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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

Organizational Data

1. Commanders and Staff of MAG-36 and attached Squadrons.

MAG-36

CO	1 - 31 August	COL	NOAH C. NEW
XO	1 - 8 August	LTCOL	RALPH THUESEN
XO	9 - 31 August	LTCOL	WILLIAM R. RICE
ADJ	1 - 31 August	CAPT	BOBBY L. HARBISON
S-1	1 - 31 August	MAJ	HOWARD D. GRESS
S-2	1 - 31 August	CAPT	GUY R. HANSEN
S-3	1 - 24 August	LTCOL	MERLIN V. STATZER
S-3	25 - 31 August	LTCOL	JACK E. SCHLARP
S-4	1 - 20 August	MAJ	JOHN J. McMENAMIN, JR.
S-4	21 - 31 August	MAJ	BOBBY G. ANTHIS
GSO	1 - 31 August	LTCOL	OLIVER R. BARRITT
Spl ServO	1 - 31 August	1STLT	KENNETH J. DAVIS
FiscalO	1 - 31 August	CAPT	ROBERT B. GAUNTNER
Chaplain	1 - 31 August	LCDR	BASIL H. STRUTHERS
DisbO	1 - 31 August	WO-1	ROGER L. PETERSON
Flt Surgeon	1 - 31 August	LCDR	DAVID D. PARKER
MTO	1 - 31 August	1STLT	RICHARD A. DITTMAN
EnbO	1 - 20 August	CWO-2	JOSEPH J. KOSINSKI
EnbO	21 - 31 August	1STLT	LAWLER F. GATLIN
OrdO	1 - 23 August	CWO-2	RAYMOND F. COLON
OrdO	24 - 31 August	1STLT	KENNETH R. HOLMES
AMO	1 - 31 August	MAJ	CHARLES A. CAREY
CommO	1 - 31 August	CAPT	LUIS A. JUAREZ
Civ ActO	1 - 16 August	1STLT	GARY G. SNEAD
Civ ActO	17 - 31 August	1STLT	STEPHEN ATTELL
ASO	1 - 10 August	CAPT	DAVID S. CRIGHTON
ASO	11 - 31 August	CAPT	LARRY J. KUESTER
LegalO	1 - 30 August	CAPT	BOBBY L. HARBISON
LegalO	31 August	1STLT	JOHN G. JONES
SgtMaj	1 - 2 August	SGTMAJ	JAMES R. SKINNER
SgtMaj	3 - 31 August	SGTMAJ	BERNARDINO R. STABILE

H&MS-36

CO	1 - 31 August	LTCOL	JAMES B. BELL
XO	1 - 31 August	MAJ	CHESTER L. WHIPPLE
OpsO	1 - 31 August	1STLT	WALTER S. COVER

Enclosure (1)

MABS-36

CO 1 - 31 August
 XO 1 - 10 August
 XO 11 - 31 August
 Airfield OpsO 1 - 31 August

LTCOL
 MAJ
 MAJ
 MAJ

RONALD E. NELSON
 WILLIAM J. SHRINER
 JOHN A. HELLRIEGEL
 EDWIN W. LOCKARD

MATCU-68

OIC 1 - 31 August

CAPT

WILLIAM E. McCOLLUM

* HMH-361

CO 1 - 31 August
 XO 1 - 31 August
 OpsO 1 - 31 August

LTCOL
 MAJ
 MAJ

KERMIT W. ANDRUS
 PETER F. LOTTSFELT
 ZANE V. LAMASCUS

* * HMH-362

CO 1 - 21 August
 XO 1 - 21 August
 OpsO 1 - 21 August

LTCOL
 MAJ
 MAJ

JACK E. SCHLARP
 LOUIS G. SASSO
 BOBBY G. ANTHIS

HML-367

CO 1 - 31 August
 XO 1 - 31 August
 OpsO 1 - 31 August

LTCOL
 MAJ
 MAJ

BOBBY R. WILKINSON
 CHARLES M. LIVELY
 JOHN M. COYKENDALL

HMH-462

CO 1 - 31 August
 XO 1 - 31 August
 OpsO 1 - 31 August

LTCOL
 MAJ
 MAJ

RONDELL K. WOOD
 JACK MAXWELL
 LAMAR V. PHILLIPS

* HMH-361 Reported ADCON to MAG-36 1 Aug 69

HMH-361 Reported OPCON to MAG-36 27 Aug 69

* * HMH-362 Relocated 21 Aug 69, reported ADCON/OPCON to FMFLANT

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MAG-36	Hue/Phu Bai	1 - 31 August
HAMS-36	Hue/Phu Bai	1 - 31 August
MABS-36	Hue/Phu Bai	1 - 31 August
MATCU-68	Hue/Phu Bai	1 - 31 August

HMH-361	Hue/Phu Bai	1 - 31 August
HMM-362	Hue/Phu Bai	1 - 21 August
HML-367	Hue/Phu Bai	1 - 31 August
HMH-462	Hue/Phu Bai	1 - 31 August

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	60	422	1	0
MABS-36	17	540	2	21
MATCU-68	7	48	0	0
HMH-361	36	169	0	0
HMM-362	30	165	1	0
HML-367	45	130	1	0
HMH-462	49	190	1	0

4. Important Visitors to MAG-36

a. 12 August: Briefed by MAG-36 Supply Officer.

