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1. In compliance with reference (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September 1968 to 30 September 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron Four Six Two LTCOL R. E. Nelson

Executive Officer

MAJ Chester L. Whipple.

MAJ Billy J. Kahler
1Sep - 30Sep68
Acting XO

Operations Officer

MAJ Billy J. Kahler

Aircraft Maintenance Officer

MAJ James E. Givan

2. LOCATION

Marine Aircraft Group 36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

1Sep - 30Sep68

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
38	135	1	0	September

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During HMH-462's first month in the Republic of Vietnam, HMH-462, with 10 CH-53A aircraft, flew 868.4 flight hours, lifted 4,339.1 tons of cargo, and transported 8,762 troops. The aircraft utilization of HMH-462 was 2.45. Operations that were supported by HMH-462 were "Scotland II," "Lancaster II," and "Kentucky." HMH-462 recovered four H-34's and three UH-1E's.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL: No significant events.

2. ADMINISTRATION: No significant events.

3. CIVIC ACTION: HMMH-462 has involved itself in a Civic Action project concerning a free, government approved elementary school near Phu Bai and an orphanage serving some 350 children in Hue. The school trains boys in wood-working as well as academics but lacks an outlet for their products. The Hue orphanage is fairly well financed but lacks skilled labor to build furniture for classrooms and dormitories. The final goal of HMMH-462 is to aid both institutions by coordinating their individual efforts and helping them to work with each other.

In September \$130.00 of squadron donations has been supplied to the school through the MAG-36 Chaplain's office. This money will pay the October salary for three teachers. Tables, chairs, cabinets, and a box of school supplies have been collected and assembled for delivery to the orphanage.

4. INTELLIGENCE: No significant events.

5. AIR OPERATIONS: HMMH-462 flew 868.4 flight hours, completed 3,524 sorties, lifted 4,339.1 tons of cargo, and transported 8,762 troops. Aircraft utilization of the squadron's 10 CH-53A's was 2.45.

6. SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

a. In support of "Lancaster II" HMMH-462 flew 230.3 flight hours, completed 1,118 sorties, lifted 1,505.8 tons of cargo, and carried 1,654 troops.

b. In support of "Scotland II" HMMH-462 flew 145.8 flight hours, completed 785 sorties, lifted 1,090.4 tons of cargo, and carried 1,011 troops.

c. In support of "Kentucky" HMMH-462 flew 25.0 flight hours, completed 145 sorties, lifted 197.5 tons of cargo, and transported 329 troops.

d. HMMH-462 flew seven Tactical Aircraft Recovery missions:

1) On 3Sep68 HMMH-462 accomplished the TAR of a H-34 (App. A).

2) On 7Sep68 HMMH-462 accomplished the TAR of a H-34 (App. B).

3) On 18Sep68 HMMH-462 accomplished the TAR of a H-34 (App. C).

4) On 20Sep68 HMMH-462 accomplished the TAR of an UH-1E (App. D).

5) On 25Sep68 HMMH-462 accomplished the TAR of an UH-1E (App. E).

6) On 27Sep68 HMMH-462 accomplished the TAR of an UH-34 (App. F).

7) On 30Sep68 HMMH-462 accomplished the TAR of an UH-1E (App. G).

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7. MAINTENANCE: HMH-462 aircraft statistical data totaled 4,5618.0 hours for operational ready time (63.2%), 1,319.0 hours for unscheduled maintenance, 119.5 hours for scheduled maintenance, and 1,020.0 hours for NORS.

8. LOGISTICS: No significant events.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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ENCLOSURE (1)

AFTER ACTION REPORT OF HMH-462DATE 3 Sep 68

1. ESN NO 74 FLT TIME 7.1 FLT CODE 1R INSUPPORT OF 3d MAF
2. FAX: US564 ARVN VN CIV VIP TOTAL 564
3. BATTLE EVAC: US ARVN VN CIV TOTAL 0
4. NUMBER A/C 1 POUNDS CARGO 21500 ROUNDS EXTENDED 0
5. NO. OF SORTIES/TASKS BY FUNCTION: TOTAL SORTIES(35) TASK (3)

AH () () LC (5) (1) TAR (2) (1) RECON () ()
 CT () () COM () () T () () VIP () ()
 CC () () SAR () () M () () PHY () ()
 LT (28) (1) MED () () A/L () () E(CONV) () ()
 OTHER () ()

