

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 362
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 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, MACV
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 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16 (Attn: S-3)
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 (b) EMM 3-1
 (c) WGO 5750.1
 (d) GMD 5750.1C
 Encl: (1) HMM-362 Command Chronology
 1. In accordance with provisions contained in references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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Operations Officer	Major L. G. SASSO 1 Dec to 8 Dec
Intelligence Officer	Captain R. F. BYRNES 1 Dec to 8 Dec
Logistics Officer	Major B. G. ANTHIS 1 Dec to 8 Dec
Maintenance Officer	Major S. ONDRAKO 1 Dec to 8 Dec

2. TASK ORGANIZATION AND UNIT LOCATION

a. From 1 December to 8 December 1968, HMM-362 functioned as a helicopter transport squadron assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 16.

b. HMM-362 was located at Marble Mountain Air Facility during the entire reporting period.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period 1 December thru 8 December 1968, HMM-362 operating from Marble Mountain Air Facility, was under the operational control of Marine Aircraft Group 16. The primary missions assigned HMM-362 during this period were day and night medevac, VIP chase, administrative tasks and SAR at Chu Lai. Operations supported during this period were Victory Dragon, Henderson Hill and Mead River/Swift Move. HMM-362's participation in operation Mead River/Swift Move consisted of a medevac package located at two different landing zones. The medevac package helped immensely to lighten the load on the regular medevac crews.

At 080800H December 1968 HMM-362 chopped to CTG 79.4.

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From: Operations Duty Officer

To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Daily Situation Report (DSR)

1. (a) CruO 3760.4

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period of 010001H to 011900H December 1968. HM-362 flew 116 sorties and accomplished 59 tasks. To accomplish this the squadron flew 30.4 hours, of which 3.1 was night time. Weather was not a factor during this period of flight operations. During this period 39 passengers and 0.4 tons of cargo were lifted. Eighteen medevac missions were flown evacuating 15 emergency, 22 priority, and 7 routine casualties.

2. The squadron flew 10 missions in support of Operation Head River/Swift Move, 4 missions in support of Operation Anderson Hill, and 2 missions in support of Operation Victory Dragon.

3. HM-362 had one (1) fire incident to report during this period. HL-22 received small arms fire at 01015585. One hit and no casualties were reported.

4. HM-362 flew 6 missions of the 6 scheduled missions for a completion percentage of 100%.

5. HM-362 flew no GCA's during this period.

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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16 (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Ref: (a) GMD 3760.4

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period of 011900H to 021900H December 1968. HM-362 flew 127 sorties and accomplished 62 tasks. To accomplish this the squadron flew 41.1 hours, of which 5.1 was night time. Weather was not a factor during this period of flight operations. During this period 72 passengers and 0.5 tons of cargo were lifted. Seventeen medevac missions were flown evacuating 18 emergency, 17 priority, and 15 routine casualties.

2. The squadron flew 2 missions in support of Operation Mead River/Swift Move, 2 missions in support of Operation Victory Dragon, and 4 missions in support of Operations Henderson Hill.

3. HM-362 had One (1) fire incident to report during this period. YL-8 received small arms fire at BT 008584. One hit and no casualties were reported.

4. HM-362 flew 7 missions of the 9 missions scheduled for a completion percentage of 77%. Missions 21 and 32 were cancelled due to lack of crews to fly them.

5. HM-362 flew no GCA's during this period.

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Subj: Daily Situation Report (SI TRREP)

Ref: (a) GPO 3760.4

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period 021900H to 031900H December 1968. HM-362 flew a total of 114 sorties accomplishing 49 tasks. To accomplish this the squadron flew 36.6 hours, of which 5.6 was night time. Weather was not a factor during this period of flight operations. During this period 33 passengers and 0.3 tons of cargo were lifted. Seventeen (17) Medevac missions were flown, evacuating 11 emergency, 16 priority, and 10 routine casualties.
2. HM-362 flew two missions in support of Operation Victory Dragon, seven missions in support of Operation Henderson Hill, and six missions in support of Operation Mead River/Swift Move.
3. HM-362 had one fire incident to report during this period. HL-25 received small arms fire at BD60645 at 1945 while flying an emergency Medevac mission. No hits or casualties were reported.
4. During this period the squadron flew 8 Missions of the 8 Missions scheduled for a completion percentage of 100%. Missions 31 and 21 were cancelled by Group.
5. HM-362 flew negative GCA's during this period.

