which means we've enjoyed the bennies for 121 days. We flew our first very own aircraft on 20 December 1966. So we've been sight-seeing and joy-riding for 102 days. Now we'll see what the OPS Computer says about all of this:

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TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS (102 days) - 5909.5 (based on 1500.0 hours for March 67)

Average flight hours weekly - 394.0

Average flight hours daily - 56.2

Average time based on a 14 (normal) hour flying day - 40.0

Now with all those complicated computer figures we all wonder just what have we really done. Well gentlemen, to answer you briefly and bluntly we have shown our face to be America's greatest combat team to hit this place. To be more specific, there is going to be written one day, a history book and each chapter is going to be written on an operation. So, if you read up on your history, in a few years you'll see the results of our efforts in the following chapters:

Operation SIERRA, SEINE, DESOTO, CHINOOK, LIEN CAT, GIANT DRAGON, RIO GRANDE, DECKHOUSE, STONE, PEUBLO, ESTUARY and INDEPENDENCE.

Now for the tally button. The computer says for our total time, an average of 5% are strikes. This includes night med-evacs and recon insertions and extractions, Combat troop lifts account for 8%. Admin and test hops are 2% and re-supply missions came out to 85%.

I asked the ole computer about all the other time we have and it says: we have to spend some time in our respective offices and shops. The Doc sez we have to sleep a few hours and spend a little time enjoying our wholesome food at our favorite diner. Plus the Chaplin's light came on and said we should use a little time to visit his place of business, and of course the Career Advisory reminds us to write THOU SCITMAJ and her Staff back home from time to time. So with all these things we are doing and doing well, I want to ask you one other question:

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN YOUR SPARE TIME? OKAY., OKAY., sorry I asked.

As of press time the following statics were extracted from the "TIGER SCORE BOARD": (For the past 102 days)

FLIGHT HOURS 5890.2 SORTIES 15,438 TROOPS 41,233 CARGO TONS 4515

MISSIONS 808 PASSENGERS 3064

You are welcome to visit our Operations Section in your spare time and scope out the "TIGER SCORE BOARD". Its kept up daily and monthly. It is located just behind YE OLE Computer's desk.

TO ALL MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL:

During the month of February the Squadron flew approximately 2200 hours. HMM-262 maintenance logged 6172 maintenance man-hours. This is in addition to the thousands of hours used for normal pre-flight, servicing and odd jobs. This month our flight time will be less than February, but the hours logged in by you in maintaining the aircraft as of the 29th of March totals 5117 hours. This again is in addition to the normal routine work.

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Without you none of us fly and without the extra effort that all of you have shown 262 would be just another Squadron.

ATTA BOY!!!

The Skipper sends, "A JOB WELL DONE" to all! (You've earned it!)

THE PROFESSIONAL PRIVATE (AIRBORNE) SPEAKS:

THE SHOP OF THE MONTH

Starting this month, the TIGER TALES will carry a column covering a certain shop within this Squadron. This month the PARALOFT has been chosen to start this new column off:

Personnel:

1stLt J. E. MURPHY - Officer in Charge of the Paraloft

SSgt J. E. WHALEN - NCO in Charge

Sgt R. A. GODLEWSKI

Cpl M. O. CLARK

Pfc G. LEVETT

Pfc E. DUCHES

Pfc T. C. YATES

Hours:

The Paraloft runs on the normal 2 shift basis - 1. 0600 to 1700
2. 1000 until flight operations are secured for the evening.

Equipment:

Often this shop may go through a full days work using only a can of glue, a brush, sewing machine and a screw driver. (But these days are far and few between.)

Working Structure:

The basic job of the Paraloft is maintaing survival gear in all aircraft as well as with its crew members. The following gear is present in all aircraft:

First Aid Kits Fire Bottles Troop Vest/and/or Maye Wests

Survival Kits Rescue Assemblies

However, much of the shops work is used for repair of barrier filters, seats and helmets. Also a very good supply of clean flight-suits are kept up for the personnel.

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According to the A & M Inspection our Paraloft is the best in the MAG.

Many of the personnel's spare hours are spent keeping the men with a good supply of short sleeve shirts and may other small and large jobs, which are not required of a basic parachute rigger, but is done out of their own generosity.

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