

MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 361
 Marine Aircraft Group 16
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPAC
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361

LtCol K. W. ANDRUS (1Sep-26Sep69)

Executive Officer

Maj P. F. LOTTSFELDT (1Sep-22Sep69)

Operations Officer

Maj Z. V. LAMASCUS (1Sep-26Sep69)

Maintenance Officer

Maj R. M. NEBEL (1Sep-26Sep69)

2. LOCATION

HMH-361 1 September 1969 - 26 September 1969 Hue/Phu Bai RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ASO

Capt R. D. PARTINGTON (1Sep-26Sep69)

NATOPS

Capt F. J. GAJEWSKI (1Sep-26Sep69)

Flight Surgeon

Lt W. C. HULON (USN) 1Sep-26Sep69)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC

USN

OFFICER	ENLISTED	OFFICER	ENLISTED
37	181	1	6

5. Important Visitors

None

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

For the period from 1 September 1969 through 26 September 1969, HMM-361 logged 292.3 hours. The squadron flew 459 sorties and performed 310 tasks in support of Operations Idaho Canyon, Georgia Tar, and Iriquois Grove.

During this period an aircraft crashed killing five (5) persons on board. No survivors. Aircraft side number was YN-26, Bureau Number 153282, cause of crash unknown. Tactical aircraft recovery impossible because of the conditions of the wreckage, treacherous terrain and enemy situation. The bodies were recovered by the U. S. Army.

On 21 September 1969, HMM-361 began movement of all squadron equipment to MAG-16 at Marble Mountain. By 26 September 1969 all squadron equipment was off loaded at Marble Mountain.

During the period HMM-361 lifted 433.5 tons of cargo. This total includes the squadron equipment that was lifted to Marble Mountain.

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PART III.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 Sep 1969 - Aircraft YN-26, Bureau Number 153282 did not return from Quang Tri.
- 3 Sep 1969 - Remains of YN-26 found and confirmed. All persons aboard confirmed dead. Crew was CAPT D. W. WRIGHT, 1/LT K. S. ANDERSON, SGT G. D. HUTCHESON, LCpl R. A. MARSH, LCpl J. ESCOBEDO.
- 13 Sep 1969- Preparation for movement of squadron to MAG-16 at Marble Mountain commenced.
- 21 Sep 1969- Advanced party of 41 squadron personnel sent to Marble Mountain.
- 22 Sep 1969- Actual movement of Aircraft and squadron property commenced. Executive Officer, Major LOTTSFELDT transferred to HMM-462.
- 26 Sep 1969- Chop to MAG-16. All squadron equipment plus truck convoy arrived at Marble Mountain.

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