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(4) HMM-362 Command Chronology July 1969
(5) HML-367 Command Chronology July 1969
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1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted for the month of July 1969.

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PART I

Organizational Data

1. Commander and Staff of MAG-36 and attached Squadrons.

MAG-36

CO	1 - 9 July	COL	HERBERT J. BLAHA
CO	10 - 31 July	COL	NOAH C. NEW
XO	1 - 31 July	LTCOL	RALPH THUESEN
ADJ	1 - 10 July	CAPT	THOMAS R. PRESTON
ADJ	11 - 31 July	CAPT	BOBBY L. HARBISON
S-1	1 - 13 July	LTCOL	FRED E. LACEY
S-1	14 - 31 July	MAJ	HOWARD D. GRESS Jr.
S-2	1 - 31 July	CAPT	GUY R. HANSEN
S-3	1 - 31 July	LTCOL	MERLIN V. STATZER
S-4	1 - 16 July	MAJ	KENNETH P. PALMER
S-4	17 - 31 July	MAJ	JOHN J. McMENAMIN
GSO	1 - 31 July	LTCOL	OLIVER R. BARRITT
Spl Serv O	1 - 26 July	CAPT	RAYMOND C. PARKER
Spl Serv O	27 - 31 July	1STLT	KEN J. DAVIS
Fiscal O	1 - 31 July	CAPT	ROBERT B. GAUNTNER
Chaplain	1 - 31 July	LCDR	BASIL H. STRUTHERS
MTO	1 - 31 July	1STLT	RICHARD A. DITTMAN
Flt Sur	1 - 31 July	LCDR	DAVID D. PARKER
Emb O	1 - 31 July	CWO-2	JOSEPH J. KOSINSKI
Ord O	1 - 31 July	CWO-2	RAYMOND F. GOLON
AMO	1 - 31 July	MAJ	CHARLES A. CAREY
Comm O	1 - 31 July	CAPT	LUIS A. JUAREZ
CivAct O	1 - 31 July	1STLT	GARY G. SNEAD
ASO	1 - 31 July	MAJ	JAMES D. STRICKLAND
NATOPS O	1 - 31 July	CAPT	DAVID E. COX
Legal O	1 - 10 July	CAPT	THOMAS R. PRESTON
Legal O	11 - 31 July	CAPT	BOBBY L. HARBISON
SGTMAJ	1 - 31 July	SGTMAJ	JAMES R. SKINNER

H&MS-36

CO	1 - 31 July	LTCOL	JAMES B. BELL
XO	1 - 31 July	MAJ	CHESTER L. WHIPPLE
OPSO	1 - 19 July	MAJ	JOHN C. ELY
OPSO	20 - 31 July	1STLT	WALTER S. COVER

MABS-36

CO	1 - 31 July	LTCOL	RONALD E. NELSON
XO	1 - 31 July	MAJ	WILLIAM J. SHRINER
Airfield Ops	1 - 31 July	MAJ	EDWIN W. LOCKARD

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MATCU-68

OIC	1 - 31 July	CAPT	WILLIAM E. McCOLLUM

*HMM-164 "DET A"

OIC	1 - 8 July	MAJ	DONALD D. WILSON

HMM-362

CO	1 - 31 July	LTCOL	JACK E. SCHLARP
XO	1 - 5 July	MAJ	BILLY G. WILKISON
XO	6 - 31 July	MAJ	LOUIS G. SASSO
OPSO	1 - 5 July	MAJ	GEORGE E. PRATT
OPSO	6 - 31 July	MAJ	BOBBY G. ANTHUS

HML-367

CO	1 - 31 July	LTCOL	BOBBY R. WILKINSON
XO	1 - 13 July	MAJ	HOWARD D. GRESS Jr.
XO	14 - 31 July	MAJ	JOHN M. COYKENDALL
OPSO	1 - 13 July	MAJ	JOHN M. COYKENDALL
OPSO	14 - 31 July	MAJ	MALCOIM T. HORNSBY Jr.

HMH-462

CO	1 - 31 July	LTCOL	RONDELL K. WOOD
XO	1 - 31 July	MAJ	JACK MAXWELL
OPSO	1 - 11 July	MAJ	JOHN A. HELLRIEGEL
OPSO	12 - 31 July	MAJ	LAMAR V. PHILLIPS

* HMM-164 "DET A" Departed MAG-36 and reported OPCON to 9th MAB on 8 July 1969.

