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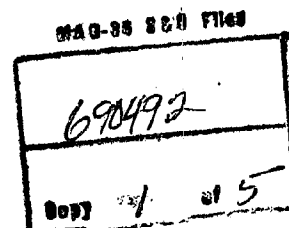
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Encl: (1) Part I Organizational Data
 (2) Part II Narrative Summary
 (3) Part III Significant Events

1. As directed by reference (a), the subject report is submitted as enclosures (1), (2) and (3).

2. Upon removal of the enclosures, this letter is down-graded to unclassified.

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1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol. B. R. WILKINSON	1-3 May 1969
b. Executive Officer	Maj. H. D. GRESS	1-31 May 1969
c. Operations Officer	Maj. T. B. HILL	1-10 May 1969
	Maj. J. M. COYKENDALL	11-31 May 1969
d. Administrative Officer	Maj. B. H. ADAMS	1-31 May 1969
e. Aviation Safety Officer	Maj. G. W. LEE	1-31 May 1969
f. Intelligence Officer	1stLt. T. D. BLAKE	1-31 May 1969
g. Material Control Officer	Capt. P. W. CULWELL	1-31 May 1969
h. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Maj. M. T. HORNSBY	1-31 May 1969
i. Flight Surgeon	Lt. G. E. WETTACH	1-31 May 1969

2. MARINE LIGHT HELICOPTER SQUADRON THREE SIX SEVEN

Marine Aircraft Group Three Six
First Marine Aircraft Wing, BFPAC
Hue/Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam
1-31 May 1969

3. Average Monthly Strength: 43 Officers, 151 Enlisted

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1 May 1969 - A total of 53 tasks were accomplished with 139 sorties and 59.0 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 24 sorties and 12.4 flight hours in support of Operation Prairie Fire, expending 5,000 rounds of 7.62 and 52 2.75 rockets. Two aircraft flew 40 sorties and 14.2 flight hours in support of Operation Victory Dragon, expending 6,000 rounds of 7.62 and 34 2.75 rockets. In support of Operation Oklahoma Hills two aircraft flew 12 sorties and 8.2 flight hours, expending 2,000 rounds of 7.62 and 4 2.75 rockets. In support of Operation Purple Martin two aircraft flew 30 sorties and 13.6 flight hours expending 20,000 rounds of 7.62 and 84 2.75 rockets. The weather was 3000 scattered to 8000 scattered and 7 miles visibility.

1 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 80 sorties in 16.6 flight hours, carrying 116 passengers, .75 tons of cargo, lifting one emergency medevac, while supporting III MAF and Operation Maine Crag.

2 May 1969 - A total of 35 tasks were accomplished with 120 sorties and 42.1 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 6 sorties and 2.2 flight hours in support of Operation Prairie Fire. In support of Operation Purple Martin four aircraft flew 68 sorties and 23.6 flight hours, expending 16,000 rounds of 7.62 and 90 2.75 rockets. The weather was reported to be 10,000 scattered decreasing to 2000 scattered and the visibility remained 7 miles.

2 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 73 sorties in 16.5 flight hours, carrying 107 passengers, 1.5 tons of cargo. Operations supported were III MAF and Purple Martin.

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3 May 1969 - A total of 13 tasks were accomplished with 52 sorties and 29.1 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 12 sorties and 7.5 flight hours in support of Operation Prairie Fire, expending 2500 rounds of 7.62 and 20 2.75 rockets. In support of Operation Purple Martin four aircraft flew 19 sorties and 11.0 flight hours. The weather was reported to be 7000 scattered, decreasing to 2000 scattered in the afternoon hours with 7 miles visibility.

3 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" tallied 90 sorties in 16.4 flight hours, transporting 108 passengers and 1.7 tons of cargo. Four routine medevacs were carried. Operation Purple Martin and III MAF/TRNG were supported.

4 May 1969 - A total of 45 tasks were accomplished with 83 sorties and 43.0 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 15 sorties and 12.4 flight hours expending 10,000 rounds of 7.62 and 22 2.75 rockets in support of Operation Prairie Fire. In support of Operation Purple Martin, four aircraft flew 52 sorties and 23.5 flight hours, expending 8000 rounds of 7.62 and 70 2.75 rockets. The weather was reported to be 9000 scattered decreasing to 2000 scattered with 6 miles visibility in the afternoon hours.

