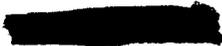


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HMM-263

LTCOL E. G. YOUNG 1-25 JULY 70

LTCOL L. K. KECK 26-31 JULY 70

2. LOCATION

During the period of 1-31 July 1970 the Blue Eagles of HMM-263 were located at Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major P. E. BENNET	1-25 July
	Major D. N. ANDERSON	26-31 July
Operations Officer	Major D. N. ANDERSON	1-29 July
	Major T. J. TOBEN	29-31 July
Logistics Officer	Major R. W. GEIS	1-31 July
A/C Maintenance Officer	Captain D. D. FROST	1-31 July
Administrative Officer	1st Lt D. L. BAKER	1-24 July
	Captain H. P. BREAZEALE	25-31 July
ASST Officer	Captain L. R. MEDLIN	1-31 July
Aviation Safety Officer	1st Lt P. D. PARKER	1-31 July
Intelligence Officer	1st Lt W. M. KEMPFER	1-26 July
	1st Lt L. K. WILLIAMS	27-31 July
Awards Officer	1st Lt P. A. MAZURAK	1-31 July
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj M. S. LANDY	1-31 July

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers	47	1	0	48
Enlisted	155	0	0	155

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To augment an already fine record, the Blue Eagles of HMM-263 established another fine record during the month of July 1970. Peachbush aircraft launched on 521 flights, 42 of which were flown during the hours of darkness. During the month 4714 sorties were flown resulting in 1296.9 flight hours. A total of 203.1 cargo tons and 11,050 passengers were carried by the Sea Knights of HMM-263 during July. A total of 77 medevac missions were flown by the Blue Eagles and 461 WIA and or other personnel were transported to hospital facilities. Included in this total were 107 emergencies, 115 priorities and 239 routines. The enemy remained relatively active this month with 9 fire incidents reported, resulting in 1 aircraft suffering a total of 4 hits.

During the month of July the squadron flew 1 nine plane pacifier and 2 ten plane strikes plus several regular pacifier missions. A total of 3 enemy KIA and 5 detainees were credited to the pacifier missions, as well as the discovery and destruction of enemy caches.

The squadron continued to receive, report and intercept intelligence from XXIV Corps, III MAF, 1st MAW, 1st MARDIV, MAG-16 and 1st Recon. Through spot reports, fire incidents and other pilot debriefing forms, intelligence information was passed on to MAG-16 for dissemination to higher, lower and adjacent units.

During the month enlisted personnel earned a total of 265 Strike Flight Awards and officers earned 166. Fifteen enlisted were promoted to their present ranks. During the month 7 officers and 29 enlisted joined the ranks of Peachbush while 12 officers and 19 enlisted departed for new duty.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 July 1970 Peachbush launched a 9 plane strike for the Seventh Marines, resulting in 3 KIA and 5 detainees. LTCOL YOUNG lead the flight of Blue Eagles on the early morning launch and aided in accruing a total of 60.1 hours for the day.
- 2 July 1970 The enemy kept HMM-263 jumping today as 1stLt P.A. MAZURAK took four hits three miles south of Danang.
- 5 July 1970 Peachbush medevac was ambushed today while flying medevacs for the Seventh Marines. The enemy failed to connect as no hits were taken and a total of four emergency medevacs were completed.
- 10 July 1970 The enemy tries it again! 1stLt R. H. KUMMEL, while flying a command and control mission for the Fifth Marines, took a hit from "Charlie Ridge." The Blue Eagles also pulled an emergency extract for Battalion Recon with no incidents. Due to the number of standby missions few flight hours were accrued today.
- 14 July 1970 The Blue Eagles once again extracted a Recon team under emergency conditions, with no hits or other DEA.
- 15 July 1970 Once again enemy gunners zeroed in on Peachbush aircraft, but to no avail. Peachbush managed to pluck out another Recon team with no hits, though the enemy did try to down the Blue Eagle's aircraft.
- 16 July 1970 The magnificent flying machines of HMM-263 transported 845 combat troops and accrued 79.4 flight hours while completing the insertion of operation "Pickens Forest." "Pickens Forest" was a Regimental size operation run by the Seventh Marines.
- 20 July 1970 Major "Lucky Pierre" BENET defied the enemy today as he successfully completed another emergency extract for the reconnaissance people. And the Blue Eagles accrued a total of 68.2 flight hours.

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- 25 July 1970 The Blue Eagles of HMM-263 gained a new leader today as LTCOL E. G. YOUNG turned his command over to LTCOL L. K. NECK. Even though the command change was the major event of the day, the war did continue and Peachbush covered medevacs for the 7th, 5th, and 1st Marines.
- 27 July 1970 A successful ten plane strike was accomplished this morning. Major D. N. ANDERSON lead the strike which in essence was the old pacifier; however an entire company was inserted at once as opposed to the three lifts of the MSM/88 or pacifier. Also today, Peachbush added an international flair to its operations as one of the Eagles carried 3 Korean generals and 5 Korean congressmen around the Korean TACE.
- 28 July 1970 Today the Blue Eagles of HMM-263 add the VIP mission to its list of scheduled duties. Peachbush will be happy to provide this service for all distinguished personnel.
- 29 July 1970 The new skipper lead his Blue Eagles in a 10 plane strike for the Fifth Marines. The Eagles inserted an entire company at one time and flew home to ruffle their feathers with a break over home field.
- 31 July 1970 Peachbush finished the month with a rather heavy day. A total of 365 passengers were carried and 61.7 flight hours accrued.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE SUBMITTED.