6. A/C HIT: HITS RECEIVED 0 TIME COORD TYPE FIRE
7. NARRATIVE: (NAME, COORD OF EACH LZ, UNUSUAL EVENTS, ETC.)
ATD 0650 ATR 1515 FURTHER EST. COORD XD946608
Phu Bai - Quang Tri multiple sorties between Q T, D H, A 1, and 650059 -
165525, then multiple sorties YD165525 - YD245487 - YD985545 - TAR
H-34 946608 - Phu Bai

OPERATIONAL DISCREPANCIES, REMARKS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS (ENCLOSE LZ CONDITIONS: USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY)

AIRCRAFT YF-1	#1SIDE	#2SIDE	#3SIDE	#4SIDE
PILOT Cox				
CO-PILOT Ryan				
C/C Kec				
GUNNER Tremblay				
CORPSMAN Herman				
TIME/CGO 7.1/10.8				

() FLT () STRIKE (2) MEN CREDIT () NO MISSION CREDIT
 FLT LEADER (PRINT) Cox
 FLIGHT LEADER'S SIGNATURE AFTER COMPLETED: _____

IF CORRECTIONS ARE NECESSARY REWRITE REPORT

APPENDIX (A)

AFTER ACTION REPORT OF HMH-462DATE 7Sep68

1. MSN NO 77 FLT TIME 1.5 FLT CODE 1R9 INSUPPORT OF 3d MAF
 2. PAX: US10 ARMN VN CIV VIP TOTAL 10
 3. BATTLE EVAC: US ARMN VN CIV TOTAL 0
 4. NUMBER A/C 1 POUNDS CARGO 9600 ROUNDS EXTENDED 0
 5. NO. OF SORTIES/TASKS BY FUNCTION: TOTAL SORTIES (2) TASK (3)

AM () () LC () () TAR (1) (1) RECON () ()
 CT () () COM () () T () () VIP () ()
 CC () () SAR () () M () () PHY () ()
 LT (1) (2) MED () () A/L () () E(CONV) () ()
 OTHER () ()

6. A/C HIT: HITS RECEIVED 0 TIME COORD TYPE FIRE
 7. NARRATIVE: (NAME, COORD OF EACH LZ, UNUSUAL EVENTS, ETC.)
 ATD 1055 ATR 1325 FURTHER EST. COORD BT065035
Phu Bai - Danang - Marble Mt - Phu Bai
Carried UH-34D from Phu Bai to Danang

OPERATIONAL DISCREPANCIES, REMARKS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS (ENCLOSE LZ
 CONDITIONS: USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY)

Danang Joyride had no knowledge of our mission

AIRCRAFT	F-9	#1SIDE	#2SIDE	#3SIDE	#4SIDE
PILOT	Cox				
CO-PILOT	Pelkey				
C/C	Bradley				
GUNNER					
CRAFTSMAN					
TITLE/CGO					

() FLT () STRIKE () MSN CREDIT (X) NO MISSION CREDIT
 FLT LEADER (PRINT) Cox
 FLIGHT LEADER'S SIGNATURE AFTER COMPLETED: _____

IF CORRECTIONS ARE NECESSARY REWRITE REPORT

APPENDIX (B)

AFTER ACTION REPORT OF HMH-462DATE 18Sep68

1. MSN NO 57F FLT TIME 0.8 FLT CODE 1R9 INSUPPORT OF 3d MAF
 2. PAX: US ARVN VN CIV VIP TOTAL 0
 3. BATTLE EVAC: US ARVN VN CIV TOTAL 0
 4. NUMBER A/C 1 POUNDS CARGO 10500 ROUNDS EXTENDED 0
 5. NO. OF SORTIES/TASKS BY FUNCTION: TOTAL SORTIES(2) TASK (1)

AN () () LC () () TAR (1) (1) RECON () ()
 CT () () COM () () T () () VIP () ()
 CC () () SAR () () M () () PHX () ()
 LT () () MED () () A/L () () E(CONV) () ()
 OTHER (1) (0)

6. A/C HIT: HITS RECIEVED 0 TIME COORD TYPE FIRE
 7. NARRATIVE: (NAME, COORD OF EACH LZ, UNUSUAL EVENTS, ETC.)
ATD 1545 ATR 1637 FURTHEREST.COORD Coco Beach
Phu Bai - Coco Beach - Phu Bai
Carried H-34 from Coco Beach to Phu Bai

OPERATIONAL DISCREPANCIES, REMARKS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS (ENCLOSE LZ CONDITIONS: USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY)

