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1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
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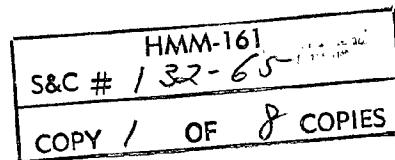


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COMMAND DIARY

1 June 1965 - 30 June 1965

Lieutenant Colonel G. W. MORRISON, USMC
Commanding

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. Reporting Unit: HMM-161
2. Period Covered: 1 June 1965 to 30 June 1965
3. Date Submitted: JUL 4 1965
4. Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel G. W. MORRISON, USMC
5. Location: Hue Phu Bai; Republic of Viet Nam

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1 June 1965 - Continuing daily commitments as normal: 8 A/C were assigned for RLT-4 support, 2 to 4 for MARLOG twice daily, 2 for Chu Lai SAR and 2 on condition 4 standby. 2 Med Evacs were lifted from LZ Wren (531003) to BLT 1/4 BSA and 1 Med Evac from "B" Med to LPH-2. 2 A/C were down, AOPC for tail rotor blades. (The loose sand in many of the landing zones in the Chu Lai area caused abnormal wear on the tail rotor blades.)

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
80.3	279	14.5	572	3	0	0

2 June 1965 - Normal daily commitments were accomplished. 1 RLT-4 Med Evac and 1 BLT 1/4 Med Evac were lifted to "B" Med. 1 ARVN WIA was evacuated from 413120 to Tam Ky. This pickup was accomplished under hostile ground fire, and two Squadron A/C were hit. 500 rounds were expended from the helo's M-60's in suppression of the hostile ground fire. BuNo 145751, Pilot Capt R. G. MILLER, received one round in the port side at Sta 423.4, water line 30.2. BuNo 148794, pilot Capt J. M. COYKENDALL, received one round at Sta 340.5, stbd side, water line 75. There were no injuries to personnel.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Cargo Tons</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
64.8	279	5.6	223	3	2	0

3 June 1965 - Normal daily RLT-4 support and continuing commitments were met. 2 Med Evacs occurred, 1 ARVN WIA, was taken from 409123 to Tam Ky hospital and 1 Marine from "B" Med to LPH-2.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
82.5	202	17.0	361	2	0	0

4 June 1965 - Normal RLT-4 support was accomplished. 2 ARVN WIA, were lifted from GS 4212 to Tam Ky hospital. One artillery spotting mission utilized an AO to adjust gunfire on avenues of approach. This method appeared to be very accurate.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
69.3	221	18.0	426	2	0	0

5 June 1965 - Normal RLT-4 support. One Marine WIA was evacuated from BLT 1/4 CP to "B" Med.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
71.6	274	22.0	713	1	0	0

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6 June 1965 - Continued normal RLT-4 support. Two squadron aircraft and crews were lost in an aircraft accident which occurred at 0510H. Launched from LPH-2 for a pre-dawn SAR mission, the two helicopters apparently collided in midair and fell to the sea. The accident claimed the lives of eight squadron members: Capt P. F. MCNALLY, 1stLt A. C. HERTZ, 1stLt G. O. MCKAY, 1stLt N. A. DOEDEN, Cpl F. W. WILSON, Cpl G. D. TRACY, LCpl C. B. MCBEE and PFC C. L. FOSTER (see messages 061559Z, 061630Z, 061650, 061658Z, 061701Z and 061604, 061645, 070518Z). May their souls rest in peace. 1 Marine WIA was lifted from 607000 to the BLT 3/3 BSA, 1 from 541994 to "B" Med, 1 from "B" Med to LPH-2, 1 from 531001 to BLT 1/4 BSA and 6 from LPH-2 to Da Nang.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
61.5	187	13.5	569	10	0	0

7 June 1965 - Normal RLT-4 support was provided. No Med Evacs were conducted this day. LPH-2 moved northward to the vicinity of HUE this evening, to be in position for the initial off-loading of squadron externals and advance party. 2 A/C were left at RLT-4 CP overnight to provide SAR capability.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
66.8	115	6.0	300	0	0	0

Operational statistics for the week 1 June 1965 to 7 June 1965 were as follows:

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. A/C Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
499.8	1,411	96.6	3,164	21	2	0

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8 June 1965 - Squadron commenced offloading advance party and external cargo from LPH-2 to the air field at Hue Phu Bai. The normal MARLOG and RLT-4 support flights were accomplished concurrently with the offloading. Two Marines, KIA, were lifted from 514052 to the hospital at Da Nang.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
109.6	298	59	226	2	0	0

