

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262
 Marine Aircraft Group 36
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following Command Chronology is submitted for the period 1 May 1967 to 31 May 1967.

2. Organizational Data

<u>BILLIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Commanding Officer	U. W. SHADLOCK, LTCOL	1 May 67 - 31 May 67
Executive Officer	G. A. COBLISS, MAJ	1 May 67 - 31 May 67
Aviation Safety Officer	B. T. LADD, MAJ	1 May 67 - 31 May 67
Administrative Officer	T. J. TOBEN, MAJ	1 May 67 - 31 May 67
Intelligence Officer	L. R. MOYER, CAPT	1 May 67 - 31 May 67
Operations Officer	J. W. ALBER, MAJ	1 May 67 - 31 May 67
Logistics Officer	R. B. ORLY, MAJ	1 May 67 - 31 May 67
Maint. Officer	R. G. RITCHIE, MAJ	1 May 67 - 31 May 67
"A" Flight Commander	F. H. KELLER, CAPT	1 May 67 - 31 May 67
"B" Flight Commander	W. H. MARSHALL, CAPT	1 May 67 - 31 May 67

3. Task Organization and Unit Location

a. HMM-262, Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN, 1 May 67 - 31 May 67.

4. Average Monthly Strength of Squadron

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	<u>Naval Aviators</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1 May 67 - 31 May 67	41	5	190

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5. Important Vistons to Squadron

a. L. B. ROBERTSHAW, Major General, USMC

6. Narrative of Events

1 May 67 - This day HMM-262 flew 166 sorties for a total of 72.6 flight hours. Four hundred and eighty seven troops and 16 tons of cargo were carried.

2 May 67 - This day HMM-262 flew 129 sorties for a total of 49.0 flight hours. Two hundred and fifty seven troops, 13.5 tons of cargo, and 27 routine med-evacs were carried.

3 May 67 - This day HMM-262 flew 211 sorties for a total of 44.6 flight hours. Seven hundred and fifty seven troops and 6.5 tons of cargo were carried.

Mission H-0503-71. Two A/C were launched to Phu Bai for a re-supply mission, however both A/C were diverted to O30 radial, 20 miles from channel 69 to pick up a pilot of a downed A-4. The pick up was made without incident.

5 May 67 - This day HMM-262 flew 249 sorties for a total of 90.0 flight hours. Eight hundred and seventy four troops and 11 tons of cargo were carried.

6 May 67 - This day HMM-262 flew 165 sorties for a total of 63.2 flight hours. Three hundred and eighty two troops and 39.5 tons of cargo were carried.

7 May 67 - This day HMM-262 flew 166 sorties for a total of 56.5 flight hours. Five hundred and fifty four troops, 3.1 tons of cargo and 50 med-evacs were carried.

8 May 67 - Mission H-0508-110. Two Sparrow Hawk A/C were launched on an emergency med-evac in support of "CIRCUMSTANCE", located at AT812623. When BT-43 went in for the pick up, it received heavy automatic weapons fire and took 8 hits. The crew chief and gunner were hit and were taken to G-4 Hospital. Due to enemy fire and poor weather conditions the mission was aborted.

9 May 67 - This day HMM-262 flew 306 sorties for a total of 91.0 flight hours. Five tons of cargo and 1,280 troops and 26 med-evacs were carried.

10 May 67 - Mission H-0510-11N. Two A/C were launched on an emergency med-evac mission to evacuate 20 US WLA's from BT053385. During the approach to pick up zone, "MOHAIR" 5-14 received heavy fire resulting in 25 hits. The pilot managed to get the A/C to a secure zone. The second A/C continued the mission and later joined by another "MOHAIR" A/C completed the mission. A total of 41 med-evacs were carried in 6.6 flight hours and 12 sorties.