Captain P. CROSBY, SC, USN, NSD, Subic Bay
 Captain J. R. CARSWELL, USMC, Liaison Officer, NSD,
 Subic Bay

b. 18 August: Distinguished guest at relocation ceremony for HMM-362.

BrigGen R. H. SPANJER, USMC, CG FMAW Aux Hdq
 BrigGen R. FULLER, USMC, Asst CG 3rd MARDIV
 Col W. C. DOTY JR., USMC, CO SLB-A
 Col W. L. MACQUARRIE, USMC, Cofs FMAW Aux Hdq
 Col R. A. SAVAGE, USMC, CO MWSG-17

c. 26 August: Inspected MAG-36.

BrigGen W. G. JOHNSON, USMC, Asst CG FMAW

Visited MAG-36.

Col J. E. BRUCE, USMC, prospective CO MAG-16
 Col E. J. ARTNAK, USMC, prospective 1stMAW Comptroller
 LtCol E. S. MURPHY, USMC, prospective Asst Cofs G-3
 1stMAW
 LtCol W. K. PARCELL, USMC, prospective OpsO G-3 1stMAW

PART II

Narrative Summary

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MAG-36 logged 3517.1 flight hours during the month of August. The Group performed its mission by providing support to III MAF, the U.S. Army, the Republic of Korea Marines and forces of the Republic of Vietnam. To meet the months commitment, the Group participated in seven major ground operations in the I Corps Tactical Area.

The aircraft of MAG-36 used to augment PHAG-39 in support of the 3rd MAR DIV consisted of a daily average complement of 3 CH-53A, 7 UH-1E and until 15 August, 7 UH-34D's. On ten different occasions from 1 to 2 CH-53A and on 12 occasions from 1 to 3 UH-1E aircraft were provided to augment MAG-16. The U.S. Army was provided 2 UH-1E gunships daily to complete their "Prairie Fire" package.

On 9 August, a UH-1E aircraft from HML-367 was shot down while participating in operation "Prairie Fire". The aircraft sustained strike damage. Two crew members were rescued uninjured and two are missing in action.

The "Ugly Angels" of HMM-362 chopped ADCON/OPCON to CG, FMFLANT on 21 August 1969. The squadron of UH-34D aircraft, last of its type to see duty with the Marine Corps in Vietnam, takes with it an impressive four year combat record. (See section IV).

HMH-361 reported ADCON on 1 August and OPCON on 27 August to MAG-36. HMH-361 operating with 18 CH-53A aircraft gives MAG-36 two Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadrons.

Hue/Phu Bai Combat Base experienced 5 mortar/rocket attacks during August with no damage to property or casualties to personnel in MAG-36. Enemy activity has continually increased in the form of civilian assassinations, kidnapping, terrorism and political intimidation and indoctrination throughout the HUE/PHU BAI area.

The civic action teams of MAG-36 were active during the month completing construction on the Phu Luong refugee school, wiring of homes in Phu Luong refugee camps, delivering chairs, school desks, and building material to Tin Linh school in Hue. In addition, a U.S. Army movie team spent 2 days making movies of the civic action program to be used for training of new personnel in civic action work and for a permanent record of Civic Action work in Vietnam.

PART III

Significant Events1. Air Operations

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

	<u>Helicopter</u>	<u>C-117D</u>
(1) Flight Hours - - - - -	3517.1	84.3
(2) Sorties - - - - -	12,174	135
(3) Passengers Carried - - - - -	14,368	1,270
(4) Tons of Cargo Carried - - - - -	5617.4	34.9
(5) Medical Evacuees Carried - - - - -	88	0

b. During August, MAG-36 augmented aircraft to PMAG-39 for support to the 3rd Marine Division, U.S. Army in support of Prairie Fire, and MAG-16 for support to the 1st Marine Division and the Korean Marine Forces. Statistics follow:

PMAG-39

CH-53A - - - - -	3 daily average
UH-1E - - - - -	7 daily average
UH-34D - - - - -	7 daily average 1-15 Aug

U.S. ARMY

UH-1E - - - - -	2 aircraft daily
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MAG-16

CH-53A - - - - -	1 to 2 A/C on 10 occasions
UH-1E - - - - -	1 to 3 A/C on 12 occasions

c. Down Aircraft Statistics:

	<u>Operational</u>	<u>DEA</u>
Forced to land - - - - -	4	1
Recovered - - - - -	4	0
Destroyed - - - - -	0	1

Confirmed - - - - - 0
Probable - - - - - 0

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>UNITS TOR</u>	<u>FLT HRS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO (TONS)</u>
Georgia Tar	3rd MARDIV	1132.2	3665	5834	4244.8
Idaho Canyon	3rd MARDIV	718.3	2435	2372	741.1
Durham Peak	1st MARDIV	168.6	615	1773	34.7
Arlington Canyon	3rd MARDIV	17.1	46	10	
Iroquois Grove	3rd MARDIV	19.2	72	44	0.5
Victory Dragon XIV	1st MARDIV	37.2	125	91	
Prairie Fire	U.S. ARMY	207.8	454	4	
Others	III MAF/FMAW	1216.7	5762	4420	596.3

