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 (4) HMM-164 Command Chronology June 1969  
 (5) HMM-265 Command Chronology June 1969  
 (6) HMM-362 Command Chronology June 1969  
 (7) HMM-367 Command Chronology June 1969  
 (8) HMM-462 Command Chronology June 1969

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1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosures (1) through (8) are submitted for the month of June 1969.

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## PART I

Organizational Data

## 1. Commander and Staff of MAG-36 and attached Squadrons.

MAG-36

CO 1 - 30 June  
 XO 1 - 30 June  
 ADJ 1 - 30 June  
 S-1 1 - 30 June  
 S-2 1 - 30 June  
 S-3 1 - 30 June  
 S-4 1 - 30 June  
 GSO 1 - 30 June  
 Spl ServO 1 - 30 June  
 FiscalO 1 - 30 June  
 Chaplain 1 - 30 June  
 DisbO 1 - 26 June  
 DisbO 27 - 30 June  
 Flt Sur 1 - 30 June  
 MFO 1 - 30 June  
 EmbO 1 - 30 June  
 OrdO 1 - 30 June  
 AMO 1 - 30 June  
 CommO 1 - 30 June  
 GivActO 1 - 30 June  
 ASO 1 - 30 June  
 NATOPSO 1 - 30 June  
 LegalO 1 - 30 June  
 SgtMaj 1 - 30 June

LTCOL  
 LTCOL  
 CAPT  
 MAJ  
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 MAJ  
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 CAPT  
 CAPT  
 LCDR  
 CAPT  
 WO-1  
 LCDR  
 1STLT  
 CWO-2  
 CWO-2  
 MAJ  
 CAPT  
 1STLT  
 MAJ  
 CAPT  
 CAPT  
 SGTMAJ

HERBERT J. BLAHA  
 RALPH THUESSEN  
 THOMAS R. PRESTON  
 FRED E. LACEY  
 GUY R. HANSEN  
 MERLIN V. STATZER  
 KENNETH P. PALMER  
 OLIVER R. BARRITT  
 RAYMOND C. PARKER  
 THOMAS W. LONGSWORTH  
 BASIL H. STRUTHERS  
 JACK S. WESTROOK  
 ROGER L. PETERSON  
 DAVID D. PARKER  
 RICHARD A. DITTMAN  
 JOSEPH J. KOSINSKI  
 RAYMOND F. GOLON  
 CHARLES A. CAREY  
 LUIS A. JUAREZ  
 GARY G. SNEAD  
 JAMES D. STRICKLAND  
 DAVID E. COX  
 THOMAS R. PRESTON  
 JAMES R. SCINNER

HEMS-36

CO 1 - 30 June  
 XO 1 - 30 June  
 OpsO 1 - 30 June

LTCOL  
 MAJ  
 MAJ

JAMES B. BELL  
 CHESTER L. WHIPPLE  
 JOHN C. ELY

MABS-36

CO 1 - 30 June  
 XO 1 - 30 June  
 Airfield 1 - 30 June  
 OpsO

LTCOL  
 MAJ  
 MAJ

RONALD E. NELSON  
 WILLIAM J. SHRINER  
 EDWIN W. LOCKARD

MATCU-68

OIC 1 - 30 June

CAPT

WILLIAM E. McCOLLUM

HMM-164 "DET A"

