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GROUND FIRE DAMAGE REPORT (EC3 8-J3(T)(C))

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1. Identification of unit: HMM-362
2. Type of aircraft and serial number: HUS-1 145767
3. Pilots name and rank: CRAMER, R. M. 1stLt
4. Date: 6 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Support ARVN Combat Operation
6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received.
 - a. Altitude: 700'
 - b. Airspeed: 85 knts.
 - c. Heading: 220°
 - d. Position two in formation of four aircraft
 - e. Weather: Heavy rain low clouds 750 ft. ceiling 4 mi. visibility
 - f. Type of formation: Heavy Left Vee
 - g. This was the first pass through the area.
7. Source not observed.
8. Source is estimated.
 - a. Direction of source: From either 9 o'clock or 3 o'clock
 - b. General description of area at source: Rice paddies, trees, buildings
 - c. Range to source 300-400 meters.
 - d. Type weapon: Unknown
9. Fire not returned
10. Remarks: Round through leading edge of one tailrotor: Work required - replace tailrotor blade, check tailrotor head for stress, balance tailrotor and reinstall on aircraft.
11. None

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GROUND FIRE DAMAGE REPORT (RCS 8-J34T)(C))

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1. Identification of unit: HMM-362
 2. Type of aircraft and serial number: HUS-1 145812
 3. Pilots name and rank: SHIELDS, J. M. 1stLt
 4. Date: 6 July 1962
 5. Type of mission: Support ARVN Combat Operation
 6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received.
 - a. Altitude: 700 ft.
 - b. Airspeed: 85 knts.
 - c. Heading: 220°
 - d. Position four in formation of four aircraft.
 - e. Weather: Heavy rain low clouds 750 ft. ceiling 4 mi. visibility
 - f. Type of formation: Heavy Left Vee
 - g. This was the first pass through the area.
 7. Source was observed.
 8. Source was observed and estimated.
 - a. Direction of source: From 3 o'clock, almost under aircraft
 - b. General description of area at source: Rice paddies, trees, buildings
 - c. Range to source 300-350 meters.
 - d. Type weapon: Rifle 30 cal.
 9. Fire returned, results not known.
 10. Remarks: Round entered lower starboard side of belly penetrated forward fuel cell and came out through cabin deck: Repairs required patch on outside skin, replacement of fuel cell and skin patch on cabin deck.
 11. None
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GROUND FIRE DAMAGE REPORT (MCS 8-J3(T)(C))

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1. Identification of unit: HMM 362
2. Type of aircraft and serial number: HUS-1, 145748
3. Pilot name and rank: ROSE, E. V., 1st Lt.
4. Date: 7 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Evacuation
6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received:
 - a. Altitude: 50 ft.
 - b. Airspeed: 90 kts.
 - c. Heading: 170°
 - d. Position: Two in formation of two aircraft
 - e. Weather: Rain and fog, visibility 1 mile
 - f. Type of formation: Left Echelon
 - g. This was the first pass through the area
7. Source was observed.
8. Source was observed and estimated.
 - a. Direction of source: From 3 o'clock position
 - b. General description of area at source: Rice paddies, persons firing from building area.
 - c. Range to source 150 meters.
 - d. Type weapon: Unknown, probably automatic.
9. Fire returned, results unknown.
10. Remarks: Round entered starboard side of fuselage at top edge of cabin window. Exited port side along leading edge forward port cabin window, putting hole in one structural former. Repairs required: Skin patch on port and starboard side, skin patch on structural former.
11. None

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1. Identification of unit: HMM 362
2. Type of aircraft and serial number: HUS-1, 148779
3. Pilot name and rank: PIRNIE, D. M., Capt.
4. Date: 6 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Support of ARVN combat operation
6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received:
 - a. Altitude: Unknown
 - b. Airspeed: Unknown
 - c. Heading: Unknown
 - d. Position: 1st aircraft in flight of four
 - e. Weather: Heavy rain, 700' ceiling, 2 miles visibility
 - f. Type of formation: Heavy right vee
 - g. It is not known when aircraft was hit.
7. Source was unobserved.
8. Source cannot be estimated.
9. Fire was not returned.
10. Remarks: Hole through tail cone with bullet lodging in heater igniter. Repairs required: Skin patch and replacement of heater igniter.
11. It cannot be determined when aircraft was hit. Damage was not discovered until aircraft had returned to home plate.

