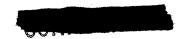
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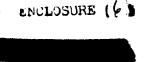
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COLMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 ItCol Reseld E. NEISON (1-31MAR69)

Executive Officer

LtCol Robert L. GRAY (1-31MAR69)

Operations Officer

Maj Jack L. MAXWELL (1-31MAR69)

Maintenance Officer

Maj John J. MCMEMAMIN (1-31MAR69)

2. LOCATION

HMH-462 1-31 March 1969 HUE/PHU BAI Republic of Vietnam

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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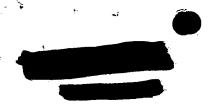
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4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

Lt General, HERMAN NICKERSON JR.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

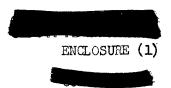
Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462, logged 877.1 flight hours lifting 6,390,400 pounds of cargo and transporting 4,741 troops. The majority of our efforts were in support of the 3rd Marine Division, carrying combat cargo to outlying units and fire support bases. Poor weather hampered and reduced flight operations during the first ten days of the month.

Operations Dewey Canyon and Purple Martin resulted in increased battle damage sustained on HMH-462 aircraft although no serious casualties resulted. HMH-462 also supported operations Taylor Common, Dawson River, and Maine Crag. Five tactical aircraft recovery missions and 34 medevac missions were flown in support of all the operations. Good aircraft availability, and crews being relieved at Vandegrift Combat Base gave HMH-462 a boost in meeting its Task Force Hotel commitment.

The loss of three pilots due to rotatation to CONUS and the transfer of several others to Group and Wing Billets reduced the availability of flight crews.

Our civic action program continued its support of the orphanages and schools of Hue and Phu Loung. Food in excess of 100 pounds was distributed as well as voluntary contributions and extra time.

A pre-A&M inspection was conducted by MAG-36 inspectors.





PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1. PERSONNEL: No significant events.
- 2. ADMINISTRATION: No significant events.
- 3. CIVIC ACTION: HMH-462 Civic Action program continued during the month of March, paying 4 visits to Kim Loug Orphanage at Hue, and three visits to Ciu Lahn school. Food donations exceeded 100 pounds accompanied by voluntary donations. The Civic Action Officer attended a 4 day orientation course at III MAF Headquarters.
- 4. AWARDS: 12 Air Medals and 3 Good Conduct Medals were awarded during March.
- 5. INTELLIGENCE: No significant events.
- 6. HMH-462 logged 877.1 flight hours comprising 2,609 sorties to complete 1,537 tasks. A total of 3,195.2 tons of cargo were carried and 4,741 troops transported. A breakdown of air operations consists of:

UNITS SUPPORTED	ELT.HOURS	SORTIES	TASKS	TONS LIFTED	TROOPS CARRIED
1stMAR DIV	38,8	80	35	50.0	"344
3rdMAR DIV	671,9	2124	1249	2764.1	3880
III MAF	127,1	259	1 7 2	192.1	285
OTHER	39,3	146	81	189.0	232

7. SPECIAL OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN:

a.	OPENATIONS:	SORTIES	PASSEBGERS	TONS	HOURS
	PURPLE MARTIN	700	1084	956.5	199.8
	DEWEY CANYON	532	1483	560.4	199.1
	TAYLOR COMMON	82	344	50.0	38.8
	DAWSON RIVER	54	71	61.9	21.0
•	MAINE CHAG	478	413	711.6	133.7

- b. Five (TAR) missions were flown during March: They consisted of one CH-46D, three UH-4E's and one UH-34D.
- c. HMH-462 evacuated 158 priority medevacs comprising 34 medevac missions.
- 8. LOGISTICS: No significant events.
- 9. MINTENANCE: Hill-462 with 16 hircraft assigned for the month of March showed an availability of 58% or 6,838.6 hours. NORS (Supply) hours were 2,910.6 for 25%.