OIC 13 - 30 June

MAJ

DONALD D. WILSON

**\*\*HMM-265**

CO 1 - 7 June  
 XO 1 - 7 June  
 Ops0 1 - 7 June

LTCOL  
 MAJ  
 MAJ

ROBERT L. GRAY JR.  
 GEORGE M. SHIFFLER JR.  
 JOHN L. MACFARLANE

**HMM-362**

CO 1 - 30 June  
 XO 1 - 30 June  
 Ops0 1 - 30 June

LTCOL  
 MAJ  
 MAJ

JACK E. SCHLARP  
 BILLY G. WILKISON  
 GEORGE E. PRATT

**HML-367**

CO 1 - 30 June  
 XO 1 - 30 June  
 Ops0 1 - 30 June

LTCOL  
 MAJ  
 MAJ

BOBBY R. WILKINSON  
 HOWARD D. GRESS  
 JOHN M. COYKENDALL

**HMH-462**

CO 1 - 30 June  
 XO 1 - 30 June  
 Ops0 1 - 30 June

LTCOL  
 MAJ  
 MAJ

RONDELL K. WOOD  
 JACK MAXWELL  
 JOHN A. HELLRIEGEL

\* HMM-164 DET "A" Reported OPCON to MAG-36 from 9th MAB on 13 June 1969.

\*\* HMM-265 Departed MAG-36 and reported OPCON to 9th MAB on 7 June 1969.

2. Task organization and unit location.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MAG-36	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 30 June
H&MS-36	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 30 June
MABS-36	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 30 June
MATEU-68	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 30 June
HMM-164 DET "A"	HUE/PHU BAI	13 - 30 June
HMM-265	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 7 June
HMM-362	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 30 June
HML-367	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 30 June
HMH-462	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 30 June

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAR OFF</u>	<u>MAR ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>
H&MS-36	53	397	0	0
MABS-36	17	567	2	20
MATEU-68	9	62	0	0
HMM-362	45	190	1	0
HML-367	43	139	1	0
HMH-462	33	158	1	0
TOTAL	200	1513	5	20

#### 4. Important Visitors to MAG-36.

a. 1 June: Col R. L. LAMAR, USMC, prospective Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 1st MAF. He visited MAG-36 to observe Group Operations and was briefed by the CO, MAG-36 and his staff.

b. 14 June: BrigGen W. G. JOHNSON, USMC, Assistant Wing Commander, 1st MAF. He visited MAG-36 for the purpose of general orientation. He was briefed by the CO, MAG-36 and his staff and toured the squadron areas. BrigGen R. H. SPANJER, Assistant CG, 1st MAF Auxiliary Headquarters accompanied BrigGen JOHNSON on his visit.

c. 17 June: MajGen E. B. WHEELER, USMC, Dep CG, XXIV Corps. He conferred with the CO, MAG-36 and toured Alpha Sector of base defense.

d. 24 June: Capt L. R. HARDY, USN, STRAAD Rep COMFAIRWESTPAC. He toured MAG-36 Maintenance facilities at Phu Bai Combat Base.

e. 30 June: BrigGen R. H. SPANJER, USMC, CG, 1st MAF Auxiliary Headquarters. He was an overnight guest of the CO, MAG-36.

### PART II

#### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During this period, MAG-36 participated in the following operations providing support to III MAF, U. S. Army, Republic of Vietnam Forces and Republic of Korea Marine Corps.

Prairie Fire  
Virginia Ridge  
Utah Mesa  
Herkimer Mt.  
Apache Snow

Frederick Hill  
Cameron Falls  
Massachusetts Bay  
Pipestone Canyon  
Iroquois Grove

#### 2. Operational highlights

a. During the month of June, MAG-36 provided a daily average of eight UH-34D, four CH-53A and five UH-1E aircraft to augment PMAG-39, in support of the 3rd Marine Division. In addition, two UH-1E aircraft were provided in support of "Prairie Fire". Also, four CH-46A aircraft were provided to augment MAG-16 on fifteen different occasions and four UH-34D aircraft augmented MAG-16 on twelve different occasions.

b. On 4 June, a CH-46A from HMM-265 crashed when the engines failed to respond during a practice autorotation recovery. The aircraft received substantial damage but the crew escaped injury.

c. On 7 June, a CH-46A from HMM-265 crashed in the ocean and sank while taking off from the USS Iwo Jima. One crewman received minor injuries and the remaining personnel escaped uninjured.

d. On 17 June, a UH-1E from HMM-367 crashed while landing at Quang Tri. A section of matting blew up into the tail rotor causing the pilot to lose control.