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Ref: (a) GruO 3760.4

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period 031900H to 041900H December 1968. HM-362 flew a total of 115 sorties accomplishing 52 tasks. To accomplish this the squadron flew 31.4 hours, of which 5.7 was night time. Weather was not a factor during this period of flight operations. During this period 44 passengers and 0.3 tons of cargo were lifted. Twelve (12) Medevac missions were flown, evacuating 13 emergency, 11 priority, and 6 routine casualties.
2. HM-362 flew one mission in support of Operation Victory Dragon, one mission in support of Operation Mead River/Swift Move, and two missions were flown in support of Operation Henderson Hill.
3. HM-362 had negative fire incidents reported during this period.
4. During this period the squadron flew 7 missions of the 7 missions scheduled for a completion percentage of 100%. Mission 21 was cancelled by DeWang DASC, and Mission 7 was cancelled by Group.
5. HM-362 had negative GCA's flown during this period.

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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period 041900H 051900H December 1968. HMM-362 flew a total of 127 sorties and 57 tasks. To accomplish this the squadron flew 35.6 hours, of which 5.7 hours was night time. Weather was not a factor during this period of flight operations. During this period 36 passengers and 0.2 tons of cargo were lifted. Thirteen (13) Medevac missions were flown; evacuating 20 emergency, 12 priority, and 10 routine casualties.
2. HMM-362 flew 2 missions in support of Operation Victory Dragon, 6 missions in support of Operation Henderson Hill, and 1 mission in support of Operation Mead River/Swift Move.
3. HMM-362 had no fire incidents reported during this period.
4. During this period the squadron flew 7 Missions of the 7 Missions scheduled for a completion percentage of 100%.
5. HMM-362 flew negative GCA's during this period.

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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period 051900H to 061900H December 1968. HMM-362 flew a total of 135 sorties and 66 tasks. To accomplish this the squadron flew 35.6 hours, of which 8.7 hours was night time. Weather was not a factor during this period of flight operations. During this period 83 passengers and 0.9 tons of cargo were lifted. Eighteen Medevac missions were flown; evacuating 12 emergency, 14 priority, and 15 routine casualties.
2. HMM-362 flew 2 missions in support of Operation Victory Dragon, and 5 missions in support of Operation Henderson Hill.
3. HMM-362 had three fire incidents reported during this period. YL-16 received automatic weapons fire at BT009605 at 1440 while flying a priority Medevac mission. YL-16 received automatic weapons fire at BT009605 at 1500 while flying a priority Medevac mission. YL-16 received automatic weapons fire at BT009605 at 1720 while flying a priority Medevac mission. No hits.
4. During this period the squadron flew 12 missions of the 12 missions scheduled for a completion percentage of 100%.
5. HMM-362 flew negative COA's during this period.

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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period 061900H to 071900H December 1968. HM-362 flew a total of 44 sorties accomplishing 19 tasks. To accomplish this the squadron flew 9.8 hours with no night time. Weather was not a factor during this period of flight operations. During this period 32 passengers and 0.2 tons of cargo were lifted. HM-362 flew no Medevac missions during this period of flight operations.
2. HM-362 flew one mission in support of Operation Victory Dragon.
3. HM-362 had no fire incidents reported during this period of flight operations.
4. During this period the squadron flew 3 missions of the 3 missions scheduled for a completion percentage of 100%.
5. HM-362 flew no GCA's during this period.

