

MARINE ATTACK HELICOPTER SQUADRON 369
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Encl: (1) HMA-369 Semiannual Chronology of U. S. Operations

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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HMA-369 SEMI-ANNUAL CHRONOLOGY OF U. S. OPERATIONSPART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

Marine Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 Major R. J. HOOTON
1 Jan 1975-30 June 1975

Staff OfficersExecutive Officer

Capt. R. G. CANADA
1 Jan 1975-29 Jan 1975

Major G. C. STEELE
29 Jan 1975-30 June 1975

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Capt. H. C. KERN III
1 Jan 1975-2 June 1975

Capt. R. C. DOPHER
2 June 1975-30 June 1975

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CWO-3 M. P. GALASKY
1 Jan 1975-5 Feb 1975

1stLt G. E. HENSLEY
5 Feb 1975-8 June 1975

1stLt G. E. MESSIER
8 June 1975-30 June 1975

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Capt. R. G. CANADA
1 Jan 1975-26 April 1975

Capt. R. E. SHAPIRO
26 April 1975-17 June 1975

Capt. C. D. KUHN
17 June 1975-30 June 1975

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Capt. R. C. DOPHER
1 Jan 1975-2 June 1975

1stLt W. E. GOODLETT
2 June 1975-30 June 1975

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Capt. R. E. PEASLEY
1 Jan 1975-24 March 1975

Capt. R. A. CONNELLY
24 March 1975-30 June 1975
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Aviation Safety Officer

Capt. R. E. SHAPIRO
1 Jan 1975-28 Feb 1975Capt. W. R. CHRISTOPH
28 Feb 1975-2 June 1975Capt. R. E. SHAPIRO
2 June 1975-30 June 1975

NATOPS Officer

Capt. R. E. SHAPIRO
1 Jan 1975-30 June 1975SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITSHMM-164, Det.
HMM-165, Det.
HML-367, Det.
H&MS-36, Sub Unit-2 (AMID Augment)MABS-36, Det.
MATCU-66, Det.
MASS-2, Det.
MACS-4, Det.2. Location

MCAS(H) Futema, Okinawa, Japan	1 January 1975-4 April 1975
USS Midway	4 April 1975-6 April 1975
NAS Cubi Point, P. I.	6 April 1975-7 April 1975
USS Hancock	7 April 1975-3 May 1975
NAS Cubi Point, P. I.	3 May 1975-4 June 1975
MCAS(H) Futema, Okinawa, Japan	4 June 1975-30 June 1975

3. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
USMC	14	96
USN	0	0
COMPOSITE (36th Gravotnik) (April-May 1975)	54	204

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

HMA-369 flew a total of 663.3 accident free flight hours for the period of January 1975 through 30 June 1975. The majority of this time was dedicated to unit training consisting of fam refresher, instrument, night, tactics and ordnance flights. During this period HMA-369 was fortunate enough to participate in the unprecedented operations of EAGLE PULL, the evacuation of Phnom Phen, Cambodia and FREQUENT WIND, the evacuation of Saigon, Republic of Vietnam. Although no flight hours were logged during EAGLE PULL, 20.4 combat hours were flown during FREQUENT WIND.

The month of January started with Cpl. S. N. HUGHES being meritoriously promoted to Sergeant. On the 8th and 9th of January a Wing directed Safety Stand-down was conducted with emphasis on course rules and maintenance pre-flights. On the 29th of January Major Gen. GOURLEY toured the squadron area. On 30 January, aircraft BUNO 157790 and BUNO 157764 were officially received from HMM-164. In addition, Maj. STEELE relieved Capt. CANADA as Executive Officer of HMA-369.

On 1 February LCpl E. C. MITCHELL was meritoriously promoted to Corporal; on 2 February, Cpl. D. J. ROUPP was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant. On 3 February an air-ground exchange program conducted; visiting ground officers were given flights in the AH-1J. On the 5th, aircraft BUNO 157774 was inducted into the ACE and BUNO 157764 followed on 10 February. Lt. Gen. WILSON toured the squadron area on the 17th.

The month of March began with the Squadron PFT and a picnic afterwards. On the 2nd, Cpl's G. W. SCRANTON and G. E. SHERROD were meritoriously promoted to Sergeant. On the 19th, Brig. Gen. CAREY flew an ordnance mission with the squadron Commanding Officer. On the 20th, aircraft BUNO 157784 was inducted into the ACE Program. On the 21st aircraft BUNO 157761 was received from PAR (Atsugi, Japan). On the 29th, aircraft BUNO 157784 went into the ACE program.

In early April Cpl. S. O. GOLD and LCpl K. S. LOVELACE were meritoriously promoted to the next higher rank. On the 3rd, a Squadron Safety Stand-down was held with special emphasis on LPH and CVA operations to prepare for the upcoming operations. The squadron flew aboard the USS Midway with aircrafts BUNO 157772, 157774, 157790, and 157773 on the 4th. Destination was unknown; only minimal squadron personnel were left behind. On the sixth, the squadron's gear was transferred to the USS Hancock while the aircraft and most personnel flew to NAS Cubi Point, P. I. On the 7th, all personnel and aircraft returned to the USS Hancock and HMA-369 took administrative control of MAG-36 assets on the 11th. These assets included 12 CH-46's, 4 AH-1J's, 2 UH-1E's, and all maintenance personnel. The 12th began with the execution of Operation EAGLE PULL; on the 13th, MAG-36's organization was finalized and designated the 36th Gravotnik. There was a total of 54 officers and 204 enlisted. On the 15th, the Hancock docked at Singapore for liberty. On the 18th, liberty recall was sounded and the Hancock set sail for Vietnam. At 0330 on the 28th a 1 hour standby was effected for the possible evacuation of Saigon. On

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the 29th at 1500, Operation FREQUENT WIND began and was completed by 0915 on the 30th. The final statistics for the Gravotnik were 153.1 total flight hours, and 145 sorties accounting for transport of 869 evacuees, 116 GSF personnel and 4,350 lbs. of cargo.