The aircraft received strike damage and two crewmen received minor injuries. The remaining crewman escaped uninjured.

### PART III

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

##### 1. Air Operations.

a. MAG-36 accomplished the following during the month of June:

(1) Flight Hours	5,448.4
(2) Sorties	18,372
(3) Passengers Carried	19,873
(4) Tons of Cargo Carried	7,757.1
(5) Medical Evacuees Carried	474

\* The above figures do not include C-117D statistics which were 89.1 flight hours, 116 sorties, 906 passengers and 20.0 tons of cargo carried.

##### 2. Intelligence

###### a. Enemy action

(1) There were five rocket attacks during the month of June on the Phu Bai Combat Base. These attacks took place on the 1st, 10th, 16th, 18th, and 26th of June. The June 26th attack is the only one during which the MAG-36 area was hit. One tactical aircrew hut was totally destroyed and there were three minor WIA.

(2) There was a sharp increase in enemy activity in and around the Phu Bai Combat Base as well as at other U. S. Camps in the adjoining areas. Numerous agent reports indicated movement of enemy sapper units to the West, South and North of the Phu Bai area. While it was felt the size of some of these units reported on was questionable, it is believed the enemy has been positioning key units in the Hue/Phu Bai area for the purpose of supporting attacks in the next two months.

###### b. Intensity of fire received by grid zones.

XD - 79 FI/8 Hits	BT - 1 FI/0 Hit
YD - 43 FI/8 Hits	ZD - 1 FI/0 Hit
AT - 6 FI/2 Hits	Class Coord - 10 FI/2 Hits

###### c. Incident Statistics:

Fire incidents - 140 (total)  
 Aircraft Hit - 20  
 Fire incidents to hours flown - 1 X 38.9 hours  
 Hit incidents to hours flown - 1 X 272.8 hours  
 Hit incidents to fire incidents - 1 X 7

d. Aircraft Statistics:

(1) Sixteen aircraft were forced to land and were recovered.

e. Enemy killed by Air (KBA)

KBA (Confirmed) - 8

KBA (Probable) - 14

3. Logistics

a. The Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS) performed smoothly again this month. The peak day for fuel dispensed was 20 June 1969 with 10,023 gallons of 115/145 AvGas and 25,977 gallons of JP-4. Total fuel dispensed for the month was 196,537 gallons of 115/145 AvGas and 609,894 gallons of JP-4.

b. Principal HAMS-36 Maintenance Section activities during the month were:

(1) Processed or repaired

(a) 48 Engines

(b) 15 Transmissions

(c) 15 Rotor heads

(d) 26 Tail rotors

(e) 88 Miscellaneous dynamic components

(2) Aircraft received - - - - - 3

(3) Aircraft transferred - - - - - 5

(4) Aircraft enroute to PAR - - - - - 2

(5) Aircraft received for battle damage repair - - - - - 2

(6) Aircraft received for IMA rework - - - - - 3

(7) Aircraft completed repair and rework - - - - - 6

c. Base Development

(1) An aircraft wash rack was completed on 28 June 1969.

(2) The handball court was completed on 28 June 1969.

(3) The airconditioning of the EM Club has been delayed due to an extensive rewiring requirement. This project should be completed by the end of July.

(4) Resurfacing of the helicopter parking area between "B" and "C" taxiways is progressing and should be completed by 1 August. Concrete will replace the existing matting.

(5) Work has started again on the Ready Ammunition Storage Area and the estimated completion date is 1 September.

(6) Twentyfive TSFC bunkers are being built to replace the temporary sand bag bunkers. Three have been completed to date.

(7) ARHCO revetments are being constructed for the jet engine test cell and should be completed by the end of July.

(8) Work has begun on the Group Supply Administration building and it should be completed by mid July.