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Flight Hours	220.5
Sorties	778
Pax/Troops	339
Tons of Cargo	2.8
Casualties	0
Shipboard Landings (Day)	11
Shipboard Landings (Night)	0

AWARDS

None

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 (b) WGO 5750.1C
 (c) BrigO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) HMM-362 Command Chronology

(2) A/A Rpt, Opn VALIANT HUNT, 15 Dec 68 - 5 Jan 69

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2. TASK ORGANIZATION AND UNIT LOCATION

a. From 9 December to 31 December 1968, HMM-362 was assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 15 (REIN), under the operational control of CTG 79.4 (SLF "A").

b. HMM-362 was located aboard the U.S.S. Okinawa, (LPH-3) 9 December thru 31 December 1968.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
55	213	1	3

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the reporting period 9 December thru 31 December 1968, HMM-362, operating aboard the U.S.S. Okinawa (LPH-3) was under the operational control of CTG 79.4 (SLF Alpha). Missions flown during this period were troop lifts, day and night medevac, combat resupply, and administrative and logistic flights in support of 2nd Battalion, 26 Marines and SLF Alpha. Operations supported during the reporting period were phase I and phase II of Valiant Hunt.

2. Commencing with L hour at 0800H 15 December 1968, HMM-362 supported battalion 2/26 in Operation Valiant Hunt. This was a cordon operation around the villages of Thi Lai and An Lac in Quang Nam province. On the initial day of the operation, HMM-362 flew 134.7 hours carrying 848 troops and 15.9 tons of cargo. Due to inclement weather conditions, the remainder of the battalion was not transported ashore until 16 December 1968. On 19 December 1968 "G" Company was inserted in an area where enemy activity had been reported. During this strike, four aircraft were involved in fire incidents; two receiving hits and one crewmember receiving a minor wound. On 23 December 1968 "G" and "F" Companies were backloaded to LPH-3. Fifteen fire incidents were reported during this lift with one minor shrapnel wound sustained by a co-pilot. The remainder of the battalion was lifted to Blue Beach (BT 208575) on 24 December 1968.

3. Commencing at L hour (0700H) on 27 December 1968, HMM-362 lifted ELT 2/26 ashore to commence Phase II of Operation Valiant Hunt. During the lift, from the U.S.S. Okinawa (LPH-3) and the U.S.S. Duluth (LPD-6), three aircraft were involved in fire incidents, with no hits or injuries sustained. A total of 986 troops and 23.2 tons of cargo were offloaded in 109.3 flight hours. To accomplish this lift, the squadron was involved in 36 tasks and 448 sorties.

4. Phase II of Operation Valiant Hunt continued into the month of January 1969.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 15 December - HMM-362 flew 134.7 hours to commence Phase I of Operation Valiant Hunt. In supporting BLT 2/26 the squadron flew 434 sorties, transporting 848 troops and 13.9 tons of cargo.
- 17 December - HMM-362 continued to support BLT 2/26 on Operation Valiant Hunt. Two aircraft were forced to land incountry due to mechanical difficulties. One aircraft was recovered during the afternoon, but the second aircraft was left in the field overnight and recovered on 18 December.
- 23 December - HMM-362 extracted "G" and "H" Companies from their positions back to LPH-3. Fifteen fire incidents were reported with eight aircraft being hit. One crewmember sustained minor injury.
- 24 December - HMM-362 extracted the remainder of BLT 2/26 from their positions and dropped them at Blue Beach (BT 208575), where they were put aboard boats and taken to LBD 22 and LBD-6.
- 27 December - HMM-362 flew 109.3 hours in support of BLT 2/26 in commencing Phase II of Operation Valiant Hunt. In support of BLT 2/26 the squadron flew 500 sorties, transporting 986 troops and 23.2 tons of cargo.
- 31 December - HMM-362 completed all missions assigned. No fire incidents were reported during this final day of the reporting period.

