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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1969 to 31 August 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462

LtCol Rondell K. WOOD (1-31August69)

Executive Officer

Maj Jack L. MAXWELL (1-31August69)

Operations Officer

Maj Lamar V. PHILLIPS (1-31August69)

Maintenance Officer

Maj John A. HELLRIEGEL (1-11August69)

Maj Darcy L. CLASEN (12-31August69)

2. LOCATION

HMH-462 1-31 August 1969 HUE/PHU BAI RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
46	182	1	0

4. IMPORTANT VISTORS

The Commandant of the Marine Corps visited the MAG-36 area during the month of August.

LT GEN BOWMAN

MAJ GEN WHEELER

BRIG GEN JOHNSON

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 logged 901.3 hours during the month of August 1969. Once again the heaviest commitment was in the Northern I Corps area. Operations Georgia Tar and Idaho Canyon demanded the majority of the 4,038 sorties, and 2,394 tasks were completed in their support. The squadron also had light commitments in the Southern I Corps area, where it flew 541 sorties to complete 365 tasks in support of Operation Durham Peak.

During August, HMH-462's civic action program included two visits to the local orphanages in the Hue-Phu Bai area. On August 23, a visit was made to the Kim Loung orphanage in Hue. This was to enable the new civic action officer 1/LT FAGERSTROM to meet with the Sisters at the orphanage and to see what problems they had on hand. On August 30, several squadron personnel visited the Protestant orphanage in Phu Loung. Several items of clothing, canned juices and salt were delivered. Also, a load of scrap wood to be used for the benches in the school, was delivered.

On the 8th of August the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Leonard F. CHAPMAN, accompanied by Lieutenant General NICKERSON, CG III MAF, and Major General THRASH, CG 1st MAW, visited MAG-36. HMH-462 was privileged to share in the Commandant's visit with a static display of a CH-53A. Lieutenant Colonel WOOD, CO HMH-462 gave the Commandant a recapitulation of the CH-53A's tasks and problems in Vietnam and introduced him to a representative from each maintenance shop required to keep the CH-53A flying. The representative answered the Commandant's questions concerning their phase of work, within the complex of HMH-462, and all were pleased to receive General CHAPMAN's compliments.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL: HMH-462 increased its squadron strength by 10% over the previous month.
2. ADMINISTRATION: No significant events.
3. CIVIC ACTION: During the month of August 1969, HMH-462's Civic Action program included two visits to the local orphanages in the Hue-Phu Bai area. On August 23, a visit was made to the Kim Loung Orphanage in Hue. This was to enable the new civic action officer, 1/LT FAGERSTROM, to meet with the Sisters at the orphanage and to see what problems they had on hand. On August 30, several squadron personnel visited the Protestant orphanage in Phu Loung. Several items of clothing, canned juices and salt were delivered. Also, a load of scrap wood to be used for the benches in the school, was delivered.
4. AWARDS: During the month of August 1969, the following squadron pilots were presented the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, by the Commanding Officer of HMH-462.

CAPT. D. CHURCHIN
 CAPT. W. H. FORD
 CAPT. J. W. ROTH
 CAPT. R. R. STOUT

1/LT. J. D. PELKEY
 1/LT. M. E. ROACH
 1/LT. J. A. VERSAGGI


5. INTELLIGENCE. No significant events.

6. HMH-462 logged 901.3 flight hours, comprising 4,038 sorties to complete 3,049 tasks. A total of 5,529.3 tons of cargo and 8,411 troops were 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>
3RD MAR DIV	628.6	3,168	2,394	4,578.4	4,706
1ST MAR DIV	125.5	514	365	609.8	2,795
III MAF	6.7	14	15	2.8	37
1ST MAW	112.8	184	165	77.7	361
ARMY	1.0	6	4	5.2	6
ARVN'S	26.2	121	80	254.9	108
ROKMC	0.5	31	16	0.5	398

7. SPECIAL OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN:

<u>a. OPERATIONS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
GEORGIA TAR	3,062	4,609	4,435.7	605.2
IDAHO CANYON	96	97	142.7	19.9
DURHAM PEAK	514	2,795	609.8	125.5

 b. Four Tactical Aircraft Recovery missions were flown during August. They consisted of four UH-34Ds

c. HMM-462 evacuated 78 priority Med-evac's, comprising 18 Med-evac missions.

8. LOGISTICS: No significant events.

9. MAINTENANCE: During the month of August, HMM-462 had substantial increases in documented NOR Scheduled Maintenance, Unscheduled Maintenance, and NOR Supply time. NORS 'G' items increased to approximately 33.6 items per day.