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HMM-164

June 1972

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 June to 30 June 1972

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>STAFF OFFICERS</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Commanding Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	LTCOL E. C. HERTBERG
Executive Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ D. J. MOORE
Operations Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ D. C. BRODIE
Administrative Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	CAPT J. B. MURRAY
Personal Affairs	1-30 Jun 1972	CAPT R. L. CALLIHAN
Maintenance Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ F. S. BELL
Logistics Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ T. W. TOLER
Intelligence Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	1STLT J. W. BERGMAN
Personal Services Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	1STLT R. H. DOUGHERTY
NATOPS Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	CAPT R. T. SARLES
Safety Officer	1-30 Jun 1972	MAJ H. A. MAKEEVER

Location: 1-7 June 1972, USS Okinawa (LPH-3) Subic Bay. 8-10 June 1972, USS Okinawa (LPH-3) enroute and arrived MR-1 RVN. 11-30 June 1972, USS Okinawa (LPH-3) MR-1 RVN.

Average Monthly Strength:	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>OFF/ENL</u> 58/249	<u>OFF/ENL</u> 1/2	<u>OFF/ENL</u> 0/0	<u>OFF/ENL</u> 59/251

Important Visitors: General R. E. CUSHMAN, Commandant, United States Marine Corps, 16 June 1972.

Awards: Air Crew Combat Wings - Three

Promotions: To Staff Sergeant - One
 To Sergeant - Seven
 To Corporal - Twelve
 To Lance Corporal - Nine
 To Private First Class - Two

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1 - 7 Jun - Local day and night training was conducted from NAS, Cubi Point to include day and night instrument and familiarization operations. Missions were flown in conjunction with BLT 1/4 including range sweeps, ammo and a one company lift insertion of FAC teams, and medevac standby. During the in-port period, the HERS System components were exercised and determined to be fully operational.
- 8 Jun - Squadron, aboard USS Okinawa (LPH-3), departed NB, Subic Bay for MR-1, RVN
- 9 - 10 Jun - Squadron conducted Safety Standdown. Training was conducted for both officers and enlisted in preparation for arrival MR-1. Two CH-53's and crews returned to HMM-164 from TAD with HMM-165 on USS Tripoli.
- 10 Jun - Chopped from 33rd MAU to 31st MAU and Commanding Officer, HMM-164 relinquished Command of 33rd MAU effective 101600Z June 1972.
- 11 Jun - One UH-1E was lost at sea due to probable engine failure. Uneventful rescue was made of crew by USS Okinawa's small boat. One medevac was lifted from DD-845 to USS Okinawa.
- 12 Jun - Two aircraft were sent to Phu Bai carrying MAU and squadron personnel to a planning conference.
- 14 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in DaNang and Hue.
- 15 Jun - Two medevacs were conducted by squadron aircraft: (1) DD-845 to USS Okinawa, (2) USS Manitowoc to DaNang.
- 16 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in DaNang and Hue.
- 17 Jun - Two CH-46's assisted in transporting CMC and Staff during visit of MR-1. Squadron personnel were addressed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General R. E. CUSHMAN.
- 19 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in Hue, along with MAU staff.
- 21 Jun - Two priority medevacs were carried from USS Cayuga to USS Okinawa.
- 22,- 23 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in Hue, along with MAU staff.

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- 25 Jun - Squadron personnel attended planning conference in Hue, along with MAU staff.
- 29 - 30 Jun - Operation "LAM SON - 72" (SONG THAN 9-72), commenced on 29 June with a helo assault involving HMM-164/HMM-165, "F" Troop, 4th Air Cav. and two battalions of the 258th BDE., First VNMV Div., supported by NGF, VNMV Arty., and U. S. Air Force B-52 strikes and close air support. A single assault wave of helo aircraft included 18 H-46's, 6 H-53's, and 3 H-1's of HMM-164/HMM-165 lifting 720 troops into each landing zone, with interval of 11 minutes between first aircraft in and last aircraft out of the zone. This squadron lifted 769 passengers and flew 99 sorties, amounting to 52.3 hours of flight time for the 29th. Ten H-46's, 3 H-53's, and 1 H-1 from HMM-164 participated in the lift while 1 H-53 and 1 H-1, acted as spare aircraft. Escort and landing zone support were provided by 6 Cobra's, 2 LOH's, and 1 H-1 from the "F" Troop, 4th Air Cav. Fire was received in both zones. One aircraft received one small arms round in the cockpit, resulting in no injury. A total of 650 rounds of .50 caliber ammo were expended by HMM-164.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Significant Events