4 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 76 sorties in 19.8 hours, carrying 100 passengers, .2 tons of cargo, lifting one priority and two routine medevacs. Operation Virginia Ridge was supported, along with a maintenance hop to Phu Bai.

5 May 1969 - A total of 17 tasks were accomplished with 48 sorties and 22.3 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 12 sorties and 6.4 flight hours, expending 9000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets in support of Operation Prairie Fire.

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Two aircraft in support of Operation Purple Martin flew 12 sorties and 6.6 flight hours. The weather was reported to be high scattered decreasing to estimated 3000 broken and continued 7 miles visibility. MAJOR J. F. KLINE departed the squadron for CONUS. MAJOR W. M. PETTIGREW joined the squadron roster. Also reporting aboard was CAPTAIN R. E. YEEND.

5 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 87 sorties in 19.6 flight hours, carrying 77 pax, 2.5 tons of cargo, and seven priority medevacs. Operation Purple Martin was supported. One aircraft flew a maintenance test hop.

6 May 1969 - A total of 33 tasks were accomplished with 54 sorties and 28.0 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 4 sorties and 2.8 flight hours on Operation Prairie Fire. In support of Operation Purple Martin and Maine Crag four aircraft flew 35 sorties and 14.8 flight hours, expending 5000 rounds of 7.62 and 29 2.75 rockets. The weather was 4000 scattered in the morning hours lowering slightly in the afternoon to 2000 scattered and the visibility continued to be 7 miles.

6 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 73 sorties in 18.8 flight hours, carrying 72 passengers and one priority medevac in support of Operation Purple Martin, Virginia Ridge and III MAF.

7 May 1969 - A total of 29 tasks were accomplished with 80 sorties and 45.5 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 4 sorties and 2.4 flight hours in support of Operation Prairie Fire. In support of Operation Purple Martin, two aircraft flew 28 sorties and 13.4 flight hours, expending 10,000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets. In support of Operation Indian Snow, two aircraft flew 14 sorties

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and 9.6 flight hours. The weather was reported as 2000 scattered and 7 miles visibility. LT's G. G. SNEAD and S. G. MAZUROWSKI were transferred to H&MS-36.

7 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 66 sorties in 13.8 flight hours, lifting 85 passengers, 1.3 tons of cargo, supporting Operations Purple Martin, Apache Snow, and III MAF.

8 May 1969 - A total of 62 tasks were accomplished with 96 sorties and 35.4 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 36 sorties and 14.5 flight hours in support of Operation Victory Dragon X. In support of Operation Prairie Fire, two aircraft flew 40 sorties and 11.0 flight hours, expending 2000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets. The weather was 2000 scattered in the morning increasing to 2500 scattered in the afternoon with 7 miles visibility.

8 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 53 sorties in 13.0 flight hours, carrying 72 passengers, 1.0 tons of cargo, two priority medevacs, in support of Operation Purple Martin and Apache Snow. Included in the above time is a maintenance hop to Phu Bai.

9 May 1969 - A total of 27 tasks were accomplished with 60 sorties and 29.1 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 10 sorties and 5.6 flight hours in support of Operation Prairie Fire. In support of Operation Purple Martin two aircraft flew 24 sorties and 10.5 flight hours expending 500 7.62 rounds and 40 2.75 rockets. The weather was 7000 scattered in the morning and 3000 scattered in the late afternoon with 7 miles visibility.

9 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 87 sorties in 17.3 flight hours, carrying 96 passengers, 1.0 tons of cargo, one priority and five routine medevacs supporting Operations Purple Martin and Virginia Ridge.

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10 May 1969 - A total of 28 tasks were accomplished with 82 sorties and 25.6 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 4 sorties in support of Operation Prairie Fire and 2.4 flight hours. In support of Operation Virginia Ridge two aircraft flew 30 sorties and 12.0 flight hours. A 3000 foot scattered and 7 miles visibility remained for most of the day.

10 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 80 sorties in 16.7 flight hours, lifting 93 passengers, .2 tons of cargo, one emergency and 14 routine medevacs, supporting Operation Apache Snow. III MAF was supported also.

