

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 265  
Marine Aircraft Group 36  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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1. PART I Organizational Data

a. Commanding Officer	LTCOL Ralph THUESEN	1-31Mar69
b. Executive Officer	MAJOR George M. SHIFFLER Jr.	1-31Mar69
c. Operations Officer	MAJOR George G. EVANS Jr.	1-31Mar69
d. Administrative Officer	CWO-1 Richard TYLER	1-5Mar69
	1stLt Buford B. WILEY	6-31Mar69
e. Logistics Officer	CAPTAIN Kenneth L. HOLM	1-31Mar69
f. Material Officer	1stLt James E. FLEMING	1-31Mar69
g. Maintenance Officer	MAJOR James W. BRIDGES	1-31Mar69
h. Intelligence Officer	1stLt William T. HITCHCOCK	1-31Mar69
i. Aviation Safety Officer	CAPTAIN Rodger J. CARLSON	1-5Mar69
	1stLt. William T. HAYES	6-31Mar69
j. Squadron Flight Surgeon	LtCmdr James WALTERMIRE	1-31Mar69

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3. Average Monthly Personnel Strength; 48 Officers, 178 Enlisted.

4. Distinguished Visitors

a. On 17 March 1969, the Squadron was visited by Lieutenant General Herman NICKERSON Jr. and party.

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**PART II Narrative Summary**

1 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of nine aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 32.6 hours, 104 combat troops, 5.4 tons of combat cargo and 66 Medevacs were transported in 84 sorties in completion of 14 tasks.

2 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of nine aircraft in support of the First Marine Division, Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 21.9 hours. 56 combat troops, 3.1 tons of combat cargo and 39 Medevacs were transported in 62 sorties in completion of 12 tasks.

3 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of ten aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 28.3 hours. 68 combat troops, 0.7 tons of combat cargo and 25 Medevacs were transported in 68 sorties in completion of 14 tasks.

4 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of nine aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 28.4 hours. 39 combat troops and 5.4 tons of combat cargo were transported in 114 sorties in completion of 16 tasks.

5 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of six aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 40.9 hours. 122 combat troops, 4.9 tons of combat cargo and 115 Medevacs were transported in 169 sorties in completion of 32 tasks.

6 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of three aircraft in support of III MAF for a total of 3.0 hours. 8 combat troops and 0.1 tons of combat cargo were transported in 5 sorties in completion of 3 tasks. All other flights this day canceled due to weather.

7 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of fifteen aircraft in support of the First Marine Division, Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 25.2 hours. 66 combat troops, 1.1 tons of combat cargo and 75 Medevacs were transported in 62 sorties in completion of 17 tasks.

8 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of thirteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 46.5 hours. 121 combat troops, 10.0 tons and 79 Medevacs were transported in 117 sorties in completion of 23 tasks.

9 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of eight aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 51.6 hours. 132 combat troops, 4.8 tons of combat cargo and 38 Medevacs were transported in 164 sorties in completion of 22 tasks.

10 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of nine aircraft in support of Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 30.8 hours. 156 combat troops, 0.4 tons of com at cargo and 85 Medevacs were transported in 78 sorties in completion of 12 tasks.

11 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of eight aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 21.8 hours. 35 combat troops and 120 Medevacs were transported in 88 sorties in completion of 11 tasks.

12 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of four aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 20.2 hours. 98 combat troops, 1.1 tons of combat cargo and 94 Medevacs were transported in 55 sorties in completion of 18 tasks.

13 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of nine aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 31.1 hours. 73 combat troops, 2.1 tons of combat cargo and 70 Medevacs were transported in 79 sorties in completion of 16 tasks.

14 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of eleven aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 26.3 hours. 59 combat troops, 2.0 tons of combat cargo and 105 Medevacs were transported in 55 sorties in completion of 15 tasks.

15 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of thirteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 39.3 hours. 37 combat troops, 0.5 tons of combat cargo and 163 Medevacs were transported in 116 sorties in completion of 22 tasks.

16 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of five aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 23.0 hours. 62 combat troops, 1.0 tons of combat cargo and 75 Medevacs were transported in 54 sorties in completion of 22 tasks.

