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#03469MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 362
Marine Aircraft Group 15 (REIN)
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Encl: (1) HMM-362 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. SQUADRON STAFF

Commanding Officer	LtCol J. E. SCHLAMP 1 January to 25 January 1969
Executive Officer	Major B. G. WILKISON 1 January to 25 January 1969
Administration Officer	Major W. C. DAVIS 1 January to 25 January 1969
Operations Officer	Major G. E. PRATT 1 January to 25 January 1969
Intelligence Officer	Captain R. F. BYRNES 1 January to 25 January 1969
Logistics Officer	Major B. G. ANTHIS 1 January to 25 January 1969
Maintenance Officer	Major S. ONDRAKO 1 January to 25 January 1969

2. TASK ORGANIZATION AND UNIT LOCATION

a. From 1 January to 25 January 1969, 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 USS Okinawa (LPH-3), during this period of time.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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During the reporting period 1 January 1969 thru 25 January 1969, HMM-362, operating aboard the USS Okinawa (LPH-3), was under the operational control of CTG 79.4 (SLF ALPHA). Primary missions flown during this period were troop lift, day and night medevac, combat resupply and administrative and logistics flights in support of the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines and CTG 79.4. Operations supported during the reporting period were Phase II of Valiant Hunt and Bold Mariner. Operation Bold Mariner was a combined operation including SLF ALPHA, SLF BRAVO, Americal Division and units of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

In beginning the reporting period, HMM-362 continued their support of ELT 2/26 in Phase II of Operation Valiant Hunt. Poor weather proved to be a factor during the last two (2) days of the operation. On 4 January 1969, HMM-362 was unable to resupply the different units of ELT 2/26 due to inclement weather conditions. At 0700H on 5 January 1969, the squadron commenced the extraction of ELT 2/26 to LPH-3 and Blue Beach. Deterioration of the weather caused considerable difficulty in the extraction. The mission was successfully completed with minor injuries sustained by two crew members due to numerous fire incidents.

After ELT 2/26 was loaded aboard LPH-3 and the supporting ships, the next eight (8) days were utilized for rehabilitation and preparation for Operation Bold Mariner.

At 0700H on 13 January 1969, HMM-362 commenced the lift of ELT 2/26 in Operation Bold Mariner. Low ceilings and poor visibility were encountered during the initial wave and the flight was forced to use low level approaches to the landing zones. After the first wave, the weather improved and the positioning of the Battalion was successfully completed without further difficulty. During the operation, HMM-362 provided helo support for ELT 2/26 as well as providing a 24 hour medevac package for the battalions of SLF ALPHA and SLF BRAVO. At 0700H on 24 January 1969, HMM-362 commenced the extraction of ELT 2/26 from its positions ashore to LPH-3 and LPH-6. The extraction went smoothly and was successfully completed by 1200H.

During the reporting period, 48 fire incidents were reported, with 12 aircraft sustaining battle damage. Two (2) crew members received minor shrapnel wounds, were treated and returned to duty.

HMM-362 was off-loaded at Hue/Phu Bai, and came under the operational control of Marine Aircraft Group 36 at 1200H 26 January 1969.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 January 1969

HMM-362 flew 49.7 hours, accomplishing 192 sorties, transporting 220 passengers, 11 medevacs and 14.0 tons of cargo. Two fire incidents were reported, but neither aircraft were hit.

2 January 1969

HMM-362 flew 38.5 hours, accomplishing 159 sorties and 24 tasks, transporting 168 passengers and 8.0 tons of cargo. One fire incident was reported, with no damage to aircraft or injuries to crew members.

3 January 1969

HMM-362 flew 38.5 hours, accomplishing 159 sorties and 24 tasks, transporting 289 passengers and 5.1 tons of cargo. One fire incident was reported with no damage to aircraft or injury to crew members.

4 January 1969

HMM-362 flew 10.2 hours, accomplishing 25 sorties and 5 tasks, transporting 60 passengers and 5.0 tons of cargo. Flight operations during the afternoon were cancelled due to poor weather conditions in the operating area.

5 January 1969

HMM-362 extracted Blt 2/26 from its positions ashore to Blue Beach and LPH-3. The squadron flew 93.5 hours, accomplishing 435 sorties, transporting 950 passengers and 13.9 tons of cargo. Thirty one fire incidents were reported and seven aircraft received hits. Two crew members sustained minor wounds.

6 January 1969

Flight operations were cancelled due to inclement weather conditions.