11 May 1969 - A total of 55 tasks were accomplished with 124 sorties and 55.4 flight hours. Six aircraft flew 86 sorties and 36.0 flight hours in support of Operation Purple Martin. These aircraft expended 2000 rounds of 7.62 and 71 2.75 rockets. Two aircraft flew 14 sorties and 8.2 flight hours in support of Operation Prairie Fire. The weather in the morning hours was 8000 scattered decreasing to 2000 scattered in the afternoon with 7 miles visibility throughout the day. MAJOR J. M. COYKENDALL joined the squadron roster.

11 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 85 sorties in 19.2 flight hours, carrying 93 passengers, one emergency and two routine medevacs, in support of III MAF and Operation Apache Snow and Herkimer Mountain.

12 May 1969 - A total of 68 tasks were accomplished with 111 sorties and 51.5 flight hours. In support of Operation Prairie Fire two aircraft flew 18 sorties for 10.9 flight hours, expending 5,000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets. Two aircraft flew 52 sorties and 14.7 flight hours in support of Operation Oklahoma Hills. In support of Operation Herkimer Mountain two aircraft flew 26 sorties and 12.2 flight hours. The weather for the day was 3500 to 4000 scattered with 6 to 7 miles visibility.

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12 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 69 sorties in 14.7 flight hours, transporting 128 passengers, .2 tons of cargo, supporting Operations Apache Snow and Herkimer Mountain.

13 May 1969 - A total of 28 tasks were accomplished with 69 sorties and 40.0 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 20 sorties and 10.1 flight hours, expending 5000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets on Operation Prairie Fire. Two aircraft flew 20 sorties and 13.6 flight hours on Operation Herkimer Mountain. On Operation Virginia Ridge two aircraft flew 12 sorties and 8.1 flight hours, expending 8000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets. The weather in the morning was 8000 scattered; the visibility remained 7 miles.

13 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 85 sorties in 18.7 flight hours, lifting 80 passengers, .1 tons of cargo, two emergency and four priority medevac, supporting Operation Apache Snow. Included are 3.5 hours in support of III MAF,

14 May 1969 - A total of 24 tasks were accomplished with 58 sorties and 38.7 flight hours. Two aircraft supported Operation Prairie Fire and flew 20 sorties and 11.8 flight hours, expending 2000 rounds of 7.62 and 22 2.75 rockets. Two aircraft flew 20 sorties and 10.8 flight hours in support of Operation Oklahoma Hills, expending 2000 rounds of 7.62 and 84 2.75 rockets. The weather remained 8000 scattered in the morning and 2000 scattered in the afternoon with 7 miles visibility.

14 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 25 sorties in 7.6 hours, carrying 18 passengers, .5 tons of cargo, for III MAF and Operation Apache Snow.

15 May 1969 - A total of 36 tasks were accomplished with 72 sorties and 33.4 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 46 sorties and 15.7 flight hours in support of Operation Apache Snow, expending 12,000 rounds of 7.62 and four aircraft flew

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20 sorties and 9.6 flight hours in support of Operation Virginia Ridge. The weather remained good throughout the day.

15 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 128 sorties in 21.9 flight hours, carrying 128 passengers, 2.0 tons of cargo, one priority medevac in support of III MAF and Operation Apache Snow.

16 May 1969 - A total of 37 tasks were accomplished with 85 sorties and 44.8 flight hours. On Operation Prairie Fire two aircraft flew 8 sorties and 7.0 flight hours, expending 4000 rounds of 7.62 and 23 2.75 rockets. Four aircraft flying in support of Operation Apache Snow flew 40 sorties and 22.7 flight hours expending 1500 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets. The weather, both ceiling and visibility remained good throughout the day.

16 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 121 sorties in 29.6 flight hours, lifting 169 passengers, 1.8 tons of cargo, two priority and one routine medevac, supporting Operation Apache Snow and Virginia Ridge.

17 May 1969 - A total of 42 tasks were accomplished with 102 sorties and 57.3 flight hours. Two aircraft in support of Operation Prairie Fire flew 24 sorties and 13.6 flight hours with 10,000 rounds of 7.62 and 42 2.75 rockets expended. Four aircraft flew 66 sorties and 31.7 flight hours, expending 6,000 rounds of 7.62 and 52 2.75 rockets in support of Operation Apache Snow. The weather remained good with 10,000 scattered to 20,000 scattered with 7 miles visibility.