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OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

1. FLIGHT DATA

Flight Hours	1159.3
Sorties	3964
Pax/Troops	6451
Tons of Cargo	220.5
Casualties	4
Shipboard Landings (Day)	1491
Shipboard Landings (Night)	9

2. AWARDS

None

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PART I

CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

15 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 134.7 hours in support of Operation Valiant Hunt which commenced at 0800H. The squadron flew 434 sorties and 201 tasks while transporting 848 troops and 15.9 tons of cargo. Five fire incidents were reported and five aircraft were hit by ground fire.

16 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 41.8 hours, accomplishing 148 sorties and 86 tasks, transporting 218 troops and 10.2 tons of cargo. Two fire incidents were reported. Both aircraft received one hit and no casualties.

17 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 87.0 hours, accomplishing 248 sorties and 101 tasks, transporting 286 troops and 24.9 tons of cargo. Three fire incidents were reported but no hits were received. Two aircraft made forced landings with mechanical difficulties. One aircraft was recovered without delay and the second aircraft remained overnight and was recovered the following day.

18 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 44.2 hours, accomplishing 139 sorties and 67 tasks, transporting 230 troops and 7.2 tons of cargo. One aircraft reported receiving enemy mortar fire while sitting in the zone at BT207550. No damage or injuries were sustained.

19 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 55.7 hours, accomplishing 201 sorties and 57 tasks, transporting 297 troops and 8.2 tons of cargo. Four fire incidents were reported with three aircraft receiving hits. One crewmember received a minor wound. One boat was brought under fire and sunk. Two enemy were probable KIA's.

20 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 75.8 hours, accomplishing 310 sorties and 57 tasks, transporting 524 troops and 35.1 tons of cargo. One fire incident was reported with the aircraft receiving two hits, but no injuries were sustained.

21 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 40.1 hours, accomplishing 146 sorties and 58 tasks, transporting 175 troops and 9.0 tons of cargo. No fire incidents were reported.

22 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 38.0 hours, accomplishing 129 sorties and 17 tasks, transporting 175 troops and 12.5 tons of cargo. Three fire incidents were reported. One aircraft received two hits, but the crewmembers escaped injury.

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23 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 63.9 hours, accomplishing 253 sorties and 41 tasks, transporting 481 troops and 13.6 tons of cargo. Fifteen fire incidents were reported. Eight aircraft received hits and one crewmember sustained a minor wound. "G" and "F" Companies of BLT 2/26 were back-loaded to LPH-3.

24 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 60.7 hours, accomplishing 285 sorties and 27 tasks, transporting 502 troops and 11.8 tons of cargo. Four fire incidents were reported with no hits sustained. The remainder of the Battalion was moved to Blue Beach (BT 208575) where they were backloaded by boat.

25 December 1968 - Holiday Routine.

26 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 27.1 hours, accomplishing 73 sorties and 21 tasks, transporting 105 troops and 2.0 tons of cargo in preparation for Phase II of Operation Valiant Hunt.

27 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 109.3 hours, accomplishing 500 sorties and 51 tasks, transporting 986 troops and 23.2 tons of cargo commencing Phase II of Operation Valiant Hunt. Three fire incidents were reported, but no hits or casualties were sustained.

28 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 49.2 hours, accomplishing 198 sorties and 45 tasks, transporting 258 troops and 11.8 tons of cargo. Two fire incidents were reported.

29 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 34.7 hours, accomplishing 119 sorties and 32 tasks, transporting 166 troops and 8.4 tons of cargo. No fire incidents were reported.

30 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 69.5 hours, accomplishing 233 sorties and 46 tasks, transporting 297 troops and 10.3 tons of cargo. One fire incident was reported, but no hits or casualties were sustained.

31 December 1968 - HMM-362 flew 47.8 hours, accomplishing 173 sorties and 45 tasks, transporting 255 troops and 8.1 tons of cargo. No fire incidents were reported.