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- 11 May 67 - This day HMM-262 flew 135 sorties for a total of 50.2 flight hours. Two tons of cargo, 501 troops, and 6 med-evacs were carried.
- 12 May 67 - Mission H-0512-99. Two A/C shuttled 4,400 pounds of cargo between Ky Ha and Marble Mountain Air Facility. At approximately 1430H the number two aircraft crashed in the ocean at 125°/15 miles from Channel 37. All four (4) crew members were killed. The aft pylon was observed to leave the aircraft before it entered the water. At 121645H, all CH-46's were grounded in the 1st MAW, pending investigation of cracks in the aft transmission mount area.
- 22 May 67 - Mission H-0522-68. Two CH-46's were launched on a recon extraction. "NOHAIR" 5-4 was on final to AT945345 when he was taken under fire. There were two explosive rounds, one of which was taken in the bottom bubble on the pilot's side. The A/C was forced to land at AT902384 because one engine and one boost system had been shot out, and the second boost system was failing. The crew was retrieved by "NOHAIR" 5-3 and returned to Marble Mountain. The downed aircraft was lifted out and returned the following day.
- 23 May 67 - Four A/C returned from their detachment at Phu Bai and participation in Operation HICKORY. While deployed these A/C flew a total of 73.1 flight hours in 119 sorties. They carried 495 troops and 44.5 tons of cargo.
- 27 May 67 - Sparrow Hawk, mission H-0527-56A. Two CH-46's were launched on an emergency recon extraction of team "CLASSMATE" at AT 993287. A total of 7 troops were carried in 1.9 hours and 4 sorties. Fire was taken but no hits received.
- 28 May 67 - Four aircraft returned from their detachment at Phu Bai. While deployed these aircraft flew 109 sorties for a total of 51.8 flight hours, lifting 22 tons of cargo and 196 troops.
- 31 May 67 - Mission H-0531-70 (Operation UNION II). EF-40 while refueling at TAM KY caught fire due to a faulty fuel nozzle and burned. There were no injuries. A/C damage was Alpha.

7. Listing of Significant Events

a. Personnel

- (1) Reassignment of Officers and Enlisted personnel.

(a) A total of 5 Officers and 19 Enlisted men were transferred from the unit. In turn we received 5 Officers and 10 Enlisted men.

b. Operations

- (1) HMM-262 flew 1084.8 flight hours, carried 8250 troops and 756 tons of cargo in 2823 sorties for the month of May 1967.

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(2) Operation UNION - The squadron flew 211 sorties, carried 764 troops and 45.5 tons of cargo for a total of 87.5 flight hours in support of this operation.

(3) Operation UNION II - The squadron flew 112 sorties, carried 449 troops and 5 tons of cargo for a total of 38.1 flight hours in support of this operation.

(4) Operation SHAMBLE - The squadron flew 627 sorties, carried 2215 troops and 30 tons of cargo for a total of 173.3 flight hours in support of this operations.

(5) Operation HICKORY - The squadron flew 131 sorties, carried 266 troops and 36 tons of cargo for a total of 44.2 flight hours in support of this operation.

(6) Operation DUVAL - The squadron flew 4 sorties, carried 8 troops and 1 ton of cargo for a total of 1.6 flight hours in support of this operation.

(7) Phu Bai Augmentation - The squadron flew 107 sorties, carried 415 troops and 30.5 tons of cargo for a total of 35.7 flight hours.

(8) Sparrow Hawk Operations - The squadron flew 46 sorties, 14.4 flight hours, and carried 130 troops in support of Sparrow Hawk Operation.

(9) PROJECT DELTA - The squadron flew 45.0 flight hours in support of this operation.

c. Training

(1) Capt F. H. KILLER, Capt J. D. PURDY, Cpl C. A. WILLIAMS, and Cpl W. F. STOLZBURG attended the Jungle Environmental Survival School, NAS Cubi Pt., R. P..

(2) SSGT O. A. FINDER attended Vietnamese Language School, Camp Butler, Okinawa.

(3) LCPL M. J. NIEMOLA attended Infantry Weapons Repair School, Camp Butler, Okinawa.

d. Maintenance

(1) Average availability for the period 1 May 67 through 31 May 67 was 52.2%.

e. Awards

(1) HMI-262 was presented a Certificate of Commendation by Major General ROBERTSHAW for the outstanding achievement during the month of February 1967.

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(2) MAJ J. W. ALBER and LT G. H. CARDEN were presented Distinguished Flying Crosses.

(3) Eight Purple Hearts were awarded.

