

DET. "A" MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 463  
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 Marine Aircraft Group 16  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF Pacific  
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From: Officer in Charge  
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 16

Subj: Command Chronology for March 1967

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1B  
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Encl: (1) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 Detachment "A" Command Chronology for March 1967

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the subject report is submitted as enclosure (1).
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), downgrade to unclassified.

  
 William R. BEELER  
 LtCol USMC

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DETACHMENT "A" MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 463  
MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM  
1 MARCH 1967 - 31 MARCH 1967

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1. (C) OIC LtCol William R. BEELER	23 December 1966
XO Maj Myrddyn E. EDWARDS	18 January 1967
S-1 1stLt Benjamin F. COLLINS	30 January 1967
S-2 2ndLt Samuel J. NICKELE	30 December 1966
S-3 Capt Donald M. FERRIS	30 December 1966
S-4 Capt Richard L. PHILLIPS	30 December 1966
Maintenance Officer Maj James L. SHELTON	23 December 1966

2. (C) Detachment "A" Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of South Vietnam, 23 December 1966 - 31 March 1967.

## 3. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

Officer 11NA

Enlisted 40

## 4. (C) Important Visitors to Command:

2 March 1967 - General TYLER, Quartermaster General, USMC, escorted by General ROBERTSHAW, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, Colonel FAIRMONT