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

UNIT	LOCATION	DATE
MAG-36	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 31 July
H&MS-36	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 31 July
MABS-36	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 31 July
MATCU-68	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 31 July
HMM-164 DET "A"	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 8 July
HMM-362	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 31 July
HML-367	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 31 July
HMH-462	HUE/PHU BAI	1 - 31 July

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3. Average Monthly Strength

UNIT	MAR OFF	MAR ENL	NAV OFF	NAV ENL
H&MS-36	56	384	0	0
MABS-36	15	560	2	21
MATCU-68	8	52	0	0
HMM-362	40	169	1	0
HML-367	43	132	1	0
HMH-462	35	165	1	0
TOTAL	197	1462	5	21

4. Important Visitors to MAG-36

a. 4 July 1969, Col. L. L. ORR USMCR, prospective assistant G-2 1st MAW. He was briefed by the CO MAG-36 and his staff...

b. 9 July 1969, Maj. Gen. C. J. QUILTER USMC, CG 1st MAW, Maj. Gen. NGO QUANG TRUONG, ARVN, CG 1st ARVN DIV, Brig. Gen. A. R. BOLLING, USA, CofS XXIV Corps, Brig. Gen. R. H. SPANJER, USMC, CG 1st MAW Auxiliary Headquarters, Capt. R. H. TROWER, USN, 1st MAW Chaplain, Capt. A. W. WALTON, USN, CO 32nd NCR, Col. E. A. PARNELL, USMC, CO PMAG-39, Col. W. F. GOGGIN, USMC, CO 4th Marines, Col. H. L. GIVENS Jr., USA, Dep Cof S XXIV Corps, Col. H. H. HIESTAND, USA, Senior US Advisor to 1st ARVN Div., Col. C. N. LeTELLIER, USA, XXIV Corps Engineer, Col. J. P. DOYLE, USA, CO 85th MedEvac Hospital and Archbishop Phillip Nguyen Kin Dien, of the Archdiocese of Hue. They were distinguished guests of MAG-36 at the change of command ceremony in which Col. HERBERT J. BLAHA relinquished command of MAG-36 to Col. NOAH C. NEW.

c. 10 July 1969, Maj. Gen. W. G. THRASH, USMC, prospective CG 1st MAW and Brig. Gen. R. H. SPANJER, USMC, CG 1st MAW Auxiliary Headquarters. They were briefed by the CO MAG-36 and his staff.

d. 21 July 1969, Col. R. A. SAVAGE, USMC, prospective CO MWSG-17 and Col. N. E. HEFFERNAN, USMC, prospective CO MAG-11. They received an operational briefing from the CO MAG-36 and his staff.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During July 1969, MAG-36 participated in the following operations providing support to III MAF, U.S. ARMY, Republic of Vietnam Forces and Republic of Korea Marine Corps.

Prairie Fire	Virginia Ridge
Herkimer Mountain	Utah Mesa
Arlington Canyon	Iroquois Grove

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Georgia Tar
Idaho Canyon
Pipestone Canyon
Durham Peak
Victory Dragon XIII

2. Operational Highlights

a. During the month of July, MAG-36 provided a daily average of 8 UH-34D, 4 CH-53A, and 5 UH-1E aircraft to augment FMAG-39 in support of the 3rd Marine Division. In addition, two UH-1E aircraft were provided in support of "Prairie Fire", four CH-46A aircraft were provided to augment MAG-16 on six different occasions and two CH-53A aircraft augmented MAG-16 on nine different occasions. Also on nine different occasions, from one to three UH-1E aircraft were provided to augment MAG-16.

b. On 15 July, a UH-1E aircraft from HML-367 was shot down while participating in operation "Prairie Fire". The aircraft received strike damage but all crew members were rescued. One crewmember received minor injuries.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Air Operations

a. MAG-36 accomplished the following during the month of July:

(1)	Flight Hours	4007.4
(2)	Sorties	14,643
(3)	Passengers Carried	13,918
(4)	Tons of Cargo Carried	6135.4
(5)	Medical Evacuees Carried	46

The above figures do not include C-117D statistics which were 90.0 flight hours, 138 sorties, 1,009 passengers and 36.3 tons of cargo carried.

2. Intelligence

a. Enemy Action.

(1) There were 4 rocket attacks during the month of July. These attacks took place on the 7th, 11th, 22nd and 25th of July. There were negative casualties or damage to MAG-36 area.

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(2) Enemy activity for this reporting period was light with only minor contacts in the local villages that were mostly political and terrorist type activity. The next two weeks could possibly show an increase in enemy activity. This feeling is based on agent reports that indicate the enemy will be commencing an offensive during August.

b. Intensity of fire received by grid zones.