9 June 1965 - LPH-2 returned to Chu Lai and HMM-161 re-established the normal daily commitments in support of RLT-4. One Marine WIA was lifted from 610012 to LPH-2 and four WIA Marine were taken from BLT 1/4 CP to "B" Med. The Squadron's advance working party continued to set up the base camp at Hue Phu Bai airfield, and the main portion of the personnel and cargo remained aboard LPH-2 at Chu Lai.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
67.8	220	16	582	5	0	0

10 June 1965 - Continued normal daily support of RLT-4 and commitments. One Marine KIA was taken from LPH-2 to Da Nang.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
68.0	293	20	455	1	0	0

11 June 1965 - The last day of HMM-161's commitments to RLT-4 and SAR at Chu Lai were accomplished. Four VIP's were flown around the Da Nang area on an area recon. The squadron began offloading from LPH-2 to Hue Phu Bai late in the day. All flights were recovered to LPH-2 in Da Nang harbor for the night.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
86.0	239	11.1	194	0	0	4

12 June 1965 - The move from LPH-2 to Hue Phu Bai was completed at 1220H. Four missions were flown during the afternoon while the squadron was setting up base camp: (1) 2 A/C delivered four barrels of 115/145 AVGAS from Phu Bai to Quang Tri. (2) The first group of squadron personnel for R and R were taken to Da Nang. (3) An area recon sighted suspected VC running at 885076 and notified BLT 3/4 and subsequently 28 Marines were lifted into the area. They were surrounded and captured for search and interrogation. (4) An "Eagle" flight of ten aircraft was launched to Hue Citadel for a briefing and subsequent retrograde of ARVN troops from Nam Dong (YC876845) to Khe Tri (YC912895).

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<u>FLIGHTS HOURS</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
104.0	309	62.2	167	0	0	0

13 June 1965 - The Squadron commenced daily operations from the new Camp Base at Hue Phu Bai. The normal daily commitments will be: resupply and med evacs for BLT 3/4, AM and PM MARLOG flights from Hue Phu Bai to Da Nang to Chu Lai to Da Nang to Hue Phu Bai in support of the 3rd MAF. One sick Marine was evacuated from 816117 and another from 809093 to "B" med at Hue Phu Bai. Six squadron helicopters supported by two HU-1B's lifted 330 troops and 15,000 pounds of cargo for the First ARVN Division from Hue Phu Bai to 910890 (Khe Tra). Two aircraft lifted 49 Marines from Phu Bai to 8609 in a combination troop lift and Dawn Patrol. Eight aircraft supported by two Army HU-1B's lifted 167 ARVN troops from 6641 to Hue Citadel on a planned retrograde..

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
69.3	171	16.5	634	3	0	0

14 June 1965 - The daily MARLOG and BLT 3/4 commitments were accomplished, an area recon of the TAOR was provided for BLT 3/4, and a lift of 204 troops between 883148, 841079 and 848093. A BLT 3/4 Marine was picked up at 839093 another at 815092, two more at 809093 and five at 833096, all were Heat Exhaustion cases and were taken to "B" Med. at Hue Phu Bai

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
54.2	151	5.7	324	10	0	0

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR THE WEEK 8 JUNE 1965 to 14 JUNE 1965 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
558.9	1,681	190.5	2,582	21	0	4

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15 June 1965 - The standard MARLOG and the daily BLT 3/4 support were accomplished. Hill 180 and coord 839093 were resupplied. 125 BLT 3/4 Marines were lifted from Hue Phu Bai to 843097.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
39.2	95	10.6	233	0	0	0

16 June 1965 - The standard MARLOG and BLT 3/4 support were accomplished. 86 ARVNS were lifted from YD 634426 to Hue Citadel. 102 Marines of BLT 3/4 were lifted from YD 815091 to 839134 and 80 troops from YD 817081 to Hue Phu Bai. A flight launched to Hue Citadel returned and cancelled it's mission when they were unable to locate troops or briefing personnel. One sick Marine of BLT 3/4 was taken from Hue Phu Bai to Da Nang hospital.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
53.9	116	6.6	406	1	0	0

17 June 1965 - The normal daily commitments were flown. Sixteen drums of fuel oil were flown from Hue Phu Bai to Quang Tri. Eight aircraft flew a resupply mission from Hue Phu Bai to Dong Ha to Ca Lu. Three Army HU'D's flew escort. Two aircraft flew a resupply from Hue Phu Bai to Con Thien (YD114705).