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GROUNDED FUEL DAMAGE REPORT (RCS 8-33(T)(G))

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1. Identification of unit: HMM-362
2. Type of aircraft and serial number: HU-1 145766
3. Pilots name and rank: TUGGSE, G. L. Capt
4. Date: 10 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Support ARVN comb operation
6. Description of conditions at time and fire was received.
 - a. Altitude: 50'
 - b. Airspeed: 60 knts.
 - c. Heading: 240°
 - d. Position four in formation of four
 - e. Weather: High clouds 3000' ceiling 8 miles visibility
 - f. Type of formation: During takeoff
 - g. Many passes had been made through area.
7. Source not observed.
8. Source is estimated.
 - a. Direction of source: 12 o'clock
 - b. General description of area at source: Mangrove swamp
 - c. Range to source in meters: 150-200
 - d. Type weapon: Rifle cal. 30
9. Did not return fire.
10. Summary of structural damage: One round entered belly of aircraft passed through main sparr and entered forward fuel cell. Work required - metal patch on outside skin and on sparr, replace forward fuel cell.
11. Remarks: None.

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GROUNDED FIRE DAMAGE REPORT (HMM 8-13(1)(C))

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1. Identification of unit: HMM-362
2. Type of aircraft and serial number: HU-1 145747
3. Pilot's name and rank: LUTHER, J. 1st Lt
4. Date: 10 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Combat support of ARVN
6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received.
 - a. Altitude: On landing approach 50'
 - b. Airspeed: 30 knts.
 - c. Heading: 240°
 - d. Position two in formation of four
 - e. Weather: 1500' ceiling good visibility
 - f. Type of formation: Column
 - g. This was the first pass through area
7. Source was observed.
8. Source was estimated.
 - a. Direction of source: 9 o'clock
 - b. General description of area at source: Beside levee along canal & road
 - c. Range to source 40 meters.
 - d. Type weapon: Rifle automatic
9. Fire was returned, one man hit.
10. Summary of structural damage: One round penetrated right main landing gear tire. Work required - replaced tire and wheel. One round entered port side of cabin, penetrated port side of main drive shaft tunnel in cabin. Work required - metal patch on outside skin and patch on main drive shaft tunnel.
11. Remarks: None.

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1. Identification of unit: HMM-362
2. Type of aircraft and serial number: HU-1 145782
3. Pilots name and rank: M. G. Galt, F. A. Capt
4. Date: 10 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Support AEW combat operation
6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received.
 - a. Altitude: (First time hit) - 150' (Second time hit) - in landing zone
 - b. Airspeed: - 85 knts.
 - c. Heading: - 270°
 - d. Position one in formation of four.
 - e. Weather: 7000' overcast 10 miles visibility
 - f. Type of formation: (First) - Column (Second) - Heavy Right Vee
 - g. Formation had been orbiting area.
7. Source was observed each time.
8. Source was observed.
 - a. Direction of source: (First) - 2 o'clock (Second) - 10 o'clock
 - b. General description of area at source: (First) - House along canal (Second) - Mangrove swamp along canal
 - c. Range to source in meters: (First) - 150-200 (Second) - 100-150
 - d. Type weapon: (First) - Bow made rifle (Second) - Automatic rifle
9. Fire was returned and results unknown in each case.
10. Summary of structural damage: 1. Found damaged leading edge of the tail rotor blade. Work required - replace tail rotor blade. 2. Found through 1st pocket main rotor blade. Work required - blade patch. 3. Found through starboard side aft of cabin, passed through honey comb shell in electric compartment, damaged radio compass bracket and exited port side of aircraft. Work required - metal patch on starboard and port side of aircraft and replacement of radio compass bracket. 4. Found through pilot sliding window, glanced off of and penetrated transmission service platform and exited through pilot sliding window. Work required - metal patch on transmission service platform and replace pilot sliding window.
11. Remarks: Aircraft was hit at two different times during the flight.

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1. Identification of unit: HMM-362
2. Type of aircraft and serial number: F4U-1 14574
3. (Pilot's name and rank: MAJOR, U.S.N., 1stLt)
4. Date: 10 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Support A-1H combat operation
6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received.
 - a. Altitude: 75' after takeoff
 - b. Airspeed: 75 knots
 - c. Heading: 240°
 - d. Position two in formation of three
 - e. Weather: Clear 10 miles visibility
 - f. Type of formation: Vee
 - g. This was the first pass through area.
7. Source not observed.
8. Source cannot be utilized.
9. Fire not returned.
10. Summary of structural damage: One round entered belly of aircraft, no other damage. Work required - metal patch on outside skin.
11. Remarks: None.

