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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 262

COMMANDING

LtCol G. S. PATE
1-31 October 1970

2. LOCATION

1-31 October, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major Robert H. LOCKWOOD	1-31 Oct 70
Operations Officer	Major Jac D. WATSON	1-31 Oct 70
Logistics Officer	Major Billy D. COLLINS	1-31 Oct 70
Administrative Officer	Capt Walter W. GUSTIN	1-31 Oct 70
Aviation Safety Officer	1stLT Raymond E. FAULK	1-31 Oct 70
Intelligence Officer	1stLT William W. FAULKNER	1-31 Oct 70
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major Larris J. FINNELL	1-31 Oct 70
Sergeant Major	MSgt Charles T. FRAZIER	1-31 Oct 70

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl
44	185	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Due to poor weather HMM-262 was unable to meet the CNO Flight Hour Utilization Factor. However, with a daily average of 33 CH-46D helicopters available, the squadron flew 1008.2 hours, carried 8,272 passenger and moved 246.2 tons of cargo in support of the 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Republic of Korea Marine Corps and the III Marine Amphibious Force. During the month of October Chatterbox med-evac aircraft flew 162 missions and evacuated 386 sick and injured persons; 112 of these were emergencies, 147 priorities and 127 routines.

2. HMM-262 conducted operations in the provinces of Quang Nam and Quang Tin and within the TAOR's of the 1st Marine Division and the Republic of Korea Marine Corps.

3. HMM-262 was involved in 16 fire incidents. Eight aircraft received hits and two aircraft crewmen were wounded but there were no fatalities.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

a.	Transferred to HMM-262	9 Officers	10 Enlisted
b.	Transferred from HMM-262	3 Officers	10 Enlisted
c.	Promoted to present rank	0 Officers	14 Enlisted

2. Awards. HMM-262 awarded 13 first Air Medals, 18 Aircrew Wings, and 1 Purple Heart.

3. Informational Services. HMM-262 published 57 home town news releases for promotions and awards.

4. Operational Highlights.

6 October 1970

Four Chatterbox aircraft participated in a troop insert in the Alligator Lake region of the Que Son Mountains.

9 October 1970

Chatterbox aircraft participated in two strikes today. One strike was North East of An Hoa. Two aircraft received hits and made precautionary landings at An Hoa. Two crew-members received minor injuries. Both aircraft were later recovered.

22 October 1970

Chatterbox aircraft participated in a quick reaction strike in the foothills of the Que Son Mountains today. Several enemy were killed and captured while gathering rice. Several weapons and packs were also recovered.

26 October 1970

Once again Chatterbox aircraft participated in a quick reaction strike against the enemy gathering rice. Facing a low ceiling and impending darkness Chatterbox aircraft recovered the troops they had earlier inserted suffering several hits in the aircraft but no injuries or significant damage resulted.

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30 October 1970

Once again Chatterbox aircraft responded to a call for help. Braving low ceilings, high winds and extremely low visibility, Chatterbox aircraft rescued more persons from flood waters than any other CH-46D squadron. Several aircraft even entered the Viet Cong infested Arizona Territory in attempts to save women and children.

Many individual acts of heroism were performed by crew-members who risked their lives in the surging waters to save Vietnamese children and elderly persons.

31 October 1970

Chatterbox aircraft returned to help victims of the flood. Evacuations were carried out most of the day. Expert airmanship on the part of the pilots and crews enabled even difficult hoist rescues to go smoothly and all aircraft returned undamaged.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. There were no supporting documents.

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