#### 4. Administration

a. Officer and enlisted strength remained constant during June.

b. The Provisional Rifle Company experienced a continued build up of permanent personnel during June with 10 Marines of occupational field 03 reporting for duty. The number of aviation personnel augmenting the Provisional Rifle Company was reduced accordingly.

c. Sixteen Marines of occupational field 6511 were transferred from MAG-36 to HHS-36 in order to centralize control of all ordnance functions under the Commanding Officer of HHS-36.

d. The Clinic Action Section reports that the addition to the dispensary in THUY PHU Village is nearing completion. A bunker has been built near the dispensary and a second wash platform and dock are under construction.

e. Eighty children from THUY PHU Village were brought to the MAG-36 Sergeants' Club for a movie and refreshments.

f. The training program for the two Vietnamese medical workers continued through the month of June. MED-CAPS and DENT-CAPS are being held twice weekly with much success.

g. Casualties for June included:

(8) Work has begun on the Group Supply Administration building and it should be completed by mid July.

Hospitalizing injuries; non-hostile; USMC

1

35

Hospitalizing injuries, non-hostile, USN

0

0

WIA

6

0

KIA a. Officer and enlisted strength remained constant during June.

0

0

MIA

0

0

Killed non-hostile, USMC

0

0

Killed non-hostile, USN

0

0

h. Weekly visits to hospitalized Marines at 22nd Surgical Hospital,

Phu Bai, and the 85th Evacuation Hospital, Phu Bai, were made by senior

officers of the Group.

i. Sixteen Marines of occupational field 6511 were transferred from MAG-36 to HHS-36 in order to centralize control of all ordnance functions under the Commanding Officer of HHS-36.

Enclosure (1)

j. The Clinic Action Section reports that the addition to the dispensary in THUY PHU Village is nearing completion. A bunker has been built near

## 5. Inspections

a. A post arrival inspection of MM-362 was conducted on 23 June 1969 by the MAG-36 Inspection Team.

6. Off-Duty Education. MAG-36 off-duty education program participation declined slightly during the month of June.

a. The following high school courses were offered during the month:

C 151 General Math	10 Students
E 100 Ninth Grade English	12 Students
D 300 Bookkeeping and Accounting	8 Students
C 108 College Preparatory English	1 Student

b. One student was enrolled in F 544 Personnel Management, which was offered at the XXIV Corps Education Center at Phu Bai Combat Base. This student was the Group's only participant in College level courses during the month.

c. The following tests were given:

GED Test	12 Students
GED Achievement Test	19 Students

## 7. Chaplains Services

a. During the month of June, the assigned Chaplains conducted Divine Services for personnel of the Protestant and Catholic faiths. Divine Services were available for Latter-Day Saint personnel at the 26th General Support Group Chapel and for Jewish personnel at the XXIV Corps Chapel.

b. The Catholic Chaplain conducted Divine Services at PMAG-39 and MCB-40 each Sunday and for MCB-40 each Wednesday evening. The Catholic Chaplain also conducted weekly masses for outlying CAG units. The Protestant Chaplain conducted Divine Services at NSA Colco Beach each week throughout the month. Hospital visits were made to MAG-36 personnel at the 85th Evacuation Hospital.

d. One memorial service was conducted for a man from 3rd CAG.

e. In addition to their primary duties, the MAG-36 Chaplains maintained contact with their Vietnamese counterparts. Visits were made and assistance given to the American Nuns, Christian Brothers and Catholic Orphanage in HUE, the TIN LANH Church Schools and Orphanages in PHU LUONG and HUE, the ANKANH THUY-LOUNG-HUNG THUY Orphanage in PHU LUONG, and the refugee village in PHU LUONG. Chaplain Civic Action gifts for the month consisted of 4 truckloads of scrap lumber, 135 bags of cement, 110 pounds of clothing, 40 pounds of school supplies, 50 pounds of toys, 220 pounds of canned meat, 60 packs of garden seeds, 20 pounds of soap and \$235.00 in donations.



f. The Chaplains arranged for five tours of HUE with a total of 96 men participating.

g. The MAG-36 Chapel was officially named the PRINCE OF PEACE CHAPEL during the month. Names were submitted from both the Catholic and Protestant congregations with the above name being chosen by ballot. A Church sign of stone was erected displaying the new name and schedule of Divine Services.

h. The Chapel Choir sang for Sunday services at the protestant Church in HUE on 29 June.