17 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of ten aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 49.7 hours. 100 combat troops, 2.3 tons of combat cargo and 69 Medevacs were transported in 105 sorties in completion of 27 tasks.

18 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of eleven aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 33.3 hours. 128 combat troops, 4.9 tons of combat cargo and 73 Medevacs were transported in 105 sorties in completion of 22 tasks.

19 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of eleven aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 50.4 hours. 127 combat troops, 5.1 tons of combat cargo and 129 Medevacs were transported in 124 sorties in completion of 27 tasks.

20 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of ten aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 62.0 hours. 127 combat troops, 11.8 tons of combat cargo and 168 Medevacs were transported in 181 sorties in completion of 30 tasks.

21 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of nine aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 50.5 hours. 134 combat troops, 4.7 tons of combat cargo and 109 Medevacs were transported in 159 sorties in completion of 27 tasks.

22 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of twelve aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 42.5 hours. 84 combat troops, 2.5 tons of combat cargo and 55 Medevacs were transported in 111 sorties in completion of 24 tasks.

23 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of fourteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 51.9 hours. 138 combat troops, 13.0 tons of combat cargo and 71 Medevacs were transported in 170 sorties in completion of 26 tasks.

24 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of nine aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 44.1 hours. 129 combat troops, 4.1 tons of combat cargo and 76 Medevacs were transported in 140 sorties in completion of 23 tasks.

25 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of twelve aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 50.8 hours. 237 combat troops, 5.2 tons of combat cargo and 82 Medevacs were transported in 160 sorties in completion of 26 tasks.

26 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of fourteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 49.6 hours. 148 combat troops, 2.6 tons of combat cargo and 89 Medevacs were transported in 135 sorties in completion of 31 tasks.

27 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of thirteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 69.7 hours. 128 combat troops, 11.0 tons of combat cargo and 90 Medevacs were transported in 207 sorties in completion of 30 tasks.

28 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of fourteen aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 55.6 hours. 218 combat troops, 1.4 tons of combat cargo and 107 Medevacs were transported in 181 sorties in completion of 23 tasks.

29 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of ten aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 46.8 hours. 181 combat troops, 0.5 tons of combat cargo and 83 Medevacs were transported in 210 sorties in completion of 22 tasks.

30 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of twelve aircraft in support of the Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 40.2 hours. 128 combat troops, 4.8 tons of combat cargo and 59 Medevacs were transported in 114 sorties in completion of 19 tasks.

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31 March 1969: HMM-265 launched a total of six aircraft in support of Third Marine Division and III MAF for a total of 9.0 hours. 13 combat troops, 0.8 tons of combat cargo and 1 Medevac were transported in 15 sorties in completion of 10 tasks.

PART III Significant Events

1. Air Operations:

a. Total Hours Flown	1177.0
b. Number of Sorties	3487.
c. Tons of Cargo	117.4
d. Number of Passengers	3266.
e. Number of Medevacs	2410.

2. Major Operations Supported

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>HOURS</u> <u>FLOWN</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>TONS</u> <u>CARGO</u>	<u>PASS</u>	<u>MEDEVACS</u>
DEWEY CANYON	339.6	822	40.4	754	585
KENTUCKY JUMPER	101.4	311	12.5	347	119
MINE CRAG	80.3	231	10.5	193	2
PURPLE MARTIN	125.4	392	14.2	382	137
MARSHALL MT.	10.4	34	4.2	30	13
SCOTLAND II	12.2	25	4.1	3	0

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

4. Awards: HMM-265 personnel were awarded 19 AirCrew Wings, and 12 First Air medals during the month of March 1969. Lance Corporal Walter Thomas SAIN was awarded the Purple Heart Medal by Lieutenant General Hermon WICKERSON Jr.

5. Civil Affairs: None

6. Casualties: None

7. Logistics: None

8. Maintenance Department: An average daily availability of 59% was maintained with an average of 19 aircraft possessed. Aircraft down to NORS 9% and aircraft down to NORM 32%

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