

Command Chronology 9 July to 21 July 1968

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. SQUADRON STAFF

Commanding Officer	Major W. H. SHAUER Jr.	9-21 July
Executive Officer	Major E. A. HOUSE Major H. P. JONES	9-12 July 13-21 July
Administrative Officer	Captain R. E. REED-HILL	9-21 July
Operations Officer	Captain C. S. CHAMPION	9-21 July
Intelligence Officer	Captain R. E. BELL	9-21 July
Logistics Officer	Captain R. I. HARKLESS	9-21 July
Maintenance Officer	1stLt J. H. GARREICK	9-21 July

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 MCAP Phu Bai, RVN, 9-21 July 1968.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN
OFF	<u>38</u>	<u>ENL</u> <u>168</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>1</u>
			<u>ENL</u> <u>2</u>

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

	USMC		USN
OFF	<u>2</u>	<u>ENL</u> <u>40</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>0</u>
			<u>ENL</u> <u>1</u>

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, 9-21 July 1968, HMM-362 located at MCAF Phu Bai, was under the operational control of Marine Aircraft Group 36. The primary activity during this period was furnishing "Command and Control" helicopters to the Marine regiments in northernmost I Corps. These aircraft were utilized for Medevac, resupply, administrative and logistic tasks.

The aircraft of HMM-362 normally supported the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 9th Marine Regiments. In addition, aircraft also worked directly for Dong Ha DASC and Stud DASC. Although the pilots knew who they were supporting, they were generally not aware of what operation they were supporting. This was due to the manner in which the aircraft were fragged. The squadron was simply told to send ten aircraft to Dong Ha DASC, which in turn assigned them mission numbers, but was unable to give them the "names" of operations they would be supporting.

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PART IV

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

1. FLIGHT DATA

9-21 Jul 68

DRAGON PALACE II

Flight Hours	874.6	10.5
Sorties	2601	38
Pax/Troops	2622	56
Tons of Cargo	52.2	3.0
Casualties	0	0
Shipboard Landings (Day)	0	0
Shipboard Landings (Night)	0	0

2. AWARDS

None.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

9 July - HMM-362 offloaded from USS Princeton to MCaf Phu Bai, changing OpCon to MAG-36.

11 July - HMM-362 provided 10 aircraft for support of 1st MAW, flying a total of 70.4 hours. All missions were successfully completed.

13 July - HMM-362 provided 10 aircraft for support of 1st MAW, flying a total of 76.8 hours. All missions were successfully completed.

15 July - HMM-362 provided 10 aircraft for support of 1st MAW, flying a total of 63.3 hours. All missions were successfully completed.

18 July - HMM-362 provided 10 aircraft for support of the 1st MAW, flying 71.8 hours. All missions were successfully completed.

21 July - HMM-362 provided 10 aircraft for support of 1st MAW, flying 73.4 hours. All missions were successfully completed while the squadron packed up in preparation for back-loading aboard the USS Princeton on the morning of 22 July 1968.

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