17 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 66 sorties in 14.8 flight hours, carrying 81 passengers, .8 tons of cargo, one routine medevac, supporting operation Apache Snow. Included in this is .6 hours of Maintenance test flying.

18 May 1969 - A total of 65 tasks were accomplished with 112 sorties and 52.1 flight hours. Two aircraft in support of Operation Prairie Fire flew 22 sorties and 11.4 flight hours, expending 6,000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets.

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Four aircraft flew 50 sorties and 19.1 flight hours, expending 5,300 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets in support of Operation Apache Snow. Two aircraft flew 26 sorties and 11.1 flight hours in support of Operation Oklahoma Hills. The weather was reported to be 3500 scattered in the morning and 3000 scattered in the afternoon, with 6 to 7 miles visibility.

18 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 58 sorties in 11.1 hours, carrying 52 passengers, .7 tons of cargo, and five routine medevacs; all in support of Operation Apache Snow.

19 May 1969 - A total of 36 tasks were accomplished with 83 sorties and 50.1 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 10 sorties and 6.7 flight hours in support of Operation Prairie Fire. Two aircraft flew 26 sorties and 16.0 flight hours in support of Operation Apache Snow. In support of Operation Virginia Ridge two aircraft flew 30 sorties and 13.2 flight hours, expending 2000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets. The weather continued clear with good visibility. LT R. L. HERRINGTON reported to HML-367 from 3rd MAW.

19 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 84 sorties in 19.4 flight hours, lifting 71 passengers, .2 tons of cargo, in support of III MAF and Operation Apache Snow.

20 May 1969 - A total of 62 tasks were accomplished with 131 sorties and 55.0 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 40 sorties and 12.1 flight hours, expending 3,000 rounds of 7.62 and 56 2.75 rockets. Two aircraft in support of Operation Oklahoma Hills flew 30 sorties and 14.1 flight hours. Four aircraft in support of Operation Apache Snow flew 52 sorties and 19.7 flight hours expending 2,000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets. The weather during the morning was 8000 scattered, later that day lowering to 2000 scattered and 7 miles visibility.

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20 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 72 sorties in 16.9 flight hours, carrying 100 passengers, 1.3 tons of cargo, one routine medevac, supporting III MAF and Operation Apache Snow.

21 May 1969 - A total of 45 tasks were accomplished with 79 sorties and 42.7 flight hours. Four aircraft flew 54 sorties and 27.0 flight hours, expending 12,000 rounds of 7.62 and 27 2.75 rockets, in support of Operation Apache Snow.

In support of Operation Prairie Fire, two aircraft flew 18 sorties and 9.6 flight hours, expending 3000 rounds of 7.62 and 27 rockets. The weather remained good with 7 miles visibility.

21 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 85 sorties in 20.8 hours, lifting 138 passengers, .1 tons of cargo, 39 priority and seven routine medevacs, in support of III MAF and Operation Apache Snow.

22 May 1969 - A total of 36 tasks were accomplished with 141 sorties and 45.2 flight hours. Two aircraft in support of Operation Prairie Fire flew 16 sorties and 11.6 flight hours expending 3000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets. Two aircraft in support of Operation Herkimer Mountain flew 16 sorties and 10.2 flight hours, expending 14,000 rounds of 7.62 and 42 2.75 rockets. Two aircraft flew 38 sorties and 11.8 flight hours expending 5,000 rounds of 7.62 and 16 2.75 rockets in support of Operation Virginia Ridge. The weather remained 2000 scattered and 7 miles visibility for most of the day.

22 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 57 sorties in 9.8 flight hours, carrying 49 passengers, .4 tons of cargo, 15 priority medevacs, in support of Operation Apache Snow.

23 May 1969 - A total of 49 tasks were accomplished with 114 sorties and 54.9 flight hours. Two aircraft in support of Operation Prairie Fire flew 10 sorties and 7.0 flight hours, expending 1500 rounds of 7.62 and 15 2.75 rockets.