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GUARD FIRE DAMAGE REPORT (HMM 3-3(T)(C))

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1. Identification of unit: HMM-362
2. Type of aircraft and serial number: HU-1 149005
3. Pilots name and rank: BUREAU, J. . . LtCol
4. Date: 10 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Support ARVN combat operation
6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received.
 - a. Altitude: 800'
 - b. Airspeed: 90 knts.
 - c. Heading: Orbit
 - d. Position two in formation of four aircraft
 - e. Weather: 1000' ceiling with showers 3-5 miles visibility
 - f. Type of formation: Column
 - g. Many passes were made through area.
7. Source not observed.
8. Source cannot be estimated.
9. Fire not returned.
10. Summary of structural damage: One round entered main rotor blade at pocket 270 and exited through top. Work required - patch on both sides of rotor blade pocket.
11. Remarks: None.

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SECOND FIVE DAMAGE REPORT (DCS 2-23(2)(C))

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1. Identification of unit: HMM-362
2. Type of aircraft and serial number: C-47-1 145710
3. Pilot's name and rank: 03100, U. N. GASTAN
4. Date: 10 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Support Army combat operations.
6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received.
 - a. Altitude: In landing zone
 - b. Airspeed: 0
 - c. Heading: 300°
 - d. Position three in formation of four
 - e. Weather: Clear and 10 miles visibility
 - f. Type of formation: Heavy left wing
 - g. This was the second pass through area
7. Source was observed.
8. Source was estimated.
 - a. Direction of source: 9 o'clock
 - b. General description of area at source: Grass shack along canal
 - c. Range to source 100 meters.
 - d. Type weapon: Rifle cal. 30
9. Fire was returned, personnel scattered.
10. Summary of structural damage: One round through belly of aircraft, through aft fuel tank and exited through cabin floor. Work required - metal patch on outside skin, replaced aft fuel cells and patched cabin deck.
11. Remarks: None.

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COMBAT FIRE REPORT (ECS 6-83(T)(C))

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1. Identification of Unit: HMM-362
2. Type aircraft and serial number: A4B-1 148757
3. Pilots name and rank: WILSON, P. A. Capt
4. Date: 12 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Reconnaissance
6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received.
 - a. Altitude: Unknown
 - b. Altitude: Unknown
 - c. Heading: Unknown
 - d. Position one in formation of two aircraft
 - e. Weather: 200' overcast 5 miles visibility
 - f. Type of formation: left echelon
 - g. This was the first pass through area.
7. Source not observed
8. Source cannot be estimated
9. Fire was not returned
10. Summary of structural damage: Round through engine clam shell door.
Work required: Two skin patches on clam shell doors.
11. Remarks: ^{Hole} Round was not discovered until return to Soc Trang.

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GROUND FIRE DATA REPORT (HCS 8-3 (T)(C))

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1. Identification of Unit: HMM 362
2. Type of aircraft and serial number: F4U-1 145744
3. Pilots name and rank: D. H. ANDERSON Captain
4. Date: 18 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Support ARVN Combat Operation
6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received:
 - a. Altitude: 200'
 - b. Airspeed: 65 knts
 - c. Heading: 140°
 - d. Position 3 in division of 4 aircraft. 4th division in flight of 5 divisions.
 - e. Weather: 2000' broken ceiling good visibility
 - f. Type of formation: Column
 - g. This was first pass through area.
7. Source not observed
8. Source is estimated
 - a. Direction of source: 11 o'clock
 - b. General description of area at source: Wooded area bordering rice paddies
 - c. Range to source 400-500 meters.
 - d. Type weapon: Unknown, possibly AR-15.
9. Fire was not returned
10. Round through port side of aircraft, severing electrical wires and passing through structural former and into cabin putting several small holes in cabin ceiling and one hole in transmission deck. Work required: Splice electrical wires, metal patches on structural former and transmission deck.
11. Remarks: None

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GROUND FIRE DAMAGE REPORT (RC 8-J3(T)(C))

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1. Identification of Unit: HMM-362
2. Type aircraft and serial number: HUS-1 148781
3. Pilots name and rank: J. R. PHUMMER, Captain
4. Date: 20 July 1962
5. Type of mission: Support ARVN Combat Operations
6. Description of conditions at time ground fire was received:
 - a. Altitude: 25 ft
 - b. Airspeed: 25 knts
 - c. Heading: 240°
 - d. Position 1 in division of 4. 2nd division in flight of 4 divisions
 - e. Weather: 3000-4000 foot ceiling good visibility
 - f. Type of formation: Column
 - g. This was the first pass through the area
7. Source not observed
8. Source cannot be estimated
9. Fire was not returned
10. Summary of structural damage: Round through port side fuselage through cabin and out cabin door. Work required: Skin patch on port side of fuselage.
11. Remarks: None

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