AT - 1FI/1HIT	YD - 10FI/1HIT
BT - 1FI/1HIT	XD - 8FI/1HIT
ZD - 1FI/0HIT	CLASS COORD - 3FI/2HIT

c. Incident/Statistics

Fire incidents - - - - - - - - - - -	24
Aircraft hit - - - - - - - - - - - -	6
Fire incidents to hours flown - - -	1 x 166.9
Hit incidents to hours flown - - -	1 x 667.9
Hit incidents to fire incidents -	1 x 4 (25%)

d. Aircraft Statistics

Forced to land - - - - - - - - - -	6
Recovered - - - - - - - - - - - -	5
Destroyed - - - - - - - - - - - -	1

e. Enemy Killed by Air (KBA)

KBA (Confirmed) - - - - - - - - - -	60
KBA (Probable) - - - - - - - - - -	0

3. Logistics

a. The Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS) performed smoothly again this month. The peak day for fuel dispensed was 19 July 1969 with 6,927 gallons of 115/145 AvGas and 22,214 gallons of JP-4. Total fuel dispensed for the month was 127,297 gallons of 115/145 and 512,268 gallons of JP-4.

b. Principal H&MS-36 Maintenance Section activities during the month were:

(1) Processed or repaired

(a) 44 Engines
(b) 14 Transmissions
(c) 6 Rotor heads
(d) 9 Tail rotors
(e) 47 Miscellaneous dynamic components

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(2) Aircraft received - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 0

(3) Aircraft transferred - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1

(4) Aircraft enroute to PAR - - - - - - - - - - - - 1

(5) Aircraft received for battle damage repair - 0

(6) Aircraft received for IMA rework- - - - - - - 9

(7) Aircraft completed repair and rework - - - - 9

(8) Wash rack completed and operating - - - - - - 1

c. Base Development

(1) The air-conditioning of the EM Club has been further delayed due to extensive rewiring requirement and the lack of a power source.

(2) A new 150 KW generator is in place and ready to be wired to the dispensary as soon as the required parts can be procured. This will liberate the existing 75 KW generator to fulfill the EM Club requirement.

(3) Resurfacing of the helo parking area between "B" and "C" taxiways is still in progress and should be completed in September.

(4) All 1st MAW sponsored MILCON project at MAG-36 are on temporary hold due to lack of construction funds.

(5) Lack of the proper materials has temporarily halted the construction of the Armco revetments around the jet engine test cell.

(6) The Group Supply Administration Bldg. is completed except for light fixtures. Lack of material is again the problem.

4. Administration

a. During the first two weeks in July, the personnel level in MAG-36 decreased in both officer and enlisted ranks, however, a subsequent increase during the latter part of the month returned the personnel situation to normal.

b. The Provisional Rifle Company experienced a continued build up of permanent personnel joining, one officer and six enlisted.

c. The Civic Action Section reports that the addition to the dispensary in Thuy Phu Village is completed. Construction has begun on a four room school house in Phu Bai III.

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d. Fifteen children from Thuy Phu Village were brought to MAG-36 for a picnic and a movie.

e. Eighty orphans were taken on a sightseeing tour of the Hue Citadel.

f. Construction was completed on a five room school house in the Phu Long refugee camp.

g. Casualties for July included:

	Officer	Enlisted
Hospitalizing injuries non-hostile, USMC	2	17
Hospitalizing injuries non-hostile, USN	0	0
WIA	4	1
KIA	0	0
MIA	0	0
Killed non-hostile, USMC	0	0
Killed non-hostile, USN	0	0

h. Weekly visits to hospitalized Marines at 22nd Surgical Hospital, Phu Bai, and the 85th Evacuation Hospital, Phu Bai, were made by senior officers of the Group.

5. Inspections

a. There were no inspections of MAG-36 Units during the month of July.

6. Off-Duty Education. The MAG-36 off-duty education program continued during July. Progress is as follows:

a. C-151 General Math 1. This course was completed in July. Eight students took the end of course test.

b. E-100 Ninth Grade English 1. This course was completed in July. Five students are ready to take the end of course test.

c. D-300 Bookkeeping and Accounting 1. This course was completed in July. Four students are ready to take the end of course test.

d. C-108 College Preparatory English. One student completed the course in July.

e. The following tests were given.