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
65.4	122	21.5	158	1	0	0

18 June 1965 - Normal commitments were flown. One new UH-34D aircraft BuNo. 149370 was picked up at Da Nang as a replacement for A/C lost on 6 June. This brings the total aircraft inventory to 23 UH-34D's. Six aircraft supported an ARVN strike in conjunction with HMM-365 from Da Nang to 855845. 32 ARVNS were lifted from Da Nang to coord. 855845. The aircraft then reverted to standby for fast reaction. Three Marines were lifted from Da Nang to RVN District HQ (934695) and two SeaBee's from Da Nang to Monkey Mt. (115832) for an on site survey in conjunction with a construction survey. One aircraft accompanied HMM-365 aircraft on a resupply to LZ Turkey (946775) and coord 855838. One aircraft carried three Marines WIA from 855845 to Da Nang. Two sick Marines from BLT 3/4 were lifted from YD 877075 and another from YD849085, all were taken to "B" Med. at Hue Phu Bai. Four aircraft flew a support mission for RLT-4 at Chu Lai and carried five civilian and one ARVN Med Evacs from 488034 to TamKy.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
85.0	192	10.8	203	9	0=	0

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19 June 1965 - Normal commitments remain the same, dawn and dusk patrols and outpost resupplys for BLT 3/4. MARLOG for III MAF. Two ARVN WIA were picked up at Quang Tri and taken to Hue Citadel Hospital. Two aircraft flew a VIP flight and transported BrigGen KARCH and party from Da Nang to coord 899822 and 965732.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
48.0	114	5.2	235	2	0	3

20 June 1965 - BLT 3/4 was supported and the usual MARLOG accomplished. A fast reaction force was lifted from Hue Phu Bai to 802094. BrigGen KARCH and party were flown around the BLT 3/4 TAOR and landed on Hill 225 before returning to Hue Phu Bai. One sick Marine of BLT 3/4 was picked up at 812096 and taken to "B" Med. The BLT 3/4 fast reaction force at 806097 was retrograded to Hue Phu Bai.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
42.5	96	5.3	248	1	0	13

21 June 1965 - The routine area recon and resupply was effected. Strike Mission #6-1166-1 was flown: Eighteen squadron aircraft escorted by six Army HULB's, one USAF O-1B and 16 A4D's of VMA-311 executed the operation. 150 troops of the Black Panther Co. were lifted from Hue Citadel at 0750 and dropped at YD 545245 at 0800. A second wave of 271 troops of the 3rd Battalion ARVN were lifted from PK-17 to YD 583244. All aircraft returned to Hue Phu Bai at 1030. There was no ordnance expended, no incidents and no injuries occurred, due to excellent landing zone preparation and air cover.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
40.2	108	10.7	431	0	0	0

Operational statistics for the week 15 June 1965 to 21 June 1965 were as follows:

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
374.2	843	70.7	1914	14	0	16

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22 June 1965 - Normal BLT 3/4 resupply was accomplished. 30 ARVN's were lifted from YD 230720 to YD 116706.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
31.7	93	5.9	289	0	0	0

23 June 1965 - Sixteen ARVN's and 10,000 lbs of cargo were carried from Hue Citadel to Ca Lu (YD 015455) and 161 Marines from YD 882093 to YD 815901. One BLT 3/4 Marine heat casualty was evacuated from Hill 225 and from YD 857115, both were taken to "B" Med.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
54.6	138	12.3	296	2	0	0

24 June 1965 - Three WIA Marines of "M" Co., 3/4 were evacuated to "B" Med. Automatic weapons fire was received by the Ca Lu resupply flight at YD 845182 but no hits resulted. One sick Marine of BLT 3/4 was lifted from YD 893089 to "B" Med. An ARVN company in place relief was flown with 4 aircraft between Hue Citadel and YD 634426. The quick reaction platoon of BLT 3/4 was lifted from BLT CP to 852088. An ARVN resupply was flown from La Vang (YD 340507) to Ca Lu (YD 008455). Two artillery F.O.'s were flown around grid square 8092 after reports of VC activity in this area. No activity was noted.

