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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. SQUADRON STAFF

Commanding Officer	Major W. H. SHAUER JR.	1-15 April
Executive Officer	Major E. A. HOUSE	1-15 April
Administrative Officer	Captain G. W. RUSSELL JR.	1-15 April
Operations Officer	Captain C. S. CHAMPION	1-15 April
Intelligence Officer	Captain R. E. BELL	1-15 April
Logistics Officer	Captain G. G. ARMSTRONG	1-15 April
Maintenance Officer	lstLt J. H. GARBRICK	1-15 April

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, 1-15 April 1968.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

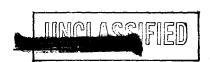
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4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

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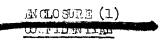
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, 1-15 April 1968, HMM-362, located at MCAF Phu Bai, was under the operational control of Marine Aircraft Group 36. The primary activities during this period were day and night Medevacs, combat resupply, VIP chase, administrative and logistic missions.

HMM-362 was in direct support of operation Pegasus during the first half of the month of April. Two aircraft from this squadron were kept on station 24 hours a day at CaLu through a period characterized by bad weather a majority of the time. The aircrafts primary responsibility there was medevac, but were also used for resupply and troop lifts.

Although restricted by aircraft malfunctions and poor weather, Hall-362 still flew well over 500 hours and completed successfully its assigned missions.







PART III

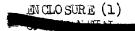
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 April 2 UH-34D from Half-362 launched under extrememly poor visibility and low ceilings to take emergency medical supplies to Calu.

 The mission was successfully completed.
- 8 April While in support of Operation Pegasus one aircraft from HMI-362 received extensive battle damage resulting in a forced landing.

 All crewmembers were uninjured and the aircraft was successfully recovered.
- 11 April One UH-34D of HMM-362 had to make an immediate precautionary landing due to a malfunctioning engine. The crew and aircraft were successfully recovered.
- 10-13 April While in support of Operation Pegasus, two aircraft of HEM-362 flew 16 medevac missions evacuating 46 combat casualties.
 - 15 April HMM-362 successfully deployed from MCAF Phu Bai to the USS Iwo Jima to support SLF "A".







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OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

1.	FLICHT DATA	1-15 APR 68	HOUSTON	PHIASUS
	Flight Hours Sorties Pax/Troops Tons of Cargo Medevacs Casual ties	517.1 1,768 1,146 70.1 285	106.7 434 229 36.6 35	109.7 518 480 12.5 102

2. AWARDS

a. Six Purple Hearts and one single mission Air Medals were awarded during the period 1-15 April 1968.



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Commanding Officer

To:

Commander, Task Group 79.4

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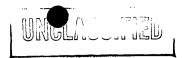
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Logistics Officer	Ceptain G. W. ARMSTRONG	15-30 April
Maintenance Officer	lstLt J. H. GARBRICK	15-30 April

2. LO CATION

a. Throughout the reporting period, HMM-362 functioned as a helicopter transport squadron assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 15 (REIN), under the operational control of CTG 79.4 SLF "A".

b. HMM-362 was located aboard the USS Iwo Jima, LPH-2, 15-30 1968.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

Chief of Staff Ninth MAB, Col J. A. ETHERIDGE, USMC.





PART II

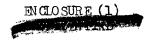
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, 15-30 April 1968, HMM-362 located aboard the USS Iwo Jima, LPH-2, was under the operational control of CTG 79.4, SLF "A". The primary activities during this period were day and night medevac, combat resupply, and administrative and logistic missions.

HMM-362 was in direct support of HLT 2/4 engaged in operations Fortress II/Napoleon/Saline during this period. All missions were in support of these operations.

During operation Napoleon/Saline on the night of 28 April, the lead aircraft on night medevac landed at YD 252713 at 0130. The aircraft upon landing received intense automatic weapons and hand grenades. All members of the crew were hit, the pilot was hit in the left eye which he lost. The co-pilot took control of the aircraft and was able to take off and proceed to a more secure area where the wingman picked up all the crewmen and medevacs and returned them to the ship. The medevac mission was completed and the pilot medevaced to CONUS. The rest of the crew received only minor wounds and recovered quickly.







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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 15 April The Squadron completed deployment to USS Iwo Jima, LPH-2, while completing committments for MAG-36.
- 16 April Carrier Qualifications for pilots. Thirty pilots Day Carrier Qualified and eight Night Carrier Qualified aboard the USS Iwo Jima. Also, four standard missions completed. The Squadron accomplished 285 shipboard landings, setting a ship's record for number of landings in one day for the period 1966 through April 1968. This period covered includes two Vietnam cruises for the ship.
- 17 April Continued Day and Night Carrier Qualification. Completed all regularly assigned missions.
- 18 April Completed Day and Night Carrier Qualifications of pilots. Completed all assigned missions.
- 19 April Flew MajGen STILWELL to Hoi An and completed all assigned missions.
- 23 April Chief of Staff 9th MAB flown in from Danang, Col ETH ERIDGE, USMC, flew as co-pilot with Maj SHAUER, C.O. HMM-362. Capt JEALOUS made the 144,000th landing aboard the USS Iwo Jima.
- 28 April Lead aircraft on night medevac received intense automatic weapons fire and a hand grenade. Everyone in the aircraft including the medevacs were hit. The co-pilot flew the aircraft out to a more secure zone where the wingman extracted everyone.
- 30 April Eight fire incidents occurred involving 2 aircraft. The fire was small arms and mortars, but no hits.





PART IV

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

ı.	FLIGHT DATA	15-30 APR 68	FORTRESS II/NAPOLEON/SALINE
	Flight Hours Sorties Pax/Troops Tons of Cargo Medevacs	660.6 2,552 2,117 70.1 155	660.6 2,552 2,117 70.1 155
	Casualties Shipboard Landings (Day) ShipBoard Landings (Nigh		5 932 15 1

2. AWARDS

a. 115 Citiations for Air Medals.