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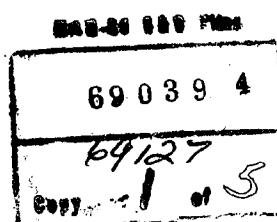
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1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 LtCol Robert E. NELSON (1-30APR69)

Executive Officer LtCol Robert L. GRAY (1-14APR69)

Operations Officer Maj Jack L. MAXWELL (15-30APR69)

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Maintenance Officer Maj John A. HELLRIEGEL (15-30APR69)

Maj John J. MC MENAMIN

2. LOCATION

HML-462 1-30 April 1969 HUE/PHU BAI Republic of Vietnam

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC USN

OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
35	160	1	0

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

On 26 April 1969

Lt Gen H. W. BUSE JR. CG FMFPac

Lt Gen H. NICKERSON JR. CG 3rdMAF

Lt Gen C. J. QUILTER CG 1stMAW

Brig Gen L. H. WILSON Chief of Staff

Visited briefly during their tour of MAG-36

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462, logged 1,149.6 flight hours in April, our 8th month in the Republic of Vietnam. We flew 4030 sorties, completing 2,636 tasks and transported a total of 4,976.5 tons of cargo. The majority of our effort was in support of the 3rd Marine Division, participating in operations Maine Crag, Purple Martin, and Ellis Ravine. Generally good weather conditions throughout the month lengthened the flying day, and hours lost to weather holds were few.

HMH-462 continued its civic action program with visits to the Catholic Orphanage at Hue and protestant schools in Phu Loung. Clothing contributions were distributed. Projects for the construction of a slide and the repair of various electrical equipment for the orphanage are nearing completion.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL: Three personnel were evacuated, out of country, as a result of a helicopter accident on 9 April 1969.
2. ADMINISTRATION: No significant events.
3. CIVIC ACTION: HMH-462 personnel completed the construction of a children's slide. Squadron funds were used to purchase two electric motors for looms at the catholic orphanage in HUE, a portable radio/phonograph, and a portable phonograph. Twelve boxes of children's clothes were received from U. S. Voluntary contributions for the month totaled \$6.80. Two visits were made, one to the catholic orphanage at HUE, and the other to the protestant school and church at Phu Loung.
4. AWARDS: No significant events.
5. INTELLIGENCE: No significant events.
6. HMH-462 logged 1149.6 flight hours comprising 4,030 sorties to complete 2,636 tasks. A total of 4,976.5 tons of cargo were carried and 6,231 troops transported. A break down of air operations consists of:

UNITS SUPPORTED	FLT HOURS	SORTIES	TASKS	TONS LIFTED	TROOPS CARRIED
1ST MARDIV	6.6	23	17	33.4	24
3RD MARDIV	1041.0	3783	2470	4808.9	5866
III MAF	100.4	219	148	130.2	341
OTHER	1.6	5	1	4.0	0

7. SPECIAL OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN:

a. OPERATIONS	SORTIES	PASSENGERS	TONS	HOURS
MAINE CRAG	2050	2934	2585.1	537.8
PURPLE MARTIN	1618	2693	2053.6	470.7
OKLAHOMA HILLS	23	24	33.4	6.6
ELLIS R.VINE	115	239	170.2	32.5

b. Five (TAR) missions were flown during April: They consisted of four UH-1E's and one UH-34D.

c. HMH-462 evacuated 293 priority medevacs comprising 61 medevac missions.

8. LOGISTICS: No significant events.

9. MAINTENANCE: HMH-462 with 15 aircraft assigned for the month of April showed an availability of 45.4% or 5,517.4 hours, NORS hours were 4,070.1 for 33.5%.

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