7 January 1969

HMM-362 flew 7.2 hours, accomplishing 48 sorties and 7 tasks, transporting 110 passengers and 0.6 tons of cargo.

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8 January 1969

HMM-362 flew 8.7 hours, accomplishing 42 sorties and 5 tasks, transporting 48 passengers and 0.6 tons of cargo.

9 January 1969

HMM-362 flew 13.5 hours, accomplishing 61 sorties and 13 tasks, transporting 101 passengers and 1.4 tons of cargo.

10 January 1969

HMM-362 flew 25.5 hours, accomplishing 102 sorties and 10 tasks, transporting 148 passengers and 0.8 tons of cargo.

11 January 1969

HMM-362 flew 18.1 hours, accomplishing 72 sorties and 26 tasks, transporting 157 passengers and 2.0 tons of cargo.

12 January 1969

HMM-362 flew 26.8 hours, accomplishing 105 sorties, transporting 79 passengers and 1.8 tons of cargo.

13 January 1969

HMM-362 flew 105.7 hours in support of ELT 2/26 in commencing Operation Bold Mariner. 503 sorties were flown, transporting 921 passengers and 16.3 tons of cargo. Four fire incidents were reported with no damage to aircraft or injury to crew members.

14 January 1969

HMM-362 continued support of ELT 2/26 flying 50.7 hours and 159 sorties while transporting 161 passengers and 10.8 tons of cargo. One aircraft was forced to land in the operating area due to mechanical difficulty and was recovered later by a C-47 and returned to LPH-3.

15 January 1969

HMM-362 continued support of ELT 2/26 flying 40.6 hours, accomplishing 124 sorties, transporting 151 passengers and 3.8 tons of cargo. Two fire incidents were reported with no damage to aircraft or injury to crew members.

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16 January 1969

HMM-362 continued support of BLT 2/26 flying 49.8 hours, and 269 sorties, transporting 483 passengers and 17.4 tons of cargo. One aircraft received three hits during today's operations. Minor damage was sustained by the aircraft with the crew members escaping injuries.

17 January 1969

HMM-362 continued support of BLT 2/26 flying 30.8 hours, accomplishing 134 sorties, transporting 110 passengers and 14.1 tons of cargo. One fire incident was reported with the aircraft receiving one hit, but sustained ~~with~~ no injuries to crew members.

18 January 1969

HMM-362 continued support of BLT 2/26 flying 38.1 hours, accomplishing 183 sorties transporting 165 troops, 331 civilians and 10.8 tons of cargo.

19 January 1969

HMM-362 continued support of BLT 2/26 flying 42.5 hours and 143 sorties, transporting 149 passengers and 3.7 tons of cargo. One fire incident was reported with no damage to the aircraft or injury to the crew members.

20 January 1969

HMM-362 continued support of BLT 2/26 flying 37.5 hours, accomplishing 156 sorties, transporting 220 troops, 134 civilians and 17.3 tons of cargo,

21 January 1969

HMM-362 continued support of BLT 2/26 flying 44.4 hours, and 243 sorties, transporting 277 passengers and 18.6 tons of cargo. One fire incident was reported with no damage to the aircraft or injury to the crew members.

22 January 1969

HMM-362 continued support of BLT 2/26 flying 40.1 hours, accomplishing 164 sorties, transporting 153 troops, six civilians and 11.3 tons of cargo.

23 January 1969

HMM-362 continued support of BLT 2/26 flying 27.9 hours, accomplishing 86 sorties, transporting 143 troops and 3.7 tons of cargo. One fire incident was reported resulting in no damage to the aircraft or injury to the crew members.

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24 January 1969

HMM-362 extracted BLT 2/26 from its positions ashore returning them to LPD-6 and LPH-3. The squadron flew 39.7 hours, accomplishing 328 sorties, transporting 708 passengers and 5.7 tons of cargo.

25 January 1969

HMM-362 flew administrative flights in support of SLF Alpha. All missions were successfully completed.

26 January 1969

HMM-362 off-loaded seventeen aircraft, squadron personnel and equipment at Hue/Phu Bai, RVN. The squadron flew 9.0 hours accomplishing 19 sorties and 16 tasks, transporting 50 passengers and 4.3 tons of cargo.

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PART IVOPERATIONAL STATISTICS1. FLIGHT DATA

Flight Hours	900.3
Sorties	4341
Pax/Troops	6615
Tons of Cargo	172.4
Medevacs	45
Shipboard Landings (Day)	1507
Shipboard landings (Night)	11

2. AWARDS

NONE