- 1 - 7 Jun 72 - Continuation of local training at Cubi Point and support of BLT 1/4 operations afield.
- 8 Jun 72 - Depart Cubi Point.
- 9 - 10 Jun 72 - Safety Standdown; detachment of 2 CH-53 return from HMM-165.
- 10 Jun 72 - Chopped from 33rd MAU to 31st MAU.
- 11 Jun 72 - One UH-1E lost at sea.
- 12 Jun 72 - Planning conference at Phu Bai.
- 14 Jun 72 - Planning conference in DaNang and Hue.
- 16 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.
- 17 Jun 72 - CMC visit to MR-1.
- 19 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.
- 21 Jun 72 - Medevac

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22 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.

23 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.

25 Jun 72 - Planning conference in Hue.

27 Jun 72 - Communication equipment for support of "LAM SON - 72"
(SONG THAN 9-72) inserted North of Hue.

29 Jun 72 - Operation "LAM SON - 72" (SONG THAN 9-72).

2. Marine of the Month for June 1972: Corporal Michael R. EASTEP.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

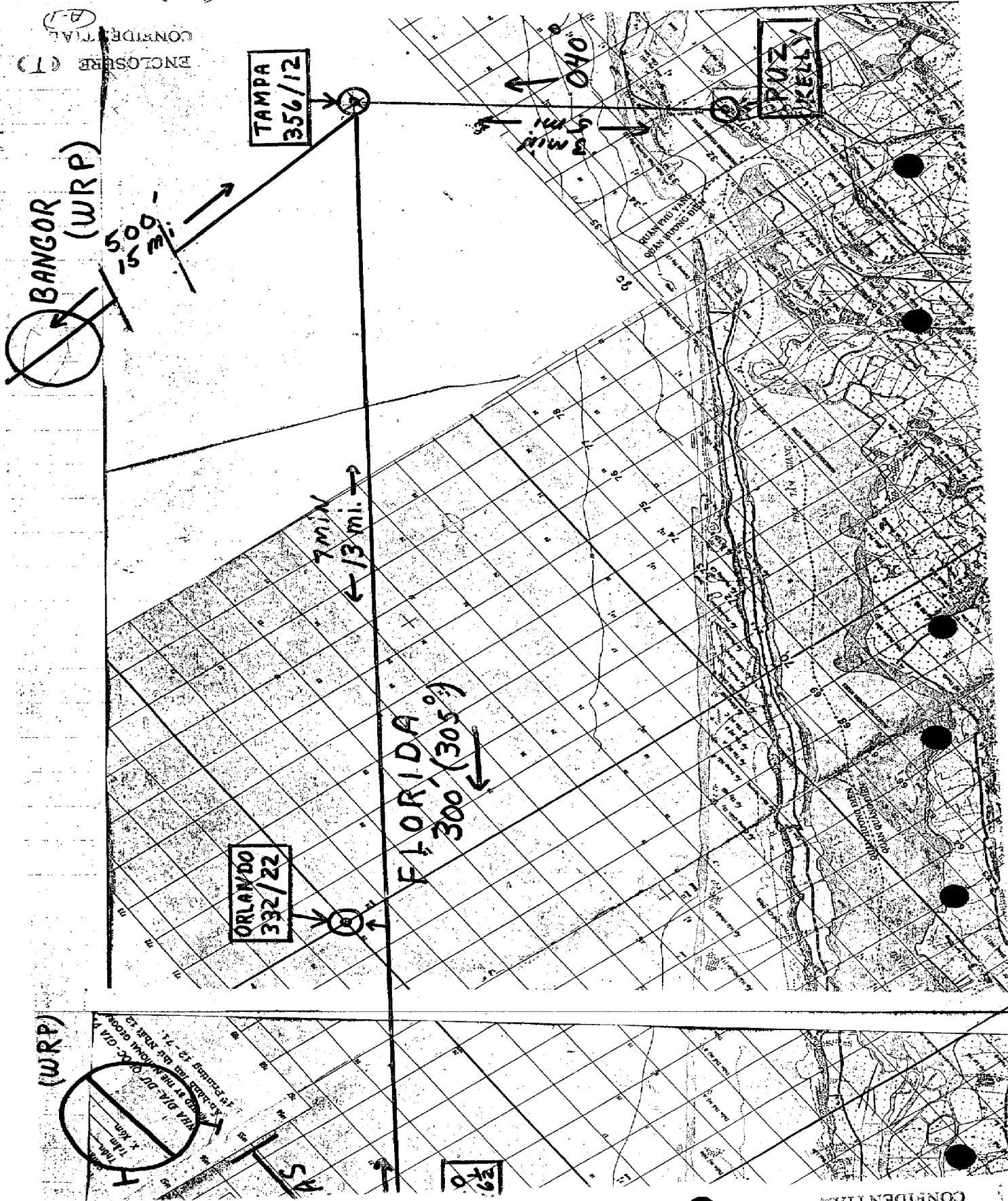
1. Appendix A - Map of Operation Area, assault landing zones, and route structure; preliminary congratulatory messages and helo timetable for "LAM SON - 72" (SONG THAN 9-72).

