

MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 361
 Marine Aircraft Group 36
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPAG
 FPO, San Francisco 96602

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 LtCol K. W. ANDRUS (24Jul-31Aug69)

Executive Officer

Maj P. F. LOTTSFELDT (24Jul-31Aug69)

Operations Officer

Maj Z. V. IANASCUS (24Jul-31Aug69)

Maintenance Officer

Maj R. M. NEHEL (24Jul-31Aug69)

2. LOCATION

HMH-361 24 July 1969-1 August 1969 Enroute

1 August 1969 - 31 August 1969 Hue/Phu Bai RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ASO

Capt R. D. WASHINGTON (24Jul-31Aug69)

MATOPS

Capt F. J. GATINSKI (24Jul-31Aug69)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

OFF	ENL
34	161

5. IMPORTANT VISITORS

NONE

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

For the period beginning 24 July 1969 through 31 August 1969, HMM-361 logged 71.2 hours. The squadron flew 142 sorties and performed a total of 84 tasks.

The pilots and crews arriving in RVN prior to the squadron aircraft were familiarized with the combat techniques by HMM-462 while performing actual combat missions.

The rear echelon aboard LPH-11, arrived in DaNang RVN on 27 August 1969 and by 29 August 1969, HMM-361 flew its first combat missions.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 24 July 1969 - Chap to C. G. FMFPAC. 17 CH-53A helicopters arrived NAS North Island along with 149 squadron personnel.
- 28 July 1969 - 18th CH-53A arrived NAS North Island.
- 29 July 1969 - 89 squadron personnel plus organization pack-up departed MEAS Cherry Point aboard three Air Force MAC C-141's. 72 squadron personnel departed Norton A. B., California aboard military contract commercial aircraft.
- 31 July 1969 - 89 squadron personnel arrived Phu Bai, RVN.
- 1 August 1969 - 72 squadron personnel arrived Phu Bai, RVN.
- 26 August 1969 - Organizational property arrived Phu Bai after being stored at HAMS-17 DaNang. USS New Orleans (LPH-11) arrived RVN.
- 27 August 1969 - Squadron aircraft aboard LPH-11 arrived Phu Bai, RVN.
- 29 August 1969 - First missions flown in Viet Nam by HMH-361.

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