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69.9	253	12.5	683	4	0	2

25 June 1965 - One BLT 3/4 Marine was evacuated from 846097 to "B" Med. Three more BLT 3/4 were sick and were flown from Hue Phu Bai to Da Nang hospital. The Thai CMC was in the area today, and toured the TAOR, stopping briefly at Hill 225 (YD 850083). BGen KARCH and party were picked up at Da Nang and were flown to Chu Lai and back to Da Nang. The dusk patrol received automatic weapons fire one-thousand meters north-east of Hue Phu Bai, neither aircraft was hit.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
53.1	126	6.4	205	4	0	4

26 June 1965 - A BLT 3/4 Marine was evacuated at night from Hue Phu Bai to Da Nang hospital. Three Marines, believed to be Malaria cases, were evacuated from Hue Phu Bai to Da Nang. An areial search for a truck missing south of Hue Phu Bai, located the vehicle at 101009. An ARVN resupply was flown from PK-17 to YD 605397, and another from Dong Ha (245605) to Ca Lu (YD 009452 and D-5 YD 095525).

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70.6	148	20.2	242	4	0	0

27 June 1965 - Strike Mission 6-1798-1 utilized 18 squadron aircraft on the outskirts of the Da Nang TAOR. HMM-161 lifted 204 Marines into LZ DELTA (865752). Light small arms fire was received in the LZ, no hits were taken. A patrol of BLT 3/4 was dropped at 899110 to search for VC with land mines.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
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28 June 1965 - A resupply of BLT 3/4 was flown from Hue Phu Bai to YD 892092, one sick Med Evac was returned to "B" Med. An ARVN resupply was made from La Vang to Ca Lu and Con Thien. BGen KARCH and party were picked up at Da Nang and flown to Hue Phu Bai and later back to Da Nang. One BLT 3/4 Med Evac was also carried on the return VIP flight.

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
71.6	123	18.0	211	2	0	1

Operational statistics for the week of 22 June 1965 through 28 June 1965 were as follows:

<u>Flight Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tons Cargo</u>	<u>Pax</u>	<u>Med Evacs</u>	<u>No. Aircraft Hits</u>	<u>VIP</u>
411.6	1626	80.5	2293	16	0	7

29 June 1965 - BGen KARCH was flown from Chu Lai to Da Nang. The Dusk Patrol received small arms fire from 828045. Artillary cas called on small boats in the area, no hits were taken. One sick Marine was picked up at 820120 and another at Hill 225, both were dropped at "B" Med. Four aircraft were on standby at Da Nang to support HMM-365. Ten drums of AvGas were flown to Quang Tri and 20 empty brought back to Hue Phu Bai. Three BLT 3/4 Marines, wounded in action, were evacuated from 948674 to "B" Med. The pick up was made despite enemy small arms fire on the LZ. Three more Marines WIA and one VC prisioner were flown to "B" Med at Hue Phu Bai. Another flight of 2 aircraft was launched to drop 24 recon Marines at 835065. The patrol then requested to be retrograded due to strong VC contact in the area. It was subsequently discovered that two Marines were missing from the patrol. The flight returned for more men and aircraft to rescue the missing Marines. The flight, now consisting of 4 aircraft, dropped the reinforcements in the LZ and encountered heavy small arms fire. The helicopter gunners were credited with killing at least 2 VC. The flight returned the patrol to the BLT 3/4 CP, and it was noted that still another Marine was unaccounted for. The flight again returned to the LZ and rescued the missing Marine. Again the flight received heavy small arms fire and one morter round landed 50 feet to the rear of YR-16. No hits were taken and the flight finally returned the entire patrol safely to Hue Phu Bai.

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84.5	264	20.5	640	9	0	0

30 June 1965 - An A/O mission called a napalm strike on Hill 303. The daily MARLOG carried one Marine Med Evac to Da Nang. RLT 4 CO was picked up at Da Nang and flown to Hue Phu Bai and returned. Five sick Marines were evacuated from 830080 and another from 835075, all were dropped at "B" Med. Two Marines were evacuated from Hill 180 and another from 810070, all were taken to "B" Med. A strike mission utilized 15 squadron A/C to transport 171 Nungs to 620410, a LZ near BATO. The mission was accomplished very smoothly with Marine F4H's and A4B's providing excellent LZ preparation.

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79.0	131	11.1	289	17	0	1

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S-2 1 June to 30 June 1965

During the period 1 June thru 12 June 1965, the primary area of interest to the intelligence section was Chu Lai. On 12 June, HMM-161 was relocated to Hue Phu Bai.