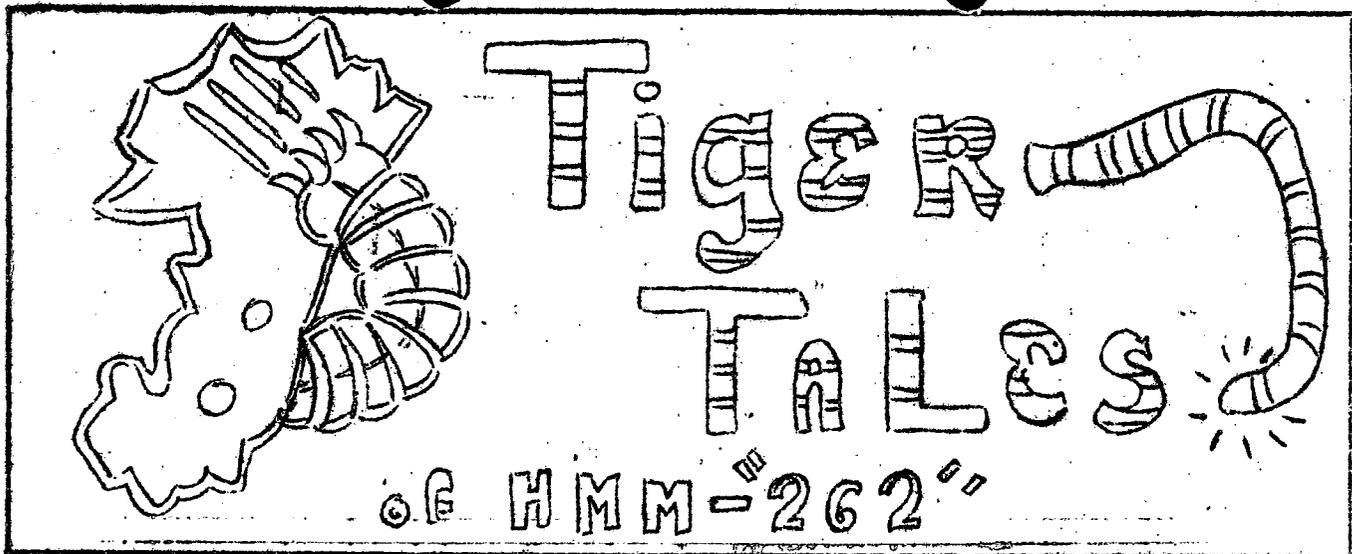
f. Informational Services

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

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TIGER TALES is a monthly publication of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262. Any personnel desiring information published, contact Captain YEAGER or Pvt SCHUMM.

WHERE EVERY DAY'S A HOLIDAY

Armed Forces Message -

I take great pride in acknowledging your heroic actions on the battlefields and your deeds of compassion in the countryside. Your courage and your inspired, selfless devotion are an example to the people of the world as you help to usher in a new era of freedom here in Vietnam. The development and growth of democratic processes and institutions within this country are clear indications of the progress being made.

Your achievements mark you as the finest fighting men our nation has ever sent into battle; you deserve the honor, the respect and the support of all the American People—for you are America's best."

General W. C. WESTMORELAND

Halfway home! As of the first of June we are in our 7th month. The rest of the way is all down hill; Right Tigers!! The month of May brought us our "Big Brothers", the CH-53's and of course HMM-463. Welcome to Vietnam and Marble Mountain Guys. May also brought with it the "Hot" weather as we are all well aware of. From now on until late September we can all expect extreme heat and some fatigue. Let's be aware of it and take it "Cool."

THE SKIPPER SPEAKS

As 262 enters the downhill side of our tour it might be well to reflect for a few moments on the past six months. Sir Winston Churchill's famous "Blood, sweat, toil and tears", might best describe the efforts that we have put forth. The return has been well worth it.

Each of you have passed through the "valley", and have proven yourselves to be the toughest "Mothah" there.

You've done a lot more than that, though. You've taken part in the dirtiest, most unpleasant, unpopular war in American history, and you're winning it.

The young men among you have proven yourselves to be better fighters, more intelligent, better educated and more dedicated Marines than those of any previous war. Those of us in the older generation who were wringing our hands over our teen-agers a few years back are now satisfied that the future of the United States is in damn good hands.