May began with the meritorious promotion of Cpl. J. R. MILLHOUSE and LCpl. R. SANTIFORT to their next higher rank. On the 3rd, HMA-369 flew off the USS Hancock to NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines and all units in the 36th Gravotnik were returned to the control of their original commanders. Meanwhile, the remnants of HMA-369 at MCAS Futema completed their squadron community relations project, replacing the roof on a religious shrine in the village of Aha. On the 10th, the Squadron embarked aboard the USS Okinawa that was to sail for Okinawa, Japan. The USS Okinawa reversed course on the 12th due to the Mayaguez incident off the coast of Cambodia. On the 14th of May, HMA-369 and other MAG-36 assets arrived at NAS Cubi Point, P. I. and remained aboard ship in a standby status. On the 20th, HMA-369 was debarked from the USS Okinawa to Cubi Point, P. I. Normal flight operations began ashore. On 10 May BUNO 157774 was transferred to HMH-462.

The beginning of June celebrated the return of the last Squadron aircraft to MCAS(H) Futema on the 4th. A Squadron Safety Stand-down was conducted, emphasizing a back-in-the saddle review of course rules and procedures for returning pilots. On the 9th, aircraft BUNO 157790 was inducted into the ACE Program. Aircraft BUNO 157784 was received from the ACE Program on 10 June, and aircraft BUNO 157780 was received from H&MS-24, Hawaii on the 17th. The final day of June was highlighted by Brig. Gen. CAREY flying a visual reconnaissance of the Northern Training Area with the Squadron Executive Officer, ending an eventful, exciting period in the Squadron's history.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF EVENTS

2 January 1975	Cpl. S. N. HUGHES Meritoriously promoted to Sergeant.
8-9 January 1975	Safety Stand-down.
29 January 1975	Maj. Gen. GOURLEY toured area.
30 January 1975	Officially received aircraft 157790 and 157764 from HMM-174. Maj. STEELE relieved Capt. CANADA as Executive Officer.
1 February 1975	LCpl E. C. MITCHELL Meritoriously promoted to Corporal.
2 February 1975	Cpl. D. J. ROUPP Meritoriously promoted to Sergeant.
3 February 1975	Air ground exchange program. Ground OF Officers given flights in the AH-1J.
5 February 1975	Aircraft BUNO 157774 inducted into ACE Program.
10 February 1975	Aircraft BUNO 157764 inducted into ACE Program.
17 February 1975	Lt. Gen. WILSON toured area.
1 March 1975	Squadron PFT. Squadron picnic held.
2 March 1975	Cpl. G. W. SCRANTON and Cpl. G. E. SHERROD were both meritoriously promoted to Sgt.
19 March 1975	Brig. Gen. CAREY flew ordnance mission with squadron Commanding Officer.
20 March 1975	Aircraft BUNO 157784 inducted into ACE Program.
22 March 1975	Received aircraft BUNO 157761 from PAR (Atsugi, Japan).
29 March 1975	Aircraft BUNO 157784 inducted into ACE Program.
2 April 1975	Cpl. S. O. GOLD Meritoriously promoted to Sgt. LCpl K. S. LOVELACE Meritoriously promoted to Corporal.

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3 April 1975	Safety Stand-down. UNCLASSIFIED
4 April 1975	Squadron flew aboard USS Midway with BUNO 157772, 157773, 157790, and 157774. Destination uncertain. Minimum personnel left behind.
6 April 1975	Squadron gear transferred to USS Hancock. Aircraft and most personnel to NAS Cubi Point, P. I.
7 April 1975	All aircraft aboard USS Hancock.
11 April 1975	HMA-369 designated controlling squadron. Had administrative control of MAG-36 assets including 12 CH-46's, 4 AH-1J's and 2 UH-1E's.
12 April 1975	Operation EAGLE PULL began.
13 April 1975	Organization of MAG-36 assets completed and called the "GRAVOTNIK". A total of 54 Officers and 204 Enlisted.
16 April 1975	USS Hancock docked at Singapore for liberty.
18 April 1975	Liberty recall, set sail for Vietnam.
28 April 1975	0330 commenced 1 hour standby for Saigon evacuation.
29 April 1975	0500 1 hour standby again. 1500 Evacuation commenced.
2 May 1975	Cpl. J. R. MILLHOUSE Meritoriously promoted to Sergeant. LCpl SANTIFORT Meritoriously promoted to Corporal.
3 May 1975	Squadron flew off USS Hancock to NAS Cubi Point.
3 May 1975	Remnant of squadron at Futema performed charitable project by replacing roof on religious shrine at village of Aha.
10 May 1975	Squadron flew aboard USS Okinawa which was sailing for Okinawa, Japan.
12 May 1975	USS Okinawa reversed course because of Mayaguez incident off coast of Cambodia

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14 May 1975	Arrive NAS Cubi Point, P. I.
20 May 1975	Squadron flew off USS Okinawa to Cubi Point, P. I. Began normal flight operations.
4 June 1975	Last of Squadron aircraft flown to MCAS(H) Futema on C-130's.
4 June 1975	Safety Stand-down.
9 June 1975	Aircraft BUNO 157790 inducted into PAR.
10 June 1975	Aircraft BUNO 157784 received from PAR.
17 June 1975	Received aircraft BUNO 157780 from H&MS-24, Hawaii, to replace BUNO 157792.
30 June 1975	Brig. Gen. CAREY flew with Squadron Executive Officer on a visual reconnaissance of the Northern Training Area.

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