Night patrol hours	- - - - -	100
Day patrol hours	- - - - -	14
Hours spent improving perimeter	- -	380

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Illumination - - - - - 112 rds
Grenados 40mm - - - - - 2 rds

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11 August	- - - - -	15 Mortar rounds
		7 RPG rounds
12 August	- - - - -	4 122MM rockets
17 August	- - - - -	3 122MM rockets
20 August	- - - - -	4 122MM rockets
27 August	- - - - -	7 122MM rockets
There were no casualties or property damage to MAC-36.		

b. Fire Incidents by grid zone involving MAG-36 aircraft.

YD - 9 FI - 1 HIT
 XD - 9 FI - 4 HITS
 AT - 1 FI - 0 HITS
 Class Coord 2 FI - 5 HITS

c. Fire Incident Statistics:

Aircraft damaged - - - - - 10
 Fire incidents to hours flown - - - 1 to 167.5
 Hit incidents to fire incidents - - - 1 to 2.1 (47%)

5. Administration

a. Personnel strength remained constant during August.

b. Casualties:

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Hospitalizing injuries non-hostile USMC	1	19
Hospitalizing injuries non-hostile USN	0	0
WIA	0	1
KIA	0	0
MIA	1	1
Killed non-hostile USMC	0	0
Killed non-hostile USN	0	0

c. Civic Action

7 August - 45 children were entertained with refreshments and a movie at the MAG-36 SNCO Club.

12 - 13 August - U.S. Army movie team from Saigon spent two days making a movie of the MAG-36 Civic Action Program. This included tours of the orphanage, refugee camps and schools that the Group Units support. This movie and still pictures will be used for training of new personnel in Civic Action work and for a permanent record of Civic Action work in Vietnam.

13 August - Personal Response School was conducted for 60 personnel from MAG-36. This included a 4 hour lecture on the History, Tradition and Customs of the Vietnamese people and a one half day tour of THUY PHU village and surrounding area.

17 August - Completed repair and painting of the PHU LUONG refugee camp school.

20 August - Repairs completed on old French generator and generator delivered to Phu Luong refugee camp. Installing the generator and wiring of five houses for the officials of the refugees camp was done by volunteers from Marine Air Base Squadron 36.

23 August - Thirty school desks made by HUE Prison were delivered to HEMS-36 and MABS-36 Civic Action Teams. The school desks are for the orphanage and refugee schools that these units support. Material for construction of the 30 desks was delivered to the HUE Prison by MAG-36 Civic Action Team during July 1969.

d. Off - Duty Education. The MAG-36 off - duty education program continued during August. Progress is as follows:

(1) C-152 General Math II. This course started 4 August and is expected to be complete 10 October. Eight students are attending the class.

(2) D-101 Ninth Grade English II. This course started 4 August and is expected to be complete 10 October. Eight students are attending the class.

(3) B-577 Beginning French. This course started 18 August and is expected to be complete 15 October. Three students are attending the class.

(4) D-467 Modern Far East History. This course started 20 August and is expected to be complete 15 October. Two students are attending the class.

(5) D-543 Introduction to Business. This course started 19 August and is expected to be complete 15 October. One student is attending the class.

(6) R-544 Personnel Management. This course started 18 August and is expected to be complete 15 October. Two students are attending the class.

(7) The following tests were given:

(a) GED Test - - - - - 1 Student

(b) Collogo Comprehensive Test - 1 Student

(c) End of Course Tests - - - - 6 Students

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e. 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.

f. Chaplain Services.

(1) During the month of August, the assigned Chaplains conducted Divine Services for personnel of the Protestant and Catholic faiths. Divine Services were available for Latter Day Saints personnel at the MAG-36 Chapel and for Jewish personnel at the XXIV Corps Chapel.

(2) The Catholic Chaplain conducted Divine Services at PMAG-39 and MCB-1 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.

(3) A total of 56 services were conducted aboard the MAG-36 compound with 1,247 personnel attending. A total of 5 choir practices were held aboard MAG-36 compound with attendance of 56 personnel. Off-base services totaled 32 with 726 in attendance. There were also religious film showings with a total attendance of 305. The Latter Day Saints conducted 3 services in the MAG-36 Chapel with 28 in attendance.

(4) A total of four indoctrination lectures with an attendance of 107 were given by the Chaplains during the month to new personnel arriving aboard. Also, one joint-memorial service was conducted at PMAG-39 with an attendance of 65.

(5) 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 in HUE, Christian Brothers Catholic Orphanage in HUE; Catholic Orphanage in PHU LUONG; the TIN LANH Church, School and Orphanages in PHU LUONG and HUE; the AN-KANH THUY-LUONG HUNG Orphanage in PHU LUONG and the refugee village in PHU LUONG. Chaplain Civic Action gifts for the month consisted of 16 truck loads of fill dirt, one 6x6 of scrap lumber, 165 lbs. of used clothing, 135 lbs. of food stuffs and \$1050.00 in donations.