As the tempo of the war picks up this summer, there can be no relaxing of our pressure on the enemy. To keep that pressure applied is going to require the utmost effort from each of us. What is needed is a re-dedication of our lives to the defense of our ideals, and the determination to endure the long haul of the last half.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

1. Cruise Book orders are being taken by either Captain CONROY or Sergeant CORWIN at \$5.00 a copy.
2. A few hours a month spent at the beach will toughen the skin enough to eliminate skin rashes.
3. Doc says to take 2 to 4 salt tablets at a time and drink plenty of water when working.
4. Pilots remember; annual flight time reports are due this month - lets get them in early.
5. If interested in buying a car overseas, stay away from the Universal Auto Corporation.
6. Keep your personal weapons under lock and key. You are monitarily responsible for lost or stolen weapons.

THE PROFESSIONAL PRIVATE (X-AIRBORNE) SPEAKS:THE SHOP OF THE MONTHS-2 (INTELLIGENCE):Personnel:

Intelligence Officer - Captain L. R. MOYER
 Ass't Intelligence Officer - First Lieutenant P. C. JAMES
 Ass't Intelligence Officer - Second Lieutenant B. A. KEMP
 Intelligence Chief - Gunnery Sergeant J. O. WALKER
 Intelligence Clerk - Sergeant P. G. BURKE
 Intelligence Clerk - Lance Corporal T. F. SULLIVAN

The S-2 section has the overall responsibility for all intelligence and counterintelligence functions with the squadron. Particular jobs of the section are:

1. Maintaining an enemy situation map and all information obtainable on enemy units, their location, movement, strength and weapons.
2. Briefing and debriefing flights.
3. Preparing intelligence briefs for strikes.
4. Evaluating enemy anti-air capability as it affects our mission.
5. Escape, evasion and survival.
6. Processing personal security clearances at the squadron level.
7. The S-2 also has the responsibility for the overall security of the squadron area, with regard to safeguarding classified material, visitor control and control of indigenous persons in our area.

A few helpful hints from the TWO SHOP:

1. Beware of rumors. A lot of them seem to fly around, most of which are unfounded and are spread by persons who usually don't know what they are talking about. Guesswork and rumors only cause headaches.
2. Make sure you have plenty of water aboard when you fly. You can go a lot longer without food than water.
3. Keep your classified material secured. Security is everybody's business. What Charlie don't know won't hurt us.

Feel free to stop by the TWO SHOP anytime and they'll give you the latest straight scoop they can. Also report anything you see while flying that looks out of place or like enemy activity regardless of how insignificant it may seem. You never know how important it could be.

BOU VOYAGE

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

Capt. T. R. DREMANN to MCAS, El Toro on 6 May 1967
 Captain J. W. NALL to HEMS-36 on 8 May 1967
 Capt. E. E. EXUM Jr. to MCAF, New River on 10 May 1967
 Cpl L. H. PIETSCHMANN on 16 May 1967 for release from Active Duty
 Capt. W. F. WATERBURY to MCAS, El Toro on 17 May 1967
 Capt. W. A. VECCHITTO to NAS, Pensacola on 21 May 1967
 SSgt E. STELLA to MAD, Memphis on 23 May 1967
 Sgt G. L. CARR to MCAF, New River on 23 May 1967
 Sgt D. J. CALABRETTA to MCAS, Cherry Point on 23 May 1967
 Sgt A. B. PENN to MCAS, Cherry Point on 24 May 1967
 Sgt A. C. MATTNER on 24 May 1967 for further assignment
 Sgt M. G. KEEGAN to MCAS Beaufort on 24 May 1967
 Sgt J. H. GRIFFIN to MCAS, El Toro on 24 May 1967
 Sgt D. N. EDEN to MCAS, El Toro on 24 May 1967
 Sgt J. J. DOUGHERTY Jr. on 24 May 1967 for release from active duty
 Sgt J. P. CLOONAN to Parris Island, S. C. on 24 May 1967
 Cpl G. W. COOPER to MCAS, Cherry Point on 25 May 1967
 Cpl R. R. BRYANT to MCAS, Beaufort on 25 May 1967
 LCpl F. L. CAITHAMER Jr. to MCAS, El Toro on 27 May 1967
 WO1 I. L. KUNI to 1st Marine Division on 29 May 1967