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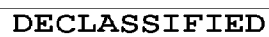
2. Appendix B - Statistical Summary 1-30 June 1972.

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APPENDIX A



1st Lift

HELO Time Table

Flight Separation 150 SEC.

L/H Hour 0905

FLIGHT	NO. 4 PIC	DECK	LAUNCH	DEPART				HOLD	HOLD	IN FLAMING	ARR WRP	REMARKS
				WRP	Tampa	Kelly						
10-1 Lady Ace	2H46	TriP LPH10	0735	0737	-	-	-	WRP	-	-	-	Air Boynes
2-1 Spanish Fly	6H46	OKI LPH3	0720	0722	0730	0815	-	ORLANDO 0832	→		ACTUAL LZ TIMES 0918	
"	1-1	1H-1	LPH3	0645	0849	WACO 0800	0815	-				
1-2 Lady Ace	1H-1	LPH10	0645	"	"	"	-	Miami	-	-	"	
3-1 Spanish Fly	6H46	LPH3	0804	0806	0814	0822	-	ORLANDO 0838	→		0902:30	0918
4-1 Lady Ace	6H46	LPH10	0810	0812	0820	0828	-	WACO 0856:30				
1-3 Spanish Fly	1H-1	APH3	0645	-	ARRIVE ORLANDO	0825	-	ORLANDO 0930	-	KELLY	0940	
"	5-1	1H53	ST Louis LXA116	0816	0818	0826	0839	Tampa	0852	0907:30	0923	
5-2	"	"	PT O LSD31	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
"	5-3	"	MANI TOWAC LST118C	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
6-1 Lady Ace	"	"	Blue Ridge Lee 19	0827	0829	0837	0850	"	0854:30	0910	0925	0917
"	6-2	"	SALE NECTAR LST118C	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
"	6-3	"	MOBILE LXANS	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Spanish Fly	1H53	LPH3	0645	0738								

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FLIGHT SEPARATION 15 SEC
L/H HOUR 1100

HELLO Time Table

FLIGHT No.	DECK	DEPART			HOLD	DEPART HOLD	IN	ARR	REMARKS
		WARR	WRR	Tampa Kelly					
2-1	OKI	0940	0942	0950	1015	ORLANDO 1032	1100	1115	ACTUAL TIME 1122
"	1H-1	KELLY 1015	-	-	-	WACO 1054	1100	1115	1104
1-2	"	"	-	-	-	-	-	1127	
3-1	"	"	-	-	-	WACO	-	"	
Spanish Fly 6H46	LPH3	1004	1006	1014	1022	ORLANDO 1051:30	1102:30	1118	
1-3	"	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Spanish Fly 1H-1	KELLY 1015	-	-	-	-	1100	-	1108	
1-4	"	"	-	-	-	Tampa 1043	1105	1120	
5-1	STLOWS	1010	1012	1020	1028	ORLANDO 1054	1105	1120	
Spanish Fly 1H53	LKX116	1018	1026	1039	-	Tampa 1049:30	1107:30	1123	
" 5-2	PT D	"	"	"	-	"	"	"	
" 5-3	LSD31	"	"	"	-	"	"	"	
"	MANI TOWAR	"	"	"	-	"	"	"	
"	AST1180	"	"	"	-	"	"	"	
1-5	BLUE	1027	1029	1037	1050	-	1110	1125	1114
6-1	RIDGE	"	"	"	-	1052	"	"	
" 6-2	SCHENEC TADY	"	"	"	-	"	"	"	
" 6-3	MOBILE LKX115	"	"	"	-	"	"	"	
1H53	TANMY	"	"	"	-	"	"	"	

