

MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 462  
 Marine Aircraft Group 36  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing FMF Pacific  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. DESIGNATION

## COMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 LtCol ~~Robert~~ E. NELSON (1-31MAR69)

Executive Officer

LtCol Robert L. GRAY (1-31MAR69)

Operations Officer

Maj Jack L. MAXWELL (1-31MAR69)

Maintenance Officer

Maj John J. MCMEAMIN (1-31MAR69)

## 2. LOCATION

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

## 3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

## USMC

## USN

OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
39	167	1	0

## 4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

Lt General, HERMAN NICKERSON JR.

## 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 rotation 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.

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## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL: No significant events.
2. ADMINISTRATION: No significant events.
3. CIVIC ACTION: HHH-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. HHH-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:

<u>UNITS SUPPORTED</u>	<u>FLT. HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>TONS LIFTED</u>	<u>TROOPS CARRIED</u>
1st MAR DIV	38.8	80	35	50.0	344
3rd MAR DIV	671.9	2124	1249	2764.1	3880
III MAF	127.1	259	172	192.1	285
OTHER	39.3	146	81	189.0	232

## 7. SPECIAL OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN:

<u>a. OPERATIONS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
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 CRAG	478	413	711.6	133.7

b. Five (TAR) missions were flown during March: They consisted of one CH-46D, three UH-1E's and one UH-34D.

c. HHH-462 evacuated 158 priority medevacs comprising 34 medevac missions.

8. LOGISTICS: No significant events.

9. MAINTENANCE: HHH-462 with 16 aircraft assigned for the month of March showed an availability of 58% or 6,838.6 hours. NOFS (Supply) hours were 2,910.6 for 25%.