

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 362  
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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Command Chronology 1 December to 31 December 1967

PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. SQUADRON STAFF

Commanding Officer	LtCol R. W. GLINE Major W. H. SHAUER	1-23 December 24-31 December
Executive Officer	Major W. H. SHAUER Major E. A. HOUSE	1-23 December 24-31 December
Administrative Officer	Major C. R. UPSHAW Major H. A. HUNT	1-25 December 26-31 December
Operations Officer	Major D. J. MOORE Major C. R. UPSHAW	1-25 December 26-31 December
Intelligence Officer	1stLt J. L. HURLBURT 1stLt W. A. KNIGHT	1-29 December 30-31 December
Logistics Officer	Major N. J. KELLER	1-31 December
Maintenance Officer	Major R. M. CRAMER	1-31 December

2. LOCATION

a. Throughout the reporting period, HMM-362 functioned as a helicopter transport squadron attached to Marine Aircraft Group 36.

b. HMM-362 was located at MCAF Phu Bai, RVN, 1-31 December 1967.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
39	196	1	0

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

24 December 1967, B/Gen KELLER, Assistant Wing Commander, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was present for Change of Command Ceremony and Awards Presentation.

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During this period 1 December - 31 December 1967, HMM-362, located at MCAF Phu Bai, was under the operational control of Marine Aircraft Group 36. The primary activities during this period were medevac, VIP chase, and administrative and logistics missions.

During the first week of December the Commanding Officer of HMM-362, received a letter of appreciation from Brigadier General Ngo Quang Truong, Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division, 11th Division Tactical Area. General Ngo Quang Truong extended his thanks and the thanks of his men to our officers for their support of his Division in Operation Lam Son 147 on 23 November 1967.

During December, low clouds and heavy rains associated with the north-east monsoon, seriously restricted flight operations 40% of this period. This adverse weather required cancellation of many flights and greatly limited the effective use of the squadron's aircraft and pilots. Weather also completely precluded flight operations of any kind, except emergency missions, for 20% of the month.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 4 December - Launched two UH-34D's on SAR for missing YL-42. Covered Grid coordinates; ZD 120000 to ZD 120200 and ZD 940000 to 940200. Results negative.
- 5 December - Two UH-34D's from HMM-362 flew 11.9 hours and 6 sorties while searching for missing aircraft YL-42 with negative results.
- 6 December - HMM-362 day medevac successfully hoisted ARVN medevacs for YD 602175. The zone being 300 meters high with a 50-75 foot canopy.
- 8 December - Two UH-34D from HMM-362, while in support of Operation Ardmore, lifted 4 emergency medevacs off a mountain top zone, using a stokes lifter basket and hovering above 50 foot trees.
- 9 December - Two UH-34D's from HMM-362, while in support of Operation Ardmore, inserted troops and took out medevacs from a mountain zone, while hovering, by hoist.
- 10 December - Two UH-34D's from HMM-362 flying day medevac, flew 5.0 hours and carried 6 emergency and 4 priority medevacs.
- 15 December - Coordinated serial search for YL-42 officially terminated. Crew and aircraft listed officially as missing in action.
- 19 December - YL-46 crashed at coordinates XD 804409 while on an emergency medevac mission. There were no injuries, but the aircraft received substantial damage. Cause of the accident was attributed to an unsatisfactory landing zone. A maintenance crew was successfully inserted and the downed UH-34D rigged for external lift by a CH-53.
- 22 December - YL-46 was successfully externally lifted from Khe Sanh to Phu Bai by a CH-53. YL-44 crashed at coordinates XD 802441 on a night emergency medevac mission. There were no injuries, but the aircraft received strike damage. Cause of the accident was attributed to marginal weather and gusty, turbulent winds.
- 25 December - Two UH-34D's of HMM-362, while on Operation Scotland (Ardmore), played Santa for Hills 950, 881, and 861. The aircraft were decorated in the Christmas Spirit and the crew chief was dressed to resemble Santa Claus.

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<u>1. FLIGHT DATA</u>	<u>1-31 DEC 67</u>	<u>ARDMORE</u>
Flight Hours	686.8	153.0
Sorties	2,295	1,089
Pax/Troops	2,704	1,570
Tons Cargo	304.9	225.7
Medevacs	275	24
Casualties	0	0

2. AWARDS

Silver Star was awarded to Major C. R. UPSHAW  
Bronze Star was awarded to L/Cpl N. J. RYAN

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