

MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 162
Marine Aircraft Group 36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing MAF Pacific
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October 1969 to 20 October 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462

COMMANDER

LtCol Rondell K. WOOD (1-23 Oct 69)

Maj Peter F. LOTTSFELDT (11-20 Oct 69)

Executive Officer

Maj Jack L. MAXWELL (1-4 Oct 69)

Maj Peter F. LOTTSFELDT (5-13 Oct 69)

Maj Thomas W. AMES (11-20 Oct 69)

Operations Officer

Maj Thomas W. AMES (11-20 Oct 69)

Maintenance Officer

Maj Darryl L. CLASEN (1-10 Oct 69)

2. LOCATION

HMH-462 1-20 October 1969 HUE/PHU BAI RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
33	185	0	0

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 logged 187.4 hours during the period of 1 - 20 October 1969. Since HMH-462 in September had removed all the air support bases supplied by Vandegrift LSA except Fuller, there were few frags issued to the squadron in October, and on 12 October HMH-462 stood down to prepare for embarkation. Embarkation commenced on 19 October 1969, and by 20 October 1969 the squadron was aboard LPH-11 except for two aircraft which had to be left behind to be placed in an up status by MAG-16. These will be shipped to HMH-462 at a future date. In loading aboard ship unsupported, HMH-462 flew 164 sorties completing 105 tasks. In embarking the pilots of HMH-462 flew 73.8 hours hauling 189 passengers and 206.7 tons of cargo. On 20 October 1969, HMH-462 sailed for Okinawa ending her support of the men in the area.

HMH-462's Civic Action program for October was highlighted by the donation of a hundred dollars to each of the two orphanages they support. The squadron coffee mess sent \$100.00 to the Phu Luong orphanage so Pastor Jonah could continue his work. The Kim Luong orphanage in Hue received \$100.00 from a Catholic Seminary in the states. In addition to this money, boxes of used clothing were taken to each orphanage where squadron personnel made their final visits. Regretfully, on 21 October 1969, HMH-462 discontinued its support of the orphanages when she loaded the last of her men aboard ship and set sail for Okinawa.

On 14 October 1969, LtCol R. K. WOOD relinquished command of HMH-462 to Maj. P. F. LOTTSELDT at a change of command ceremony held at Phu Bai.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL: No significant events
2. ADMINISTRATION: On 14 October 1969, LtCol R. K. WOOD relinquished command of HHM-462 to Maj P. F. LOTTSFELDT.
3. CIVIC ACTION: The squadron's Civic Action program was highlighted by the donation of a hundred dollars to both the Phu Luong and the Kim Luong orphanages. The money for the Phu Luong orphanage was donated by the squadron coffee mess fund, and a Catholic Seminary from the states donated \$100.00 to the Kim Luong orphanage.
4. AWARDS: No significant events.
5. INTELLIGENCE: No significant events.
6. HHM-462 logged 187.4 flight hours, comprising 372 sorties to complete 260 tasks. A total of 343.8 tons of cargo and 728 troops were transported. A breakdown of air operations consists of:

UNITS SUPPORTED	FLT HOURS	SORTIES	TASKS	TONS LIFTED	TROOPS LIFTED
3RD MAR DIV	20.0	90	73	95.3	21
1ST MAW	163.0	271	202	240.2	596
ARVN'S	4.4	11	5	7.3	1

SPECIAL OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN:

HHM-462 did not support any operations in RVN during the month of October.

8. LOGISTICS: No significant events.
9. MAINTENANCE: During the month of October 1969, HHM-462 had substantial decreases in documented NOR scheduled maintenance, unscheduled maintenance, and NOR supply time. NOR'S "G" items were approximately 12 items per day.