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Four aircraft in support of Operation Apache Snow flew 62 sorties and 26.6 flight hours. Two aircraft flying in support of Operation Virginia Ridge flew 32 sorties and 13.8 flight hours, expending 4,000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets. The weather was estimated to be 8000 broken in the morning hours and 3000 scattered in the afternoon hours with 7 miles visibility most of the day.

23 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 116 sorties in 28.0 flight hours, carrying 146 passengers, .6 tons of cargo, 13 priority and two routine medevacs, in support of III MAF and Operation Apache Snow.

24 May 1969 - A total of 33 tasks were accomplished with 52 sorties and 36.0 flight hours. Two aircraft in support of Operation Prairie Fire flew 4 sorties and 2.6 flight hours. Two aircraft in support of Operation Herkimer Mountain flew 10 sorties and 7.5 flight hours. Four aircraft in support of Operation Virginia Ridge flew 34 sorties and 20.3 flight hours, expending 5,000 rounds of 7.62 and 27 2.75 rockets. The weather in the morning was estimated 5000 broken and 3000 scattered and 7 miles visibility in the afternoon. LTC.ATT. BROWN reported to HML-367 from H&MS-36.

24 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 62 sorties in 12.7 flight hours, transporting 70 passengers in support of III MAF and Operation Apache Snow and Herkimer Mountain.

25 May 1969 - A total of 39 tasks were accomplished with 82 sorties and 52.5 flight hours. On Operation Prairie Fire, two aircraft flew 4 sorties and 2.6 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 32 sorties and 15.9 flight hours, expending 6000 rounds of 7.62 and 44 2.75 rockets in support of Operation Herkimer Mountain. Four aircraft in support of Operation Virginia Ridge flew 35 sorties and 25.1 flight hours, expending 9,500 rounds of 7.62 and 25 2.75 rockets. The weather

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remained clear with 7 to 10 miles visibility.

25 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 88 sorties in 21.4 flight hours, carrying 93 passengers, one emergency medevac and seven priority medevacs, supporting III MAF and Operation Apache Snow.

26 May 1969 - A total of 31 tasks were accomplished with 98 sorties and 47.0 flight hours. Two aircraft flying in support of Operation Prairie Fire flew 10 sorties and 7.2 flight hours. Four aircraft flew 36 sorties and 21.8 flight hours, expending 6000 rounds of 7.62 and 72 2.75 rockets in support of Operation Apache Snow. Two aircraft flew 20 sorties and 10.7 flight hours, expending 10,000 rounds of 7.62 on support of Operation Virginia Ridge. The weather was 2000 to 2500 scattered with 7 Miles visibility.

26 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 90 sorties in 22.1 flight hours, carrying 77 passengers, .5 tons of cargo, three priority and eight routine medevacs, in support of Operation Apache Snow. Included in the above is a 1.2 hour admin/liaison hop.

27 May 1969 - A total of 17 tasks were accomplished with 50 sorties and 29.7 flight hours. Two aircraft in support of Operation Prairie Fire flew 4 sorties and 2.6 flight hours. Two aircraft in support of Operation Apache Snow flew 26 sorties and 11.0 flight hours expending 10,000 rounds of 7.62 and 58 2.75 rockets. In support of Operation Herkimer Mountain two aircraft flew 8 sorties and 8.5 flight hours, expending 12,000 rounds of 7.62 and 28 2.75 rockets. The weather was estimated at 4500 broken in the morning hours and estimated 3000 broken in the afternoon with 7 miles visibility most of the day.

27 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 51 sorties in 11.6 flight hours, carrying 39 passengers, .2 tons of cargo, supporting Operation Apache Snow and Herkimer Mountain.

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28 May 1969 - A total of 26 tasks were accomplished with 61 sorties and 44.3 flight hours. Two aircraft flew 24 sorties and 13.4 flight hours. Eight sorties were flown in support of Operation Apache Snow with 5.6 flight hours. In support of Operation Virginia Snow 20 sorties and 9.6 flight hours were flown. Squadron aircraft expended 77 2.75 rockets and 17,000 rounds of 7.62. The weather was estimated 4000 broken in the morning hours and 4500 broken in the afternoon.

28 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 76 sorties in 16.6 hours, carrying 89 passengers, .5 tons of cargo, two priority medevacs, all in support of Operation Apache Snow.