(6) The Chaplains arranged four tours of HUE with a total of 58 men participating.

(7) Weekly Latter Day Saints services are now being conducted in the MAG-36 Chapel on Sunday afternoons at 1500. The Army Latter Day Saints Chaplain conducts them once a month and a lay-leader the remaining Sundays.

(8) Chaplain Bishop from MCG-1 conducted Sunday morning service while Chaplain Struthers was on Retroat in Japan from 28 July to 7 August.

(9) The external beautification of MAG-36 Chapel is now more than 50 per cent completed. Construction of the small chapels on the second floor is still underway and nearing completion.

6. Special Services

a. The following noteworthy Special Services events were conducted during August 1969.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
7 August	Stage Show	"The Soul Patrol" performed on the stage of the Amphitheatre at 1300.
21 August	Stage Show	"The Bunker Brigade" performed on the stage of the Amphitheatre at 1300.
23 August	Stage Show	"The Donnie James Show" performed on the stage of the Amphitheatre at 1900.
26 August	Stage Show	"The Fred Thompson Show" performed on the stage of the Amphitheatre at 1300.
1-31 August	Picnics	A total of 18 unit/squadron picnics were held during the month.
1-31 August	Colco Beach	A total of four units participated in Colco Beach parties.

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

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
Skoot Shotguns	The skoot shotguns were returned from Okinawa, and the skoot range was fully operational.
50 Mile Club	Three 50 Mile Club Certificates were earned and presented.

7. Logistics

a. The Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS) dispensed 586,793 gallons of JP-4 and 141,778 gallons of 115/145 during the month.

b. Principal HHS-36 Maintenance activity during the month were:

- (1) Processed or repaired
 - (a) 43 Engines
 - (b) 3 Transmissions
 - (c) 5 Rotor heads
 - (d) 3 Tail Rotors
 - (e) 32 Miscellaneous Dynamic Components
- (2) Aircraft received - - - - - 0
- (3) Aircraft transferred - - - - - 2
- (4) Aircraft enroute to PAR - - - - - 0
- (5) Aircraft received for battle damage repair 0
- (6) Aircraft received for IMA rework - - - - - 3
- (7) Aircraft completed repair and rework - - - 3

c. Base Development

(1) Work has begun on wiring the new 150 KW generator to the dispensary and should be complete in September. This will liberate the existing 75 KW generator which will enable the continuation of work to air-condition the EM club.

(2) Resurfacing of the helo parking area between "B" and "C" taxiways, and construction of the helo landing pad is continuing at a normal pace and should be completed during September.

(3) All now 1st MAW sponsored MILCON and NMC projects at MAG-36 are still on a temporary hold.

(4) A material shortage is still responsible for the work stoppage on the Amco revotments around the jet engine test cell.

(5) The Group Supply Administration Building is complete and has been accepted.

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d. Embarkation. Movement of MATCU-68 is 85% complete and scheduled to be 100% by 6 September 1969. Movement involved 168 short tons of supplies and equipment.

8. Communications

a. The Communication Center processed 3,787 incoming and 1,617 outgoing messages for a total of 5,404 messages during August.

b. The Wire Unit relocated telephones serving Marine Corps Property and Disbursing simultaneously with their relocation to new areas.

c. Assisted Army personnel in the installation of 50 pair cable between the Army Dial Telephone Exchange and MAG-36 to provide increased reliability in the dial telephone system. It is anticipated that MAG-36 will allocated additional dial circuits when the cable cut over is completed and thoroughly tested.

d. The Electronic-Maintenance Unit continued the Quarterly 2d/3d Echelon Maintenance Program. Approximately one third of the Communication Equipment T/E had 2d/3d Echelon Preventive Maintenance performed during the month of August.

e. Public address system support was provided to numerous units in the Hue/Phu Bai area throughout the month.

9. Inspection. There were no inspections of MAG-36 Units during the month of August.

c. Ground Operations

Total patrol hours - - - - - 200

Night patrol hours - - - - - 175

Day patrol hours - - - - - 25

Hours spent improving perimeter - - - - - 380

d. During the month the following ordnance was expended:

Rounds of illumination fired - - - - - 174

Rounds of M-79 fired - - - - - 1

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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MARINES of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 362 case the squadron's flag during decommissioning ceremonies held August 18 at Phu Bai. (Photo by Cpl. R. G. Musolf)

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"Ugly Angels" Leave Marines and Vietnam

By Sgt. Dennis Blair &
1st Lt. John W. Bowman Jr.

PHU BAI — With the casing of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 362's colors, the last UH-34D Sea Horse squadron in the Marine Corps, another page in Marine aviation history came to an end August 18.

The "work horses," symbol of Marine helicopter support for over a dozen years have disappeared from Vietnam skies. The reassuring clamor of the '34's reciprocating engine has given way to the scream of jet helicopters.

Today, "vertical envelopment" is a common phrase both to the student of amphibious and classical land warfare. During the Korean conflict, it was still a new idea with far reaching possibilities. The UH-34D gave the first real maturity and sophistication to this new tactical doctrine when it deployed in the mid 1950s with the Fleet Marine Force. It was the Sea Horse's capabilities that made vertical envelopment a military reality and an every day word in the Marine vocabulary.