TAR A/C was not defueled or stripped in any way

AIRCRAFT	TYPE-3	#1SIDE	#2SIDE	#3SIDE	#4SIDE
PILOT	Lane				
CO-PILOT	Stauth				
C/C	Kotzian				
GUNNER					
CORPSMAN					
TIME/CGO	0.8/5.3				

() FLT () STRIKE () MSN CREDIT () NO MISSION CREDIT
 FLT LEADER (PRINT) Lane
 FLIGHT LEADER'S SIGNATURE AFTER COMPLETED: _____

IF CORRECTIONS ARE NECESSARY REWRITE REPORT

APPENDIX (C)

AFTER ACTION REPORT OF HMH-462DATE 20 Sep 68

1. MSN NO 79 FLT TIME 3.2 FLT CODE 1R9 IN SUPPORT OF 3d MAF
 2. PAX: US16 ARMY VN CIV VIP TOTAL 16
 3. BATTLE EVAC: US ARMY VN CIV TOTAL 0
 4. NUMBER A/C 1 POUNDS CARGO 17900 ROUNDS EXTENDED 0
 5. NO. OF SORTIES/TASKS BY FUNCTION: TOTAL SORTIES (5) TASK (5)

AM () () LC (3) (3) TAR (1) (1) RECON () ()
 CT () () COM () () T () () VIP () ()
 CC () () SAR () () M () () PHX () ()
 LT (0) (1) MED () () A/L () () E(CONV) () ()
 OTHER (1) (0)

6. A/C HIT: HITS RECEIVED 0 TIME COORD TYPE FIRE
 7. NARRATIVE: (NAME, COORD OF EACH LZ, UNUSUAL EVENTS, ETC.)
 ATD 0750 ATR 1100 FURTHER EST. COORD MMAF
Phu Bai - Quang Tri - Danang - MMAF - Phu Bai
Carried UH-1E

OPERATIONAL DISCREPANCIES, REMARKS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS (ENCLOSE LZ CONDITIONS: USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY)

AIRCRAFT	TYPE-3	#1SIDE	#2SIDE	#3SIDE	#4SIDE
PILOT	Givan				
CO-PILOT	Dake				
C/C	Kec				
GUNNER	Holland				
CORESMAN					
TIME/CGO	3.2/9.0				

() FLT () STRIKE () MSN CREDIT () NO MISSION CREDIT
 FLT LEADER (PRINT) Givan
 FLIGHT LEADER'S SIGNATURE AFTER COMPLETED: _____

IF CORRECTIONS ARE NECESSARY REWRITE REPORT

APPENDIX (D)

AFTER ACTION REPORT OF HMH-462DATE 25 Sep 68

1. MSN NO 74 FLT TIME 1.5 FLT CODE 1R9 INSUPPORT OF 3d MAF
 2. FAX: US66 ARVN VN CIV VIF TOTAL 66
 3. BATTLE EVAC: US ARVN VN CIV TOTAL 0
 4. NUMBER A/C 1 POUNDS CARGO 10000 ROUNDS EXTENDED 0
 5. NO. OF SORTIES/TASKS BY FUNCTION: TOTAL SORTIES (5) TASK (3)

AM () () LC (1) (1) TAR (2) (1) RECON () ()
 CT () () COM () () T () () VIP () ()
 CC () () SAR () () M () () PHY () ()
 LT (1) (1) MED () () A/L () () E(CONV) () ()
 OTHER (1) (0)

6. A/C HIT: HITS RECEIVED 0 TIME COORD TYPE FIRE
 7. NARRATIVE: (NAME, COORD OF EACH LZ, UNUSUAL EVENTS, ETC.)
 ATD 1400 ATR 1530 FURTHER EST. COORD Dong Ha
Dong Ha - Quang Tri - Danang - Phu Bai
Carried UH-1E

OPERATIONAL DISCREPANCIES, REMARKS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS (ENCLOSE LZ
 CONDITIONS: USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY)

AIRCRAFT	YF-6	#1SIDE	#2SIDE	#3SIDE	#4SIDE
PILOT	Ford				
CO-PILOT	Versaggi				
C/C	Dean, P. G.				
GUNNER					
CORPSMAN					
TIME/CGO	1.5/5.0				

() FLT () STRIKE () MSN CREDIT () NO MISSION CREDIT
 FLT LEADER (PRINT) Ford
 FLIGHT LEADER'S SIGNATURE AFTER COMPLETED: _____

