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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron Four Six Two

Executive Officer

Operations Officer

Aircraft Maintenance Officer

COMMANDER

LtCol Ronald E. NELSON

Maj David H. ANDERSON

Maj Chester L. WHIPPLE

Maj Billy J. KAHLER

2. LOCATION

Phu Bai RVN

1Dec - 31Dec 1968

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
51	167	1	0 December

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Largely through the combined efforts of all squadron personnel, HMH-462 continued its record-setting pace by logging, for the third consecutive month, over 1000 flight hours and transporting more than 10,000,000 pounds of cargo. The squadron flew a total of 1112.6 flight hours while lifting 5967.3 tons and 10,561 troops. The majority of the flight time was logged in support of the Third Marine Division.

During the month of December, HMH-462 received four additional CH53A's bringing the total aircraft assigned to sixteen. The additional aircraft were all long overdue for calendar checks, and required more than 700 hours to become operationally ready, constituting a maintenance load rather than operational asset.

Through its Civic Action program, HMH-462 continued its support of the school and orphanages of Hue and Phu Loung, donating playground equipment, tools, and vegetable seeds, along with spare time and money. In addition, the squadron sponsored Christmas parties at the orphanages and school.

On 14 December, twenty of the squadron were reconized with meritorious masts, while 23 December saw eleven squadron members awarded first-award air medals for aerial achievement in the Republic of Vietnam.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL: No significant events.
2. ADMINISTRATION: No significant events.
3. CIVIC ACTION: Although reports of increased Viet Cong terrorist activity restricted the number of visits to Hue, HMH-462 still managed three to Hue and five to Phu Loung during December. LCdr. Parker, the squadron flight surgeon, traveled to Phu Loung three times treating three Vietnamese.

HMH-462 supplied eight swings and four seesaws to the Phu Loung school playground, plus a portable phonograph with eight records for use in the school. In addition, through MAG-36, the squadron obtained and donated six CARE carpenter kits for manual training. Three new types of seeds were introduced for the vegetable gardens.

To the Kin Long orphanage HMH-462 donated twelve swings, six seesaws, and a portable phonograph with twelve records. Squadron personnel repaired the public address system, and supplied three new types of seed for the vegetable garden.

Christmas parties were given at both Phu Loung and Hue. HMH-462 donated 100 toys and two cases of soft drinks to Phu Loung and 400 toys, eight gallons of ice cream, and fifteen cases of soft drinks for Hue.

The squadron expended 46.3 man-days while donating \$189.00 to Civic Action during December.

4. AWARDS: On 1 December, LtCol R.E. NELSON, HMH-462 commanding officer, presented meritorious masts to twenty members of the squadron for performance of duties that exceeded normal requirements.

On 23 December, LtCol NELSON presented eleven squadron members their first-award air medals for meritorious aerial achievement while serving in the Republic of Vietnam.

5. INTELLIGENCE: No significant events.

6. AIR OPERATIONS: During the month of December HMH-462 flew 1112.6 flight hours, completed 3097 tasks and 4385 sorties, lifted 5967.3 tons, and transported 10,561 troops. A breakdown of air operations for the month consists of:

<u>UNITS SUPPORTED</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>TONS HUNDRED</u>	<u>TROOPS CARRIED</u>
1st MAR DIV	109.1	426	278	595.0	909
3rd MAR DIV	722.2	3235	2346	4810.5	8094
III MAF	265.0	664	436	459.6	1361
OTHER	16.3	60	37	102.2	197

ENCLOSURE (1)

7. SPECIAL OPERATION BREAKDOWN

<u>a. Operation</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Hours</u>
SCOTLAND II	2111	5322	2815.4	449.5

b. HMH-462 flew two tactical aircraft recovery (TAR) missions during December, transporting one UH-34D on 4 December and one UH-1E on 10 December.

c. During December, HMH-462 evacuated 153 priority medevacs in 24 medevac missions.

d. On 1,5,8,9,19,25, and 30 December, HMH-462 daily lifted more than 250 tons of priority combat cargo.

8. LOGISTICS: No significant events.

9. MAINTENANCE: Four CH53A's were received during December, bringing the total aircraft assigned to sixteen. All four of the additional aircraft were long overdue for calendar checks and required more than 700 hours to become operationally ready, constituting ~~a maintenance~~ load rather than an asset. For all the aircraft, hours for operational ready time totaled 6586.1, while NORS hours exceeded 3400.