WELCOME ABOARD

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

Sgt R. DIAS from Casual Co, Camp Butler, Okinawa
 Sgt D. E. CDEBRALSKI from HMM-165
 Capt G. L. LARKIN from HMMT-302, MHIG-30, 3rdMAW
 1stLt J. B. MURRAY from HMM-161, MAG-26, MCAF, New River
 1stLt S. B. DICKEY from HMMT-302, MHIG-30, 3rdMAW
 2ndLt B. A. KEMP from HEMS-36, HIG-36
 2ndLt S. C. BROWN from HMM-161, MAG-26, MCAF, New River
 2ndLt E. A. MARVIN from VMO-6, MAG-36
 Capt R. L. GATEWOOD from HMM-161, MAG-26, MCAF, New River
 LCpl J. K. CURRIE from HEMS-36
 Cpl C. J. DABROWSKI Jr. from HEMS-36
 Cpl J. R. CANIELS from HEMS-36
 LCpl D. E. DAVIS from HEMS-36
 Sgt N. E. JOHNSON from HEMS-36
 LCpl J. E. MATHIS from HEMS-36
 LCpl R. G. MOORE from HEMS-36
 Pvt M. MOTTO from HEMS-36

TIGER TALES

1. New men reporting into the squadron must see I.S.O. and fill out Fleet Home Town News Releases.
2. Be sure to check in with S-1 after returning from R&R.
3. Keep your emergency data page in your SRB up to date. Gunney MULCAHY is only an amateur mind reader.
4. A "Well Done" to Cpl HAWKINS and LCpl SCHNEIDER for their many hours of work trying to square away Marine Corps Property.
5. All personnel should draw helmets.
6. Conserve water! Take Navy showers so our night crew will be able to enjoy this luxury too.
7. How did Capt JULIAN end up in the Philippines, when the rest of us went to Phu Bai for a week?
8. Sports: Old Timers Day saw the Old Timers lead by Major G. A. CORLISS lose two out of three volley ball games to the young sports. "Well Done" young sports.
9. Reginald N. P. STEELE Jr. was born April 27th at 8:41 p.m. A six pound baby Boy! "Well Done" Sarge!
10. Wanted Column: One parachute for Sgt J. A. WHITE.
11. To LCpl YATES: Yes Virginia; those are V.C. down there.
12. I still think Cpl JACOBS dropped his Grease Gun from 3000'!!!!
13. The TIGER TALES has a new editor. Capt WILKIE has been replaced by some younger blood - Capt R. F. YEAGER. THANKS LOADS WILK!!!!
14. If anything happens during the month that you feel the squadron should be aware of: Contact Capt YEAGER or his able assistant (X-AIRBORNE) SCHUMM. We'll be glad to print it.
15. June 18th is Father's Day 1967!!!!

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

Congradulations to Cpl W. M. HAGAN on his receiving the Navy Commendation Medal.

We've got 5 new Captains, 1 new Sergeant, 10 new Corporals, and 14 New Lance Corporals. Congradulations to all:

Captains:

J. E. MURPHY
J. R. CHAPMAN
T. F. O'MALLEY
R. J. KALATA
J. D. PURDY

Sergeant:

T. L. MCMAHAN (Meritorious)

Corporals:

F. E. CHANEY
K. M. ETTER
J. W. GRIER
C. F. JOHNSON
F. H. MILLS

Congradulations to Major John ALBER, Captain Bill MARSHALL, and First Lieutenant Gene CARDEN on their award of the Distinguished Flying Cross. A job "Well Done" men.

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Corporals:

S. E. OLECKNA
 M. L. TURNER
 F. V. WALKER
 R. ZISKA
 R. L. WITTE

Lance Corporals:

R. P. CORTIGINE
 L. C. FELLER
 M. D. LAYMON
 L. J. LEGER
 G. LEVETT
 L. D. PATTERSON
 F. T. PETERSEN

Lance Corporals:

G. J. PORTER
 G. ROSSER
 G. C. SHEPERTY
 R. I. SOPER
 A. C. WADE
 R. A. VUCINOVICH
 T. C. YATES

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

Total hours and figures from the Ops Board for May 1967:

Flight Hours:	1084.8
Sorties:	2823
Troops:	8250
Cargo Tons:	756
Tasks:	1395

EDITOR - Captain R. F. YEAGER (New Kid)
 Chief Reporter - Clark Kent
 Chief Secretary - Lois Lane
 Fashion Editor - Joey Hetherington
 Sports Editor - Mamie Stover
 Chief Typist - Pvt H. C. SCHUBB
 Copy Boy - Jimmie Olsen
 Sales Manager - Al Capone
 Researcher - Albert Einstein
 Paper Boy - ???