

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462

LtCol Ronald E. NELSON (1-15May69)

Executive Officer

LtCol Rondell K. WOOD (16-31May69)

Maj Jack L. MAXWELL (1-31May69)

Operations Officer

Maj John A. HELIRIEGEL (1-31May69)

Maintenance Officer

Maj John J. MCMENAMIN (1-31May69)

2. LOCATION

MH-462 1-31May1969 HUE/PHU BAI RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| USMC | | USN | |
|------|-----|-----|-----|
| OFF | ENL | OFF | ENL |
| 37 | 161 | 1 | 0 |

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

Brig Gen R. H. SPANLER Assistant Wing Commander 1st MAW

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of May proved to be HMH-462's best month in regard to flight time. The squadron logged 1,241.1 flight hours, flying 4,348 sorties to complete 3,182 tasks. We continued our heavy lift mission transporting 5,148.7 tons of cargo and 8,734 troops.

HMH-462 Maintenance was the determining factor in our success in the month of May. Steady availability throughout the month enabled the squadron to maintain a pace that carried it above the 1000 hour mark and allowed HMH-462 to more efficiently perform its mission.

Our effort supported several operations, Maine Crag, Purple Martin, Henkimer Mountain, and Apache Snow. All of these operations were in the northern I Corps area and comprised the majority of HMH-462 commitments.

On the 15th of May LtCol R. K. WOOD assumed command of HMH-462 from LtCol R. E. NELSON.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL: No significant events.
2. ADMINISTRATION: No significant events.
3. CIVIC ACTION: On Sunday, 11 May 1969, 20 personnel of HMH-462 and MAG-36 visited Kim Luong Orphanage in Hue and delivered a children's slide, a tether ball set, 17 boxes of clothes, and installed two electric motors in the looms at the orphanage.
4. AWARDS: No significant events.
5. INTELLIGENCE: No significant events.
6. HMH-462 logged 1,241.1 flight hours comprising 4,348 sorties to complete 3,182 tasks. A total of 5,148.7 tons of cargo and 8,734 troops were transported. A break down 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> |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 3RD MAR DIV | 1157.8 | 4144 | 3012 | 5042.0 | 8419 |
| III MAF | 72.0 | 171 | 143 | 77.0 | 198 |
| OTHER | 11.3 | 33 | 27 | 29.7 | 117 |

7. SPECIAL OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN:

| <u>a. OPERATIONS</u> | <u>SORTIES</u> | <u>PASSENGERS</u> | <u>TONS</u> | <u>HOURS</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|
| MAINE CRAG | 124 | 142 | 177.5 | 36.2 |
| PURPLE MARTIN | 1232 | 3150 | 1396.4 | 343.4 |
| HEIKIMER MOUNTAIN | 979 | 1745 | 1230.2 | 268.4 |
| APACHE SNOW | 1809 | 3382 | 2237.9 | 509.8 |

b. Seven (TAR) missions were flown during May: They consisted of seven UH-1E's.

c. HMH-462 evacuated 228 priority medevacs comprising 60 medevac missions.

8. LOGISTICS: No significant events.

9. MAINTENANCE: During the month of May HMH-462 had only 2221.4 hrs. documented NOR Scheduled Maintenance and 1943.8 hrs. for Unscheduled Maintenance. NOR Supply time dropped to 2083.8 hrs. and NORS 'G' items dropped to approximately 10 items per day.