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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron Four Six Two LtCol Ronald E. NELSON (1-31JAN69)

Executive Officer

Maj David H. ANDERSON (1-31JAN69)

Operations Officer

Maj Chester L. WHIPPLE (1-31JAN69)

Aircraft Maintenance Officer

Maj Billy J. KAHLER (1-31JAN69)

2. LOCATION

HEH-462 1-31JAN69 HUE/PHU BAI RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
48	169	1	0

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of January 1969, HMM-462 logged 1014.7 flight hours, transported 10,824,000 pounds of cargo and 10,075 troops, marking the fourth successive month in which it surpassed 1000 flight hours flown and 10,000,000 pounds of cargo transported. The squadron also evacuated 112 priority and emergency medevacs and transported 5 aircraft (TAP). The majority of the flight time was logged in support of the Third Marine Division. HMM-462 participated in five major operations: Dawson River West, Scotland II, Taylor Common, Victory Dragon, and Kentucky. This support was accomplished with sixteen CH53A's assigned with an availability greater than 60%. On four occasions the squadron exceeded 300 tons lifted in a single day and one of these exceeded 400 tons. HMM-462 continued its support of the school and orphanages of Phu Long and Kim Long by contributing foodstuffs, beds, paint and other much-needed items, along with money and spare time.

The squadron launched a bunker-improvement program in preparation for expected enemy activity during the coming TET holidays. Squadron personnel received instruction in survival and gas-mask techniques. Six air medals and one Navy Achievement medal were awarded to squadron members for meritorious achievements while serving against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL: No significant events.
2. ADMINISTRATION: No significant events.
3. CIVIC ACTION: During the month of January, HAH-462 contributed \$340.00 and 44 man-days to the support of the school and orphanages of Phu Loung and Kim Long. The squadron donated ten pounds of beef, one gallon each of fruit cocktail and cheese spread, three beds, and two boxes of clothing to Phu Loung. To the Kim Long orphanage, HAH-462 donated thirty pounds of beef, one gallon of fruit cocktail, three gallons of paint, two paint brushes, one bed, three mattresses, and an electric motor for the orphanage loom.

Lcdr. Parker, the squadron flight surgeon, made three trips to the school and orphanages, treating an average of fourteen patients each time.

4. AWARDS: On 24 January 1969, LtCol R. E. Nelson, HAH-462 Commanding Officer presented six first-award strike/flight air medals to squadron pilot and crewmen for meritorious aerial achievements while serving in the Republic of Vietnam. On 29 January, Major General C.A. Youngdale, Deputy Commanding General III MAF, presented Sgt. D. E. Marinko with the Navy Achievement medal for heroic achievements against hostile forces while serving in the Republic of Vietnam.

5. INTELLIGENCE: No significant events.

6. TRAINING: On 22 January, squadron personnel attended a Survival, Escape, Resistance, and Evasion (SERE) lecture at the MAC-36 Special Services Building. On 23 and 24 January, gas chamber drills were held so that squadron personnel could test, and learn the use and value of their gas masks.

7. AIR OPERATIONS: During the month of January, HAH-462 flew 1014.7 flight hours comprising 3932 sorties to complete 2791 tasks. Tons of cargo lifted totaled 5412.0 and troops carried totaled 10,075. Squadron pilots logged 199.0 hours actual instrument time. A breakdown of air operations for the month consists of:

<u>UNITS SUPPORTED</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS</u>	<u>COMPLIS</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>TONS LIFTED</u>	<u>TROOPS CARRIED</u>
1st MAF DIV	106.8	430	280	514.6	1173
3rd MAF DIV	630.0	2663	1859	4051.3	5602
III MAF	204.1	437	333	423.0	1173
OTHER	73.0	422	319	423.1	2127

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8. SPECIAL OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN:

a. OPERATIONS	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
DRAGON RIVER WEST	1292	3185	1858.4	297.4
SCOTLAND II	312	491	497.7	73.2
TAILOF/CLANON	102	305	124.9	28.4
VICTORY DRAGON	92	352	102.7	17.3
KENTUCKY	89	176	173.1	23.3

b. During the month of January, HH-462 flew five tactical aircraft recovery (TAR) missions, transporting one CH-46D, one UH-1E, and three UH-34D's.

c. HH-462 evacuated 112 U.S. soldiers in twenty-six priority and emergency medevac missions during January.

d. On one occasion HH-462 lifted in excess of 400 tons in a single day, and on three others, more than 300 tons.

- 1) On 12 January HH-462 lifted 409.5 tons, transported 530 troops, completed 258 sorties and 150 tasks in 54.6 flight hours.
- 2) On 14 January, HH-462 lifted 308.5 tons, transported 597 troops, completed 236 sorties and 148 tasks in 50.4 flight hours.
- 3) On 20 January, HH-462 lifted 307.0 tons, transported 238 troops, completed 193 sorties and 133 tasks in 44.9 flight hours.
- 4) On 25 January, HH-462 lifted 332.0 tons, transported 419 troops, completed 225 sorties and 152 tasks in 59.6 flight hours.

9. LOGISTICS: A bunker-improvement program initiated by HH-462 in January resulted in the reconstruction of old bunkers and the building of new ones in the squadron area and around the living quarters. A total of 8000 sandbags were filled and used by the squadron.

In addition, the squadron launched a dust-suppression campaign around the work areas. By soaking the street in front of HH-462's area during the drier days, the dust stirred up by passing vehicles was reduced to a minimum.

10. MAINTENANCE: HH-462 had sixteen aircraft assigned during the month of January. The number of hours for operational ready time totaled 6340.6, while MORS time exceeded 4800 hours. Availability for the month again exceeded 60%.