In this era, the concept of vertical envelopment has played an increasing part in the Free World's need of greater military flexibility and response. Nowhere has this been demonstrated more than in Vietnam where the helicopter is an everyday necessity.

Besides being the last combat UH-34D squadron in the Marine Corps, HMM-362 was the first aircraft unit of the First Marine Aircraft Wing to serve in Vietnam, arriving in April, 1962. The squadron, then commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Archie J. Clapp, deployed at Soc Trang in the Mekong Delta as part of Operation Shu Fly.

After working closely with the South Vietnamese for several months, the squadron returned to the United States in July.

With America's full scale commitment to Southeast Asia in 1965, HMM-362, the "Ugly Angels," returned to Vietnam in August. Since that time the squadron has operated continuously throughout I Corps, from the DMZ to Quang Ngai City, serving alternately with Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 36, MAG-

16, and the Special Landing Force.

The "Ugly Angels" have flown every imaginable helicopter task. They have handled medical evacuation, reconnaissance and psychological warfare missions as well as the standard combat troop and cargo lifts. During the past year alone, they have flown almost 15,000 lifted over 55,000 combat troops and carried almost 4,000 medical evacuees.

With their last combat mission completed the UH-34D Sea Horse will return to the United States for reassignment. The crews and pilots of the squadron will be redistributed into other units of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. Only the colors, squadron Bible, and history will return home. A new squadron with the 362 designation will be commissioned at the Marine Corps Air Facility, N. C., flying CH-53 helicopters.

The history of the "Ugly Angels" is synonymous with that of the '34s. Their has been a rugged, fighting relationship. Now the UH-34D will take its place in history among America's other great combat aircraft.

Kit Carson Scouts; *Boy's Town Celebration* A Place of Honor

By Sgt. George Broadley

DA NANG—Father Bernard Hoang, a Vietnamese Roman Catholic Priest, hosted a 3rd anniversary celebration commemorating the opening of Boy's Town, near the China Beach R&R Center, August 21.

Modeled after Father Flannigan's famed Boy's Town in Omaha, Neb., Vietnam's Boy's Town is a home and school, not an institution. Here, some 60 boys, all orphaned by the Viet Cong, live,

attend school and learn how to be good citizens. Even during party time, such as the celebration, the boys acted more like young men than the normal fun-filled youngster. Resident boys will stay at Boy's Town until they reach 17 years of age.

English is taught by Marines serving at Camp Horn, headquarters site for the III Marine Amphibious Force. Support for the building's upkeep, and the boys' food is donated by Camp Horn Marines.

In November of 1966, while I was the Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division, I witnessed the launching of a totally new Marine Corps tactical innovation in the Republic of Vietnam — Kit Carson Scouts (KCS).

Now, nearly three years later, I am proud to look back on the heroic history and country-wide expansion of the KCS, and say "Well Done".

The former enemy soldiers serving in the Kit Carson Scouts are Hoi Chanhs who volunteer to continue to fight, now against the VC, and who have proved themselves dependable. But, most of all, they are brave, dedicated men who put their lives on the line to protect the Americans with whom they serve.

Personal bravery and professional fighting ability of "KCS" serving with Free World military forces is evidenced by the examples I record here.

In June of 1967, Kit Carson Scout Throung Kinh was working with Foxtrot Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines in northeastern Quang Tin Province. He was on the point when he saw NVA soldiers hiding in a rice paddy about 35 yards in front of his company. Kinh immediately opened fire on the enemy, killing four of them. He then ran into the rice paddy and engaged the remaining enemy. Some two hours later, after the enemy had broken contact, the battlefield was swept by friendly forces and Kinh was credited with 35 confirmed enemy killed. He was instrumental in saving his company from an ambush which would have caused considerable casualties to our Marines.

Kit Carson Scout Thoung Chen, a member of a tracker dog team with the Americal Division, was assisting in a search for an enemy force in southern Quang Ngai Province in June 1969. As the team moved along a trail, Chen spotted the reflection of the sun off a rifle barrel. He immediately pushed the other team members off the trail and laid down a volley of fire on the suspected enemy position. Chen's immediate action saved the lives of his fellow team members and resulted in one NVA soldier killed.

Kit Carson Scout Hieu Duc Nguyen served with "C" Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. He has been credited with carrying as the point on 32 long range recon patrols and making more than 20 enemy kills. During contact with the



Young Men of Boy's Town

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385 girls from all states wish to write Marines in Vietnam.

Write:
Community Relations Directorate

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Nor Rain Nor Wind Nor NVA

By Cpl. Phil McManus

VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE — Mailmen have been lauded for delivering the mail through rain, sleet and snow, but how many would hike seven hours over unfamiliar, mountainous terrain under the constant threat of enemy rockets, mortars and small arms fire?

A seven-man squad from "F" Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, on Russell Fire Support Base, did just that, in the mountains three miles east of Con Thien. They hand carried, at no extra rate, 25 pounds of mail to their buddies, who had set up a Platoon Patrol Base on distant Margo Hill.