#### 8. Special Services

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
9 June	USO Show	"George WINN and his Bluegrass-Partners", on stage at the MAG-36 Amphitheatre.
11 June	Billy GRAHAM movie	"Shadow of the Boomerang" shown at the Amphitheatre.
23 June	USO Show	"Donny JAMES Show", on stage at the Amphitheatre.
26 June	USO Show	"Sugars-Ni Spico", on stage at the MAG-36 Amphitheatre.
20 and 27 June	Newsletter	Published by the MAG-36 Special Services Officer.
28 June	Handball Court	Officially opened by the MAG-36 Commanding Officer.

b. The following special projects were conducted and/or completed during the month:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
Intramural Softball	A total of 36 softball games were played during the month.
Squadron/Section Picnics	A total of 25 picnics were held during the month.
Colco Beach Parties	A total of 15 Colco Beach Parties were conducted during the month.
Phu Bai 50 mile Jogging Club	A total of 8 certificates of qualification were issued during the month.

PROJECTSDETAILS

Tai Kwan Do Lessons

A total of 25 Tai Kwan Do lessons were presented during the month.

Library

A total of 697 books were checked out to personnel during the month **in addition to those books** that were read in the library.

Amphitheatre

Dressing rooms painted, toilets installed, roof completed, projection booth complete and wired, stage lights installed, seating nearly completed, projection booth and entire theater painted, earth fill for seating area expanded and temporary concession area erected, during the month.

Handball Court

Completed except for lighting.

Skeet Range

A total of 149 relays of skeet were fired during the month. **High score was** 23 of a possible 25 and the high overall monthly average was held by LtCol. SCHLARP.

Grass Hut

Open end of pavillion suffered additional wind damage and more collapse. Negotiations now in effect to rebuild entire structure.

Pre-Recorded Tapes

A total of 216 pre-recorded tapes were produced for MAG-36 personnel during the month.

9. Communications

a. The Communication Center processed 5,016 incoming messages and 1,529 outgoing messages for a total of 6,545 messages during the month of June. This is approximately the average monthly total.

b. The Radio Section installed speakers in the ALPHA-2 Rifle Company area to enhance security communications. Two personnel attended driver school for one and one-quarter ton vehicles.

c. The Radio Repair Section installed two Radio Sets AN/VRC-77 in the new MB-5 crash crew vehicles.

d. The Wire Section installed three 45 foot blackjacks along the 100 pair cable run to provide adequate overhead support for all cable along the route. The previously installed field wire is being removed and replaced with 25 pair cable that will provide increased reliability and ease in trouble shooting.

e. The communication facilities located adjacent to the SLF flight line were relocated to the MABS-36 Motor Transport/Utilities area. This required the moving of two buildings and one strongback tent and relocation of Wire Test Point 1.

10. Base Defense

a. There were two fire incidents during the month of June. On 20 June 1969 Bunker #6 took one sniper round with negative casualties or damage. The source was unknown. On 26 June 1969 Bunkers #6 and #7 reported sniper fire coming from the treeline in front of the bunkers. There was no damage or friendly casualties resulting from this incident.

b. Day and night patrols saturated the MAC-36 section of responsibility with negative enemy sightings or contact.

c. Ground Operations

Total patrol hours	210
Total night patrol hours	180
Total day patrol hours	30
Total hours improving perimeter	450

d. During the month of June the following ordnance was expended:

81MM Illumination	20 rounds
M-79	12 rounds
M-26 Frag Grenades	1