1 January 1969 - HMM-362 flew 49.7 hours, accomplishing 192 sorties and 27 tasks, transporting 220 troops and 14.0 tons of cargo. Two fire incidents were reported, but no hits or casualties were sustained.

2 January 1969 - HMM-362 flew 28.5 hours, accomplishing 111 sorties and 21 tasks, transporting 168 troops and 8.0 tons of cargo. No fire incidents were reported.

3 January 1969 - HMM-362 flew 38.5 hours, accomplishing 159 sorties and

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24 tasks, transporting 289 troops and 5.1 tons of cargo. One fire incident was reported, but no hits or casualties were sustained.

4 January 1969 - HMM-362 flew 10.2 hours, accomplishing 25 sorties and 5 tasks, transporting 60 troops and 0.5 tons of cargo. No fire incidents were reported.

5 January 1969 - HMM-362 flew 93.5 hours, accomplishing 435 sorties and 57 tasks, transporting 950 troops and 13.9 tons of cargo. Thirty-four fire incidents were reported and 10 aircraft received hits. Two crewmembers received minor wounds. The retraction of BLT 2/26 on this date terminated Operation Valiant Hunt.

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PART II

ANALYSIS OF HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

1. General. HMM-362 helicopter operations in support of BLT 2/26 were conducted from the U.S.S. Okinawa (LPH-3) during Operation Valiant Hunt.

2. Helicopter Utilization

a. The basic missions assigned HMM-362 were troop transport, day and night medevac, command and control, resupply and administrative tasks. Onboard LPH-3 and LFD-6, at 0730H, 15 December 1968, HMM-362 commenced the tactical troop lift to place BLT 2/26 in the designated positions assigned for Phase I of Operation Valiant Hunt. A maximum launch of twenty aircraft was utilized on the initial wave. Eighteen aircraft were assigned to the actual transportation of troops and equipment and the two remaining aircraft were assigned the mission of airborne SAs. On 23 December 1968, HMM-362 launched aircraft which extracted two companies and returned them to LPH-3. On 24 December 1968 twelve aircraft were launched to extract the remaining two companies and place them at Blue Beach (BT 208575) where they were transported by boats to LFD-6.

b. On 27 December 1968, HMM-362 commenced Phase II of Operation Valiant Hunt. At 0700H sixteen aircraft were launched on the initial wave. Eight aircraft were launched from LPH-3 and the remaining eight aircraft were launched from LFD-6. At 0800H on 5 January 1969 sixteen aircraft were launched to extract BLT 2/26 and terminate Operation Valiant Hunt.

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PART III

STATISTICS FOR OPERATION VALIANT HUNT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u>	<u>MEDEVAC</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
15 December 1968	434	848	15.9	2	134.7
16	148	218	10.2	6	41.8
17	248	286	24.9	3	87.0
18	139	230	7.2	2	44.2
19	201	297	8.2	9	55.7
20	310	524	35.1	19	75.8
21	146	175	9.0	7	40.1
22	129	175	12.1	7	38.0
23	253	481	13.6	1	63.9
24	285	502	11.8	1	60.7
25	HOLIDAY ROUTINE				
26	73	105	2.0	0	27.1
27	500	986	23.2	0	109.3
28	198	258	11.8	4	49.2
29	119	166	8.4	1	34.7
30	233	297	10.3	11	69.5
31	173	265	8.1	2	47.8
1 January 1969	192	220	14.0	11	49.7
2	111	168	8.0	4	28.5
3	159	289	5.1	3	38.5
4	25	60	0.5	1	10.2
5	<u>435</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>13.9</u>	<u>1</u> (VC KIA)	<u>93.5</u>
TOTALS	4511	7500	253.3	95	1199.9

No. Aircraft Hit by Enemy Fire	29
No. Fire Incidents	81
No. Aircraft Damaged or Destroyed Operationally	0
No. of Personnel Wounded in Action	4
No. of Personnel Killed in Action	0