Led by Pfc. George Mezei (Oakland, Calif.), the Marine squad cut their way through dense vines and bamboo, crossed a chest-high stream and seven hours later reached their destination with the much appreciated mail.

According to Mezei, "we almost lost one of the mail bags crossing the stream. And between the rain and stream crossing, the mail got a little damp. It had been over a week since the platoon had received mail though, and they were really happy to get it."

"One good thing about the trip back," Mezei added, "it wasn't nearly as long, for we had already cut the trail."

Warner Visits 3rd Div.

By Cpl. Tom Muldoon

DONG HA — The Honorable John H. Warner, Under Secretary of the Navy, visited the 3rd Marine Division August 21 as part of his current trip to gain firsthand knowledge of the Navy and Marine Corps activities in Vietnam.

The Under Secretary was greeted at Landing Zone Owl by Maj. General William K. Jones, Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division.

The Under Secretary and his party, which included Lt. General H. Nickerson, Jr., Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, and Lt. Gen. Melvin Zais, Commanding General, XXIV Corps, were given a briefing on the tactical surveillance systems. The briefing entailed the roles of reconnaissance teams, aerial observation, and radar.

Mr. Warner met the principal staff officers of the division and then was escorted to the officers' club for a luncheon with company grade officers.

After luncheon, the Under Secretary traveled to Task Force Clearwater and was briefed on its mission. He also visited a Combined Action Platoon before returning to XXIV Corps.



LEATHERNECKS of Marine Force Logistic Command's Provisional Rifle Co. push through a rice paddy in search of enemy activity northwest of Da Nang. The unit provides security for the command's massive headquarters complex, surrounding hamlets and refugee areas. (Photo by Sgt. Mike Teramoto)

Marine Braves Fire to Save Dogs

By LCpl. Joe Doyle

DA NANG — As enemy rocket propelled grenades exploded around him, Marine Cpl. James W. Reali (2524 Pick Lane, Glenview, Ill.) ran through a maze of flying shrapnel, heading towards his friends. His concern was more for their safety than his own.

Not many men would feel so strongly about dogs, but Reali does. He considers these dogs his closest friends; Marine sentry dogs attached to the 3rd Military Police Bn., Marine Force Logistic Command (FLC).

North Vietnamese Army (NVA) troops were attempting an early morning assault on the 3rd MP headquarters compound, just west of the massive Da Nang Air Base.

Reali, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the sentry dog kennel, caught shrapnel in his left arm as he ran, but he didn't stop.

Once certain that the vital sentry dogs were unharmed, Reali ran out to the perimeter lines to help repel the assault force. He took up a position guarding one of the gates. The action lasted several hours. When it was over, the 3rd MP Marines held a sweep at first light, and Reali volunteered to participate, still ignoring his shrapnel wounds.

"I just felt that my experience in combat might come in handy," he later explained. "A lot of men here have never seen any real action. They don't know what it's like. They don't know how they'll react in hand-to-hand combat. I do!"

Before his present assignment, Reali served more than six months with "F" Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Marines, as a sentry dog handler providing security along the unit's perimeter. It was with this unit that Reali received his first combat wounds and his sentry dog was killed.

"That dog was closer to me than many people had been, even my girl," he remarked, quickly explaining, "my girl friend never saved my life."

After the sweep was completed, revealing bloody trails left by NVA dragging off dead and wounded and 140 explosive devices and assorted communist

weaponry, Reali had his wounds treated.

Although not seriously wounded, Reali collected his second Purple Heart.

Leatherneck Combat Engineers Blasting, Building and Humping

By Cpl. Franklin Delong

VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE — A day in the life of a combat engineer in northern I Corps is, for the most part, made up of one dominant ingredient — physical activity.

They can be found anywhere there are Marines, going about their every day tasks with sort of a silent determination that belies their strenuous endeavors.

Pfc. Richard Shartzer (Springfield, Ill.), a combat engineer with Alpha Co., 3rd Engineer Bn., 3rd Marine Division, has been in the field with a line company. "My job is mainly blowing enemy bunkers and fortifications," commented the Leatherneck.

While in the field the engineers carry packs that weigh up to 40 pounds. This includes explosives for blasting, detonating cord, blasting caps and time fuses. They also carry their personal gear and weapon. Commenting on his experiences in the field, Shartzer says, "The worst part about the 'bush' is when we have to 'hump' — I've gone as much as 15,000 meters in two days. And, up here, that's moving."

When the engineers of Alpha Company are not struggling through the jungles of northern I

Corps, they can be found at Vandegrift Combat Base constructing bunkers, "hootches" and showers.



A YOUNG Vietnamese girl from a rural hamlet northwest of Da Nang helps with the wash. (Photo by Sgt. Mike Teramoto)

Pfc. George Malroy (Madison, N.C.) has been with Alpha for six months. "I've worked on more than one hundred bunkers here at Vandegrift," commented Malroy. The engineers pride themselves on their ability to take down a hootch or bunker, relocate, and then reconstruct it all in the same day.

Cpl. Jerry Davis (Kingsville, Ohio), has been in Vietnam for seven months and is NCO in charge of the engineers who participate in the morning road sweep along Highway 9. He explains his team's mission this way, "We use mine detectors to find mines the enemy has planted along the road. Once we find them we generally blow them in place."

As leader of the mine-sweep team, Davis feels he cannot overemphasize discipline in his team. "In the mornings when we leave, we know we might find just about anything out there. So the men have to be ready." There have been days when the engineer team has discovered as many as four anti-tank mines in one position along the highway.

No matter what they are doing, or wherever the engineers of Alpha can be found, they will be working.

Courageous Marines Commended by CO

By Sgt. Bruce Smith

DONG HA — "They are well trained, well educated and are able to think in tough situations ... they have all the courage in the world." These are the words of Capt. Ken Nicewaner (Bethesda, Md.), Commanding Officer, "H" Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines.

"H" Co. is deployed north of the Rockpile and Capt. Nicewaner was speaking of today's Marines in Vietnam and especially of the men of his company.

"The type of war we're fighting here puts a great deal of pressure on the small unit leader," he explained, "and the large number of small unit patrols and ambushes make it necessary for these men to be proficient with a map and compass, have a knowledge of tactics as well as methods of calling artillery and supporting arms."

"H" Co. and "F" Co. were involved in a recent significant contact with the enemy. "F" Co. began the contact when a night patrol was fired on by an estimated five North Vietnamese

Army (NVA) soldiers. The patrol returned fire and an Aerial Observer (AO) came on station to call in an artillery mission.

At first light the company checked the area of the contact. Moving toward high ground, the unit came under heavy automatic weapons fire from an estimated two NVA companies. As the Marines returned fire, an AO came on station directing gunships and fixed-wing aircraft on the enemy. Artillery fire was directed against the enemy. When the enemy fled, 21 dead communist soldiers were left behind.

The following day "F" Co. again received enemy fire from high ground. Returning fire and sweeping the area, the Marines accounted for 20 NVA killed.

As "F" Co. engaged the enemy northeast of the old Fire Support Base Mack, "H" Co. saw action as they moved along the Cam Lo River valley, north of the Razorback.

A platoon received fire from an unknown size enemy force. An artillery mission was called as the Marines returned fire. A search of the area produced five NVA bodies.



MEMBERS of the 2nd Bn., 4th Marines take a break at Fire Support Base Russell to catch up on the happenings back home. The battalion is operating northwest of the Rockpile. (Photo by Cpl. Dennis Randolph)

Cool One Saves It

By Cpl. Gene Smith

DA NANG — A cool head and the quick reactions of a machine-gunner with "C" Co., 1st Bn., 7th Marines, helped repel a 15-man sapper attack on the company's position 16 miles southwest of here.

Pfc Raymond W. Bobak, 25 (1547 E. 31st Street, Lorain, Ohio) had just fallen asleep after standing his perimeter watch when a burst of automatic weapons fire shattered the late night serenity. He immediately leaped to his M-60 machine gun, spotted three enemy soldiers retreating behind a small berm, and opened fire on them.

"My squad leader spotted them first and opened up on them," explained Bobak, "so they were already retreating when I got to my weapon. I saw one of them go down after I opened up and I'm sure the other two were hit even though we didn't find them. As soon as they disappeared behind the berm, another group of enemy soldiers opened up on us from a freeline."

"There were about 15 of them shooting RPG's (rocket propelled grenades) and AK-47 assault rifles and throwing ChiCom (Chinese Communist) grenades," stated Cpl. Edmond F. Shaffer, 23 (2614 Edgehill Dr., Los Angeles, Calif.), Bobak's squad leader. "We were situated on a berm and the first RPG hit the side I was on and knocked me off it. The second one hit right in front of Bobak and knocked him off but he got right back up and continued firing." continued Shaffer. "The next one hit a little closer and wounded Bobak in the hand and arm. It also knocked out his M-60 but he wasn't about to let that stop him. He got another M-60 and started firing again. This time the enemy got the idea they weren't welcome and stopped firing at us."

At first light, the Marines swept the area and found one enemy body and blood trails indicating several others had been wounded. They also found an assortment of enemy gear including an RPG launcher, a bag containing six ChiCom grenades and a pistol.

Patrol Finds Evidence

Bombs Dropped, Plenty NVA Left

By Sgt. W. E. Wood

QUANG TRI — A morning patrol conducted by an eight man team from 3rd Force Reconnaissance Co. has discovered the ability of the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) to dig in and withstand bombing raids.

The team was inserted into a crater pocked area near the Khe Khi River, northeast of Fire Support Base (FSB) Russell, to survey the damage from the previous night's bombing missions.

After moving a few hundred meters from their landing zone (LZ) they spotted two NVA in fighting holes on the slope of a small ridge. The team took the initial step and tallied two confirmed kills before moving back toward their insertion area.

As they moved through the river valley below "Mudders Ridge" the rear point, Lance Cpl. Robert W. Calvert (Kansas City, Kansas), spotted one enemy soldier a few meters from his position. "He was just standing there dumbfounded with his trouser legs rolled up to his knees and an AK-47 in his hand. He started moving in our direc-

tion so I fired a few bursts at him and he took off."

Further down the valley the team encountered approximately five more enemy and engaged them with grenades. "We must have cleared them out," explained 1st Lt. C.C. "Buck" Coffman (Richmond, Va.) 3rd Recon Co. executive officer, "because when we tossed in white phosphorus grenades we received no return fire."

An estimated enemy force of 57 was spotted by the team, aerial observers and gunships operating in the area. And throughout the engagement the team received close air support, much of which dropped within 50 meters of their position.

Four hours after initial contact the team prepared to be extracted. Small arms fire opened up as the Army "slicks" (UH-1E) moved in for the pick-up. Everyone was aware that it was to be a quick one. But the six-foot, four-inch Calvert found out just how fast the pilot wanted to get off the ground. "We were right on the edge of the bomb crater and as I started to jump aboard the bird started rising and I lost my footing. It was just by luck and height that I grabbed hold of the door and pulled myself in."

Aeolus, God of Wind, Hazard to Progress

QUANG TRI — Aeolus, the god of wind in classical mythology, has in recent weeks been a constant obstacle in the road to progress for Service Plt., Force Logistic Support Group Bravo (FLSG-B).

Winds have continuously swept across open flatlands leading to FLSG-B here. The winds, often gusting to more than 60 miles per hour, have brought tremendous clouds of swirling dust.

The 150 Leathernecks of Service Plt. have the vital responsibility of keeping water and electricity flowing smoothly throughout the command. If that job isn't big enough, they also are responsible for the operation of two laundries, two ice plants, a carpentry shop, a refrigeration section, a tire repair section, and 47 forklifts of sundry shapes and sizes. It is one of the

busiest and most important sections of FLSG-B.

"The climatic conditions around here have always been a problem," explains Capt. Michael Parker (3485 Ruffin Rd., San Diego, Calif.), platoon commander. "This however, was the worst I've ever seen."

Parker was referring to the limited visibility in which his men had to work day and night.

"The men had to spend more time than usual cleaning their equipment," explained Parker. "Add this to an existing 24-hour work load, and the men have had few hours to themselves."

The elements took their toll. A couple of the Marines had to be treated for eye and ear injuries caused by the furious wind.

However, throughout the cyclonic-like conditions, the platoon never dropped below 100 percent operational status.



CHANIN HALE (center) and the "Two Far Out" do their thing on the ICTZ entertainment circuit. Sponsored by the USO-Overseas Hollywood Committee, and the Department of Defense, this well-received trio has visited more than 20 bases since arriving in Vietnam.

THE LAST OF THE UH-34's

At this moment, we are witnessing the conclusion of a colorful and honorable chapter in Marine Corps aviation and history. Today is the final time that the H-34 will muster in squadron strength in Southeast Asia. With the folding of HMM-362's colors, the workhorse and symbol of Marine Corps helicopter support for the past dozen years disappears from the Vietnam skies. The reassuring clamor of the 34's reciprocating engine has given way to the high whines and eerie rattles of the jet helicopter.

Today "vertical envelopment" is a common phrase both to the student of amphibious and classical land warfare. In the early 50's during the Korean War, it was still a wild, new idea with far reaching possibilities. The H-34 gave the first real maturity and sophistication to this new tactical doctrine when it deployed in the mid 50's with the Fleet Marine Force. It was this aircraft's capabilities that made "vertical envelopment" a military reality and an every day word in the Marine and infantryman's vocabulary. In this atomic era of conventional and unconventional warfare, the concept of vertical envelopment has played an increasing role in meeting the Free World's need of greater military flexibility and response.

If today is a nostalgic moment for Marine aviation, it is even more so for the officers and men of HMM-362, "The Ugly Angels". Besides being the last H-34 squadron in the regular Marine Corps, HMM-362 was the first aircraft unit of the First Marine Aircraft Wing, to serve in Vietnam, arriving on 15 April 1962. The squadron deployed at Soc Trang in the Mekong Delta as a part of Operation Shu Fly. Working closely with ARVN forces for several months, the squadron then rotated back to the United States in late July 1962. With America's full scale commitment to Southeast Asia in the spring of 1965, HMM-362 returned to Vietnam in August of that year. Since that time the squadron has operated continuously throughout I Corps from the DMZ to Quang Ngai City, serving alternately with Marine Aircraft Group 16, Marine Aircraft Group 36 and the Special Landing Force.

"The Ugly Angels" have flown every imaginable mission. They have handled medical evacuation, reconnaissance and psychological warfare missions as well as the standard combat troop and cargo lifts. During the past year alone they have flown almost 15,000 hours. They have lifted over 55,000 combat troops and extracted almost 4,000 medevacs. Sixty-two of their aircraft have suffered battle damage in the past year and thirty-one pilots and crewmen have become casualties. In January 1969 along the Batangan Peninsula south of Chu Lai, the squadron participated in Operation "Bold Mariner", the largest amphibious venture to date in Vietnam. The history of the "Ugly Angels" is synonymous with that of the H-34. Theirs has been a rugged, fighting relationship.

Today the H-34 takes its place among America's other great combat aircraft of the past.