(1) GED test -9 Students
(2) GED achievment test - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -7 Students
(3) Comprehensive College test - - - - - - - - - - - -3 Students

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7. Chaplain Services

a. During the month of July, the assigned Chaplains conducted Divine Services for personnel of the Protestant and Catholic faiths. Divine Services were available for Latter Day Saint personnel at the 26th General Support Group Chapel and for Jewish personnel at the XXIV Corps Chapel.

b. The Catholic Chaplain conducted Divine Services at PMAG-39 and MCB-1 each Sunday and for MCB-1 each Wednesday evening. The Catholic Chaplain also conducted weekly masses for outlying CAG units. The Protestant Chaplain conducted Divine Services at NSA, Colco Beach each week throughout the month. Hospital visits were made to MAG-36 personnel at the 85th Evacuation Hospital.

c. A total of 51 services were conducted aboard the MAG-36 compound with 978 personnel attending. Off-base services totalsd 22 with 488 in attendance. There were also 3 religious film showings with a total attendance of 105.

d. Three memorial services were conducted for men from 3rd CAG.

e. In addition to their primary duties, the MAG-36 Chaplains maintained contact with their Vietnamese counterparts. Visits made and assistance given was to the American Nuns, Christian Brothers and Catholic Orpanage in Hue; the Tin Lanh Chruch, School and Orphanages in Phu Luong and Hue; the An-Kanh Thuy-Luong-Hung Orphanage in Phu Luong and the refugee village in Phu Luong. Chaplain Civic Action gifts for the month consisted of 34 truckloads of fill dirt, 6 truckloads (6 x 6) of scrap lumber, 40 pounds of assorted foodstuffs, 70 pounds of assorted school supplies, 240 pounds of clothing, and substantial amounts of building materials including cement and sheet metal roofing.

f. The Chaplains arranged for four tours of Hue with a total of 57 men participating.

g. A Protestant Retreat was arranged by Chaplain STRUTHERS for all Wing personnel at the China Beach R&R Center, 4-6 July. About 70 men participated. Dr. Stuart HARVERSON, a Missionary Doctor to the Hroy Montagnard Tribesmen was the principal speaker.

h. A piano, vocal and organ recital was presented at the Chapel on 3 July 1969. Featured were Miss Kim Van and Mr. Vinh-Hung both from Hue. The presentation was most favorably recieved by the men.

i. Stone fencing and planting of shrubbery in front of the Chapel has been completed. Construction of small chapels on the second floor are nearing completion.

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8. Special Services

a. The following noteworthy Special Services events were conducted during July 1969.

DATES	EVENT	REMARKS
2 July	Stage Show	"The Green Machine" performed on the stage of the Amphitheater at 2000.
3 and 4 July	Picnic	Fourth of July celebration picnic held for MAG-36 at the Special Services area.
6 July	Stage Show	"The Peanuts and the Living Stone", performed on stage at the amphitheater at 2000.
13 July	Softball	The intramuaral season ended with "B" Company 5th Trans winning the Eastern Division Championship and the MAG-36 Championship. "L" company, Marine Service Battallion won the Western Division Championship.
21-27 July	Softball	The MAG-36 all star team entered and won the 1st MAW Championship.
1-31 July	Picnics	A total of 21 unit/squadron picnics were held during the month.
1-31 July	Colco Beach	A total of 16 units/squadrons participated in Colco Beach parties.

b. The following special projects were conducted and/or completed during the month:

PROJECT	DETAILS
Baseball Field	Graded and rebuilt in preparation for the Intramuaral playoffs.
50 Mile Club	Four certificates of completion of the 50 mile jogging club were earned and presented.

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Circuit Chief Meeting	Meeting held for all Movie Circuit Chiefs at Camp Eagle. Attended by Captain PARKER.
Skeet Shotguns	Eight guns transported to Okinawa for repair and blueing. Repair completed and guns returned.

9. Communications

a. The Communications Center processed 3,181 incoming and 771 outgoing messages for a total of 3,952 messages during the month of July. This is approximately 25 percent below the monthly average.

b. Installed a Radio Set RL-524 in the Operations Bunker to increase range and reliability of VHF communications.

c. Installed a Radio Set AN/GRC-125 in the MAG-36 Provost Marshal vehicle to enhance the Coordination of military police activities.

d. Provided public address support for the MAG-36 Change of Command Ceremony on 9 July and for an Awards Presentation by Major General SHRASH on 10 July. Public address support was also provided to XXIV Corps and I Corps during this reporting period.

e. Installed a Radio Set AN/PRC-25 in the Phu Bai Control Tower to provide an additional VHF capability.

f. Reworked the H&MS-36 TOM-20 cable system and replaced cable to increase reliability.

g. A TEMPEST Survey Team visited and inspected installations in the MAG-36 Communication Center. Preliminary verbal report of the team indicates that modification of some teletype equipment is necessary to lower electronic emanation to an acceptable level. A formal report will be forwarded through the chain of command on the overall results of the visit and inspection.

h. Continued to update the MAG-36 telephone system of installing a pair cable to service the MABS-36 Headquarters and the Quonset Hut area.

10. Base Defense

a. There were no fire incidents on the bunker line during the month.

b. Day and night patrols saturated the MAG-36 section of responsibility with no enemy sighting or contacts.

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