IF CORRECTIONS ARE NECESSARY REWRITE REPORT

APPENDIX (E)

AFTER ACTION REPORT OF HMH-462DATE 27 Sep 68

1. MSN NO306/30 FLT TIME 6.4 FLT CODE 1B9 INSUPPORT OF Lancaster II/Scotland II/3d MAF
 2. FAX: US21 ARVN VN CIV VIP TOTAL 21
 3. BATTLE EVAC: US ARVN VN CIV TOTAL 0
 4. NUMBER A/C 1 POUNDS CARGO 79500 ROUNDS EXTENDED 0
 5. NO. OF SORTIES/TASKS BY FUNCTION: TOTAL SORTIES(26) TASK (18)

AM () () LC () () TAR (1) (1) RECON () ()
 CT (5) (5) COM () () T () () VIP () ()
 CC (12) (12) SAR () () M () () PHY () ()
 LT () () MED () () A/L () () E(CONV) () ()
 OTHER (18) (0)

6. A/C HIT: HITS RECEIVED 0 TIME COORD TYPE FIRE
 7. NARRATIVE: (NAME, COORD OF EACH LZ, UNUSUAL EVENTS, ETC.)

ATD 0830 ATR 1450 FURTHEREST COORD LZ Winchester

Phu Bai - Dong Ha - Stud - Signal Hill - Stud - Signal - Stud - Sandy -
Stud - Sandy - Stud - Sandy - Stud - Sandy - Byrd - Stud -
Winchester - Stud - Winchester - Stud - Shepherd -
Stud - Shepherd - Stud - Winchester - Stud - Phu Bai Carried UH-32
 OPERATIONAL DISCREPANCIES, REMARKS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS (ENCLOSE LZ
 CONDITIONS: USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY)

1. Frag for Msn 306 was incomplete - No mention of heavy lifts from

Vandergrift to other LZ's

2. On arrival at Vandergrift, zones for heavy lift drops

were not ready and still weren't ready upon securing

AIRCRAFT F-6 #1SIDE #2SIDE #3SIDE #4SIDE

PILOT Steward

CO-PILOT Fimiani

C/C Bradley

GUNNER

CORSMAN

TIME/COORD 6.4/39.8

() FLT () STRIKE () MSN CREDIT () NO MISSION CREDIT
 FLT LEADER (PRINT) Steward
 FLIGHT LEADER'S SIGNATURE AFTER COMPLETED: _____

IF CORRECTIONS ARE NECESSARY REWRITE REPORT

APPENDIX (F)

AFTER ACTION REPORT OF HMH-462DATE 30 Sep 68

1. MSN NO 74 FLT TIME 1.3 FLT CODE 1R9 INSUPPORT OF 3d MAF
 2. FAX: US ARMY AVN CIV VIP TOTAL 0
 3. BATTLE EVAC: US ARMY AVN CIV TOTAL 0
 4. NUMBER A/C 1 ROUNDS CARGO 4800 ROUNDS EXTENDED 0
 5. NO. OF SORTIES/TASKS BY FUNCTION: TOTAL SORTIES (4) TASK (1)

AM () () LC () () TAR (3) (1) RECON () ()
 CT () () COM () () T () () VIP () ()
 CC () () SAR () () M () () PHY () ()
 LT () () MED () () A/L () () E(CONV) () ()
 OTHER (1) (0)

6. A/C HIT: HITS RECEIVED 0 TIME COORD TYPE FIRE
 7. NARRATIVE: (NAME, COORD OF EACH LZ, UNUSUAL EVENTS, ETC.)
 ATD 1840 ATR 2000 FURTHER EST. COORD YD095515
Quang Tri

OPERATIONAL DISCREPANCIES, REMARKS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS (ENCLOSE LZ CONDITIONS: USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY)

Damaged A/C retrieved on drop. Pendant became entangled in left wheel well. Damage sustained trying to release Huie from Pendant

AIRCRAFT/F-2	#1SIDE	#2SIDE	#3SIDE	#4SIDE
PILOT Lane				
CO-PILOT Versaggi				
C/C Decker				
GUNNER				
CORPSMAN				
TIME/CGO 1.3/2.4				

() FLT () STRIKE () MSN CREDIT () NO MISSION CREDIT
 FLT LEADER (PRINT) Lane
 FLIGHT LEADER'S SIGNATURE AFTER COMPLETED: _____

IF CORRECTIONS ARE NECESSARY REWRITE REPORT

APPENDIX (G)