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Command Chronology 19 May to 31 May 1968

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. SQUADRON STAFF

Commanding Officer	Major W. H. SHAUER JR.	19-31 May
Executive Officer	Major E. A. HOUSE	19-31 May
Administrative Officer	Captain G. W. RUSSELL JR.	19-31 May
Operations Officer	Captain C. S. CHAMPION	19-31 May
Intelligence Officer	Captain R. E. BELL	19-31 May
Logistics Officer	Captain G. G. ARMSTRONG	19-31 May
Maintenance Officer	1stLt J. H. GARBRICK	19-31 May

2. LOCATION

a. Throughout the reporting period, HMM-362 functioned as a helicopter transport squadron attached to Marine Aircraft Group 36.

b. HMM-362 was located at MCAF Phu Bai, RVN, 19-31 May 1968.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
48	227	1	3

a. During the reporting period, HMM-362 had the following detached aboard the USS Princeton located at Cubi Point, Philippines.

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
11	97	0	2

2. IMPORTANT VISITORS

Chief of Staff, Ninth MAB, Colonel J. A. ETHERIDGE, flew with the Philippine Detachment on 29 May 1968.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, 19-31 May 1968, HMM-362 located at MCAF Phu Bai, was under the operational control of Marine Aircraft Group 36. The primary activities during this period were day and night Medevacs, combat resupply, VIP chase, administrative and logistic missions.

HMM-362 was in support of operation Scotland during the reporting period. Two aircraft were fragged daily as the Khe Sahn working birds. Two aircraft were used the majority of the period as Day Medevac at Quang Tri. The aircrafts were also used for resupply and troop lifts.

Although restricted by having only 14 aircraft at Phu Bai, HMM-362 still flew over 500 hours and completed successfully all its assigned missions.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 19 May - Pestkiller Medevac working at Quang Tri carried out 22 medevacs on nine different missions. The medevac aircraft took .50 caliber and small arms fire on three occasions, but although hit, was not deterred from its mission.
- 21 May - HMM-362 completed two reconn inserts under difficult climatic conditions. An emergency extract would have proven most difficult if not impossible due to the limited lifting capability, attributed to the high density altitude. One aircraft was slightly damaged when its tail section struck a tree during the final stages of its approach to the landing zone.
- 25 May - While in the process of leaving the pickup zone with two emergency and two priority medevacs, mortar fire was encountered by the Pestkiller Quang Tri medevac aircraft at YD 271719, but received no hits.
- 30 May - Two Khe Sahn working birds from HMM-362 boosted the morale of the outlying units, by delivering 2000 pounds of Ice Cream provided by 1st MAW Food Services.