29 May 1969 - A total of 59 tasks were accomplished with 104 sorties and 46.4 flight hours. Four aircraft flew 62 sorties and 31.4 flight hours, expending 8,000 7.62 rounds and 100 2.75 rockets. Two aircraft flew 10 sorties in 5.1 flight hours in support of Operation Prairie Fire. Two aircraft flew 22 sorties in 11.0 flight hours in support of Operation Apache Snow. The weather was clear most of the day with 7 miles visibility.

29 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" aircraft flew 68 sorties in 16.4 flight hours, carrying 96 passengers, .1 tons of cargo, two priority medevacs, all in support of Operation Apache Snow.

30 May 1969 - A total of 75 tasks were accomplished with 151 sorties and 66.7 flight hours. In support of Operation Prairie Fire 24 sorties and 13.4 flight hours were flown. In support of Operation Virginia Ridge 24 sorties and 10.8 flight hours were flown. In support of Operation Herkimer Mountain, 42 sorties and 18.8 flight hours were flown. Aircraft flew 32 sorties and 11.4 flight hours in support of Operation Massachusetts Bay. The weather was same as previous day.

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30 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 74 sorties in 17.3 flight hours, carrying 101 passengers, 1.2 tons of cargo, supporting Operations Herkimer Mountain and Apache Show.

31 May 1969 - A total of 39 tasks were accomplished with 95 sorties and 48.2 flight hours. Aircraft in support of Operation Prairie Fire flew 8 sorties and 9.5 flight hours. While aircraft in support of Operation Herkimer Mountain flew 34 sorties and 10.9 flight hours, aircraft in support of Operation Virginia Ridge flew 40 sorties and 21.8 flight hours. Ordnance expended for the day consisted of 22,000 rounds of 7.62 and 105 2.75 rockets. The weather in the morning was 2000 scattered and in the afternoon it was 3500 with 7 miles visibility.

31 May 1969 - HML-367 Detachment "A" flew 89 sorties in 17.7 flight hours, transporting 107 passengers, in support of Operation Apache Show.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

During the month of May 1969, HML-367 Detachment "A" set a flight hours record, accumulating 536.8 flight hours. This number was accomplished with no more than three aircraft launched per day on fragg missions with a fourth aircraft at times launched to perform maintenance and administrative hops.

The month of May 1969 proved to be a significant month for HML-367 as a new overall flight hour record of 1890.0 flight hours was established. The squadron looks forward to this continued success in the month of June.

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a. During this reporting period this squadron joined (3) three officers and twenty (20) enlisted personnel. Four (4) officers and twenty-eight (28) enlisted men were transferred.

b. The below listed personnel were promoted to rank indicated:

GYSGT	O'BRIEN, Robert K.	668913	To MSGT
SSGT	MCSWAIN, Charles	1693995	To GYSGT
SGT	MIDDLETON, Abraham	1693958	To SSGT
SGT	ELUNT, Robert	1596012	To SSGT
CPL	GUTZWILER, Norman P.	2251344	To SGT
LCPL	BAUGH, Lynford R.	2377364	To CPL
LCPL	DESCHAMNE, Roland	2368761	To CPL
LCPL	REID, John W.	2411954	To CPL
LCPL	YORK, Andrew W.	2399583	To CPL

c. The below listed personnel were listed as casualties:

GYSGT	GATEWOOD, Billy F.	1341989
LCPL	UPTON, Stephen L.	2209274

2. Awards

a. There were 20 Air Medals presented under the Flight/Strike system.

b. The following individual decorations were presented:

LTCOL B. R. WILKINSON	054135	Navy Commendation Medal
1ST/LT R. D. MABEY	0100448	Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
SGT K. L. RATZ	2161908	Navy Marine Corps Medal
SGT H. B. MORAN	2250729	Navy Achievement Medal
LCPL C. R. KNAPP	2297978	Navy Commendation Medal
LCPL H. BOOKHART	2339210	Purple Heart

3. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence

a. Along with the increase in the number of flight hours achieved by this squadron during the month of May, the number of related intelligence incidents increased proportionally. There were seventy-five (75) individual fire incidents resulting in four minor hits due to enemy fire. Our pilots reported thirteen (13) intelligence spot reports including the following information:

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- (1) 19 enemy KBMA (Killed by Marine Air, Confirmed and Probables)
- (2) 4 enemy structures destroyed or damaged
- (3) 5 individual pieces of enemy equipment probably destroyed
- (a) A breakdown of the equipment is as follows:

- (1) 1 50 cal MG
- (2) 1 Possible 37mm AA psn
- (3) 2 mortar psns
- (4) 1 Possible ZFU-2 14.5 MG

b. Also during the month this section conducted over 2 hours of briefs for enlisted personnel of the squadron in subjects covering enemy OOB, Sapper Tactics, Enemy Equipment/Booby Traps, Survival and possible threat areas. This section conducted 5 or 10 minutes briefs for all officers at the squadron AOM's each Monday and Thursday covering the same material.

4. Safety

- a. There was one (1) aircraft accident during the month.

(1) 3 May 1969 - Loss of RPM on a quatering downwind takeoff caused aircraft to settle onto the runway during the takeoff run. Pilot could not keep the aircraft on the runway allowing aircraft to slide onto an unprepared surface where the left skid struck a culvert flipping the aircraft onto it's left side causing both main rotor blades to strike the ground. Substantial damage and fox trot injury to the crew chief.

- b. There were five (5) aircraft incidents during the month:

(1) 1 May 1969 - Pilot noticed strong fuel odor; precautionary landing was made. Post flight inspection revealed leak in starboard fuel cell. No damage and no injuries.

- (2) 6 May 1969 - While air-taxiing downwind, pilot ran out of left rudder,

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and hard landing ensued. Limited damage and no injuries.

(3) 7 May 1969 - Transmission chip detector light illuminated during flight; precautionary landing was made. Post flight inspection revealed metal particles on transmission chip detector. No damage and no injuries.

(4) 12 May 1969 - Loss of power in flight, pilot made successful autorotative landing to a rice paddy. No damage and no injuries.

(5) 12 May 1969 - Right rocket pod caught fire during a rocket run on an enemy position; immediately jettisoned by pilot. No damage and no injuries.

c. There were two (2) DEA's during the month.

(1) 20 May 1969 - One small arms round in bottom of main rotor blade, two small arms rounds through starboard elevator. No injuries.

(2) 27 May 1969 - One small arms round in left rocket pod. No injuries.

d. There were two (2) ground accidents during the month.

(1) 12 May 1969 - Aircraft intentionally dropped by CH-53 while being airlifted. Alfa damage and no injuries.

(2) 15 May 1969 - Aircraft intentionally dropped by CH-53 while being airlifted. Alfa damage and no injuries.

e. Ground Safety- There were no ground safety accidents for the month of May. Enlisted Ground Safety Council met on 14 May 1969.

5. Natops

a. Two pilots received NATOPS Evaluations. Two pilots received PQM's in the UH-1E. Two pilots received Section Leader Qualifications.

b. Two crew chiefs received their re-qualifications. Two mechanics in crew

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chief training status received their crew chief designations.

c. Two mechanics in crew chief training status received thorough training throughout the month.

d. NATOPS held gunners class on the 5th and 25th of the month.

e. One pilot received his instrument Rating renewal.

6. Maintenance

a. Maintenance for the month of May was performed as to expectations.

(1) Maintenance Control issued a total of 1,192 JCN's.

(2) Approximately 200 reports/documents were processed by the Maintenance Administration Section.

(3) We had an availability of 76% for the month.

(4) Six (6) aircraft received battle damage: (VT-5, VT-11, VT-12, VT-14, VT-21, VT-25).

(5) One aircraft was airlifted to PAR (VT-15).

7. Air Operations

Total Hours Flown -	1890.0
Total Gun Hours -	1151.6
Total Slick Hours -	738.4
Total Sorties -	5194
Total Medevacs -	161
Total Passengers Carried -	3087
Total Cargo Carried -	21.55
7.62 rounds expended -	342,300
2.75 rockets expended -	2,128
Armed Helo Sorties -	2,308
Armed Helo Tasks -	949
Prairie Fire Sorties -	439
Prairie Fire Hours -	241.8

8. Major Operations Supported: Prairie Fire, Victory Dragon X, Purple Martin, Main Crag, Oklahoma Hills, Herkimer Mountain, Massachusetts Bay, Virginia Ridge, Apache Snow.

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