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Reserve Lift
FLIGHT SEPARATION 150 SEC
L/H HOUR TBA

Helio Time Table

FLIGHT TYPE	NO. & AVE	DECK	DEPART		HOLD	DEPART HOLD	IN LZ	ARR WRP	REMARKS
			LAUNCH	WRP					
2-1	Spanish Fly	6H46	LPH 3	00					
" 1-1	"	1H-1	"	00					
Lady Ace 1-2	"	1H-1	LPH 10	00					
Lady Ace 4-1	"	6H46	"	05					
5-1									
Spanish Fly	1H53	LKA 116		10					
5-2	"	LSD 31		10					
5-3	"	1180							
		1ST		10					
Lady Ace 6-1	1H53	Blue Ridge		15					
Lady Ace 6-2	1H53	SCHENCK TADY		15					
" 6-3	1H53	LKA 115		15					
1-3									
Spanish Fly	1H-1	LPH 3		25					
3-1									
Spanish Fly	1H-1	LPH 3		15					
Lady Ace	2H-46	LPH 10		30					

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O 290345Z JUN 72
FM CTF SEVEN SIX
TO TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
TG SEVEN SIX PT SEVEN
TG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
TG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN
ZEN/USS BLUE RIDGE
INFO ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L //NO0000//

1. YOUR PERFORMANCE THIS MORNING WAS THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL. ALL HANDS SHOULD TAKE PRIDE IN THIS NEWEST DEMONSTRATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR NAVY MARINE TEAM IN SUPPORT OF THE VNMCA SHORE.
2. A PARTICULAR KUDO TO THE TWO EXPERTLY ORGANIZED AND PRECISELY EXECUTED LZ INSERTION OPERATIONS OF HMM-164 AND HMM-165 AND PARTICULARLY TO THE LEADERSHIP OF LCOL WERTBERG.
3. BRAVO ZULU SIGNED GADDIS.

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 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 TO ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN
 INFO ZEN/CTU SEVEN NINE PT FOUR PT TWO
 ZEN/CTU SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN PT TWO
 RHARSGG/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE
 RUMRABA/CTF SEVEN NINE
 RUACMA/CTU SEVEN NINE PT THREE PT FIVE

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1. OUTSTANDING AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY FOR OPERATIONS THIS DATE IS ELOQUENT TESTAMENT TO HIGH PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY PERSONNEL OF HM154 AND HM155.
2. WELL DONE
3. BGEN MILLER SENDS.

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O 30263Z JUN 72
 FM SENIOR MARINE ADVISOR
 TO CTF SEVEN SIX
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN
 CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE
 INFO CMC
 CINCPACFLT
 V
 CONSEQUENT WPLT
 CG FMFFAC
 CTF SEVEN NINE/III MAF
 FRAC (HLE)
 CHAVADVGP (SMA)

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1. OPERATION SONG THAN 9/72 HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY INITIATED AS A MILITARY REGION ONE CORPS OPERATION TO RETAKE THE MAJOR PORTIONS OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE.
2. THE COMMANDANT VMMC IS GREATLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE SUPERLATIVE SUPPORT PROVIDED THE VMMC WHICH ENABLED THEIR OFFENSIVE TO BE LAUNCHED WITH SUCH A SUCCESS. THE DEVASTATINGLY ACCURATE PREP FIRES BY NAVAL GUNFIRE IMMEDIATELY AIDED THE VMMC ATTACK. THE MULTI-BATTALION HELIBORNE ASSAULTS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE 9TH MAB WITH THE PROFESSIONAL-SHELL, COURAGEOUS PERFORMANCE, AND TIMELINESS WHICH ALLOWED VMMC FORCES TO BE SUCCESSFULLY INSERTED AND BLOCK THE ENEMY NORTHERN ROUTE OF ESCAPE.
3. THE COMMANDANT VMMC EXPRESSES A HEARTY THANK YOU AND WELL DONE TO ALL THOSE US FORCES WHOSE SKILLS MADE THE LAUNCHING OF THIS MAJOR OFFENSIVE POSSIBLE.

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APPENDIX B

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1-30 JUNE 1972

<u>A/C</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
CH-46	<u>218</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>1694</u>	<u>24.3</u>	<u>297.6</u>
CH-53	<u>64</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>1035</u>	<u>59.2</u>	<u>107.2</u>
UH-1E	<u>34</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>37.5</u>
TOTAL	<u>316</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>2743</u>	<u>83.6</u>	<u>442.3</u>

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