Prior to 12 June, liaison was established with HMM-365, 3rd Battalion 4th Marines, and continued with MAG-16 (-) to familiarize the Squadron with the enemy situation in the Hue Phu Bai area.

Since relocation, Recon missions are flown daily at dawn and dusk with S-2 representatives from BLT 3/4 aboard. Cooperation between the S-2 section, pilots, and crew members, utilizing sighting reports and debriefings, continues to be a major source of information. In addition, ISUM's are received at least three times per week from Senior Advisor I Corps Da Nang, Senior Advisor 1st Infantry Division, Hue, 3rdMarDiv, 3rdMAF and 1stMAW.

To this date there have been no enemy probes of the Squadron area. The outer perimeter is the TAOR of the 3rdBn 4th Marines. The squadron provides its own internal security with nine (9) foxholes and one (1) road block.

There have been no aircraft hit by enemy fire during this period. Squadron aircraft have been fired upon on several occasions, and it is noteworthy that on two occasions night fire was received from villages to the north and east of Hue Phu Bai.

Flight Operations Statistics

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UH-34D

No. of A/C

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1 June 1965 - 30 June 1965

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Total Hours

Personnel Transported

Cargo Transported - Tons

Combat Sorties

Medical Evacuations

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Actual consumption of PCU products for the period 1 June 1965 to 30 June 1965 was as follows:

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>COST</u>
1. AvGas, 115/145	141,050 Gal.	\$22,045.80
2. AvOil, 1100	1,654 Gal.	816.00
3. MOGas	450 Gal.	
4. Motor Oil, 30wt	50 Gal.	
5. Hydraulic Oil	40 Gal.	
6. GO-80 Oil	2 Qt.	
7. Grease, GP	500 Lbs.	
8. Ground Lube, PE-2	20 Gal.	
9. Solvents: (a) Cleaning (b) Detergent	10 Gal. 10 Gal.	

Aircraft Hits for Month of June 1965

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bureau Number</u>	<u>No. of Hits</u>	<u>Place of Hits</u>
2 June	145751	1	Left Side, Sta. 423.4
2 June	148794	1	Right Side, Sta. 340.5

1 June to 30 June 1965

HMM-161 PERSONNEL LOSSES FOR PERIOD 1 June to 30 June 1965

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>
1stLt	DOEDEM, N.A.	KIA - 6Jun65
1stLt	HERTZ, A.C.	KIA - 6Jun65
1stLt	MCKAY, G.O.	KIA - 6Jun65
Capt	MCNALLY, P.F.	KIA - 6Jun65
Maj	WILKINSON, B.R.	TAD Term - 30Jun65
PFC	FOSTER, C.L.	KIA - 6Jun65
LCpl	MCBEE, C.E.	KIA - 6Jun65
Cpl	TRACY, G.D.	KIA - 6Jun65
Cpl	WILSON, F.W.	KIA - 6Jun65
Cpl	BOYLES, J.L.	Draft - 18Jun65
LCpl	RAISNER, M.H.	Draft - 18Jun65
Cpl	SMITH, W.H.	Draft - 18Jun65
LCpl	SOFFOS, Z.G.	Draft - 18Jun65
HN	PETERS, B.E.	TAD Term - 30Jun65

HMM-161 PERSONNEL GAINED FOR PERIOD 1 June to 30 June 1965

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>
Capt	HORNETT, J.W.	12 June
Capt	DYER, R.E.	15 June
CWO-2	NORTON, R.L.	15 June
CWO-2	FORD, W.H.	26 June
1stLt	MULLEN, G.V.	27 June
Cpl	DONOGHUE, J.P.	27 June
LCpl	HERRON, G.P.	27 June
Capt	MILLER, J.R.	29 June

		Asgn	Auth
USMC	OFF	50	65
USMC	ENL	*153	181
USN	OFF	1	1
USN	ENL	2	3

*1Enl TAD from H&MS-16 (-)

MAINTENANCE

During the period 1 June 1965 to 30 June 1965 HMM-161 Maintenance section provided the squadron with an average A/C availability of 85%. This availability was accomplished while operating at 65% of T/O

GySgt CHEMIS, C. R. 1125190 and SSgt NIELSEN, P. D. 622304 received meritorious masts. Cpl WILSON, D. E. 209798 and LCpl Clayton, D. L. 2053432 were meritoriously promoted to their present rank.

The flight line was reorganized so that all A/C are adjacent to the taxi-way. This has cut down taxi time and reduced the dust and sand problem.

The maintenance section is performing class "D" maintenance which is normally a H&MS function. The distance between supporting activities has presented an avionics problem, since all radios and inverters must be sent to Da Nang for repair. During this month maintenance went AOCP for two engines until 19 June, and 8 tail rotor blades were AOCP all month.

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SECTION II STATISTICS

Date 13 JUNE 68

(1) TASKS UH-34D

<u>ALR</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>TAC</u>	<u>2</u>
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TOTAL TASKS:	<u>14</u>
TOTAL SORTIES:	<u>76</u>
TRPS/PAX:	<u>597</u>
FLT HOURS:	<u>36.3</u>
CARGO TONS:	<u>14.6</u>
ROCKETS:	<u>0</u>
ROUNDS:	<u>0</u>

SUMMARY: ALR 12 TAC 2
TASKS: 14 SORTIES: 76 FLT HOURS: 36.3

(2) SUMMARY OF CLAIMS AND CASUALTIES: None

(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: None

(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT:

TYPE A/C	ASSIGNED	OPS CONTROL	FLYABLE	MR	NC
UH-34D	<u>AA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>AA</u>

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SECTION II STATISTICS

Date 14 Jan 68(1) TASKS UH-34D

<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

TOTAL TASKS:	<u>14</u>
TOTAL SORTIES:	<u>430</u>
TRPS/PAX:	<u>1035</u>
FLT HOURS:	<u>120.4</u>
CARGO TONS:	<u>0.5</u>
ROCKETS:	<u>0</u>
ROUNDS:	<u>0</u>

SUMMARY: ALR 10 0 30 63 TAE 9 VRS
 TASKS: 14 SORTIES: 430 FLT HOURS: 120.4

(2) SUMMARY OF CLAIMS AND CASUALTIES: _____

(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: _____

(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT:

<u>TYPE A/C</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>OPS CONTROL</u>	<u>FLYABLE</u>	<u>MR</u>	<u>NC</u>
UH-34D	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>

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DATE: _____

SECTION II STATISTICS

(1) TASKS UH-34D

<u>ALR</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>CSL</u>	<u>26</u>

TOTAL TASKS: 34TOT. SORTIE: 116TRPS/PAX: 148FLT HRS: 68.3CARGO TONS: 18.2ROCKETS: 0ROUNDS: 0SUMMARY: ALR-8 CSL-26TASKS: 34 SORTIES: 116 FLT HRS: 68.3(2) SUMMARY OF CLAIMS AND CASUALTIES: NONE

(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: NONE

(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED A/C:

TYPE A/C	ASSIGNED	OPS CONTROL	FLYABLE	MR	NC
UH-34D	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>

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SECTION II STATISTICS

Date 18 June 65

(1) TASKS

UH-34D

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DATE: 19 JUNE 65

SECTION II STATISTICS

(1) TASKS UH-34D

ALR	6
CAL	12
TAE	2

TOTAL TASKS: 20
 TOT. SORTIE: 119
 TRPS/PAX: 397
 FLT HRS: 112.0
 CARGO TONS: 5.3
 ROCKETS: 0
 ROUNDS: 0

SUMMARY: ALR 6 CAL 12 TAE 2

TASKS: 20 SORTIES: 119 FLT HRS: 112.0

(2) SUMMARY OF CLAIMS AND CASUALTIES: NONE

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(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: NONE

(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED A/C:

TYPE A/C	ASSIGNED	OPS CONTROL	FLYABLE	MR	NC
UH-34D					

TOTAL TASKS:
 TOT. SORTIE:
 TRPS/PAX:
 FLT HRS:
 CARGO TONS:
 ROCKETS:
 ROUNDS:

SUMMARY: TASKS: SORTIES: FLT HRS:

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SECTION II STATISTICS

(1) TASKS UH-34D

ALR	3
CAL	4
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VR	3

TOTAL TASKS: 11TOT. SORTIE: 93TRPS/PAX: 233FLT HRS: 38.9CARGO TONS: 6.6ROCKETS: 0ROUNDS: 0SUMMARY: ALR-3 CAL-4 T-1 VR-3TASKS: 11 SORTIES: 93 FLT HRS: 38.9

(2) SUMMARY OF CLAIMS AND CASUALTIES:

NONE(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: 0

(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED A/C:

TYPE A/C	ASSIGNED	OPS CONTROL	FLYABLE	MR	NC
UH-34D	22	22	18	18	0

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SECTION III STATISTICS

DATE 23 JUNE 1965

(1) MISSIONS UH-34D TOTAL MISSIONS: 6

A L A 0 TOTAL SORTIES: 71

A L R 7 T TRIPS/PAX 211

C & L 1 FLIGHT HOURS: 52.6

C S L 0 CARGO TONS: 11

V R/P R 1 ROUNDS: 0

SAR/TAE 1

T 1 (2) SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES: 0

T A R 0

A R T 0

(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: 0

(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT: 18

SQDN	TYPE A/C	ASSIGNED	OPS CONTROL	FLYABLE	READY	MEM	NOT IN	COMM
HMM-161	UH-34D	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>		
PILOTS ASSIGNED			PILOTS COMBAT READY			(FILL IN ON SATURDAY ONLY)		

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SECTION III STATISTICS

DATE 24 JUNE 1965

<u>(1) MISSIONS</u>	<u>UH-34D</u>	<u>TOTAL MISSIONS:</u>	<u>13</u>					
<u>A L A</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>TOTAL SORTIES:</u>	<u>277</u>					
<u>A L R</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>T HRS/PAX</u>	<u>687</u>					
<u>C & L</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS:</u>	<u>88.4</u>					
<u>C S L</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>CARGO TONS:</u>	<u>19</u>					
<u>V R/P R</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>ROUTINES:</u>	<u>0</u>					
<u>SAR/TAE</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(2) SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES:</u>	<u>0</u>					
<u>T</u>	<u>0</u>							
<u>T A R</u>	<u>0</u>							
<u>A R T</u>	<u>0</u>							
<u>(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE:</u>								
<u>0</u>								
<u>(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT:</u> <u>18</u>								
<u>SQDN</u>	<u>TYPE A/C</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>OPS CONTROL</u>	<u>FLYABLE</u>	<u>READY</u>	<u>NON</u>	<u>NOT IN</u>	<u>COMM</u>
HMM-161	UH-34D	25	25	24	18	7		
PILOTS ASSIGNED				PILOTS COMBAT READY				(FILL IN ON SATURDAY ONLY)

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SECTION III STATISTICS

DATE 25 JUNE 1965

(1) MISSIONS UH-34D TOTAL MISSIONS: 12

<u>A L A</u>	<u>0</u>	TOTAL SORTIES: <u>104</u>
<u>A L R</u>	<u>7</u>	TRANS/PAK <u>182</u>
<u>C & L</u>	<u>0</u>	FLIGHT HOURS: <u>50.9</u>
<u>C S L</u>	<u>2</u>	CARGO TONS: <u>5.8</u>
<u>V R/P R</u>	<u>2</u>	ROUNDS: <u>NA</u>
<u>SAR/TAE</u>	<u>1</u>	(2) SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES: <u>NA</u>
<u>T</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>T A R</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>A R T</u>	<u>0</u>	

(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: NA

(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT: NA

SQDN	TYPE A/C	ASSIGNED	OPS CONTROL	FLYABLE	READY	MECH	NOT IN COMM
HMM-161	UH-34D	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>	
PILOTS ASSIGNED	PILOTS COMBAT READY	(FILL IN ON SATURDAY ONLY)					

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SECTION III STATISTICS

DATE 26 JUNE 1965

(1) MISSIONS	<u>UH-34D</u>	TOTAL MISSIONS:	<u>9</u>					
<u>A L A</u>	<u>0</u>	TOTAL SORTIES:	<u>136</u>					
<u>A L R</u>	<u>6</u>	TOTAL FLIGHT HRS:	<u>214</u>					
<u>C & L</u>	<u>0</u>	FLIGHT HOURS:	<u>57.4</u>					
<u>C S L</u>	<u>0</u>	CARGO TONS:	<u>11</u>					
<u>V R/P R</u>	<u>2</u>	ROUNDS:	<u>NONE</u>					
<u>SAR/TAE</u>	<u>1</u>	(2) SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES: <u>NONE</u>						
<u>T</u>	<u>0</u>							
<u>T A R</u>	<u>0</u>							
<u>A R T</u>	<u>0</u>							
(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: <u>NONE</u>								
(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT: <u>20</u>								
SQDN	TYPE A/C	ASSIGNED	OPS CONTROL	FLYABLE	READY	MEM	NOT IN	COMM
HMM-161	UH-34D	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>			<u>5</u>
PILOTS ASSIGNED				PILOTS COMBAT READY				(FILL IN ON SATURDAY ONLY)

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SECTION ONE: STATISTICS

DATE 27 JUNE 1965

(1) MISSIONS	1H-34D	TOTAL MISSIONS	12			
A & A	1	TOTAL SORT. TNS:	183			
A & R	6	OP. HRS:	388			
C & L	1	FLIGHT HOURS:	46.3			
C & L	0	FLW. TNS:	14.1			
L/R/P/P	3	RTS. HRS:	0			
SOR/AB	1	(2) SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES: NONE				
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T & R	0					
A & T	0	(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: NONE				
(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT:	19	MISS. IN 100% IN				
SQDN	TYPE A/C	ASSIGNED	OPS CONTROL	FLYABLE	READY	COM.
HMM-361	OH-34D	25	25	24	19	6
PILOTS ASSIGNED	PILOTS COMBAT READY	(FILL IN ON SUNDAY) (NEW)				

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SECTION III STATISTICS

DATE 28 JUNE 1965

(1) MISSIONS UH-34D TOTAL MISSIONS: 6

<u>A L A</u>	<u>0</u>	TOTAL SORTIES: <u>115</u>
<u>A L R</u>	<u>5</u>	TIME/HRS/PLANE <u>211</u> <u>0</u>
<u>C & L</u>	<u>1</u>	FLIGHT HOURS: <u>49.6</u>
<u>C S L</u>	<u>0</u>	CARGO TONS: <u>179</u>
<u>V R/P R</u>	<u>1</u>	ROUTINES: <u>0</u>
<u>SAR/TAE</u>	<u>0</u>	(2) SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES: <u>0</u>
<u>T</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>T A R</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>A R T</u>	<u>0</u>	

(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: 0

(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT: 19

SQDN	TYPE A/C	ASSIGNED	IPS CONTROL	FLYABLE	READY	MEM	NOT IN	COMM
HMM-161	UH-34D	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5</u>		
PILOTS ASSIGNED <u>PILOTS COMBAT READY</u> (FILL IN ON SATURDAY ONLY)								

SECTION III STATISTICS

DATE 29 JUNE 1965

(1) MISSIONS UH-34D TOTAL MISSIONS: 16

<u>A L A</u>	<u>1</u>	TOTAL SORTIES: <u>211</u>
<u>A L R</u>	<u>7</u>	T TRPS/PAT <u>618</u>
<u>C & L</u>	<u>0</u>	FLIGHT HOURS: <u>70.0</u>
<u>C S L</u>	<u>3</u>	CARGO TONS: <u>11</u>
<u>V R/P R</u>	<u>0</u>	ROUNDS: <u>6,275</u>
<u>SAR/TAE</u>	<u>1</u>	(2) SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES: <u>NONE</u>
<u>T</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>T A R</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>A R T</u>	<u>0</u>	

(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: NONE

(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT: 20

SQDN	TYPE A/C	ASSIGNED	OPS CONTROL	FLYABLE	READY	MSN	NOTIN	COMM
HMM-161	UH-34D	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>5</u>		
PILOTS ASSIGNED				PILOTS COMBAT READY	(FILL IN ON SATURDAY ONLY)			

SECTION III STATISTICS

DATE 30 JUNE 1965

(1) MISSIONS UH-34D TOTAL MISSIONS: 11

<u>A L A</u>	<u>1</u>	TOTAL SORTIES: <u>133</u>
<u>A L R</u>	<u>0</u>	T TRIPS/PLX: <u>304</u>
<u>C & L</u>	<u>4</u>	FLIGHT HOURS: <u>80.1</u>
<u>C S L</u>	<u>0</u>	CARGO TONS: <u>7.5</u>
<u>V R/P R</u>	<u>2</u>	ROUNDS: <u>0</u>
<u>SAR/TAE</u>	<u>4</u>	(2) SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES: <u>0</u>
<u>T</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>T A R</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>A R T</u>	<u>0</u>	

(3) NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE: 0

(4) AVAILABILITY OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT: 21

SQDN	TYPE A/C	ASSIGNED	DPS CONTROL	FLYABLE	READY	MEN NOT IN COMM
HMM-161	UH-34D	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>4</u>

PILOTS ASSIGNED PILOTS COMBAT READY (FILL IN ON SATURDAY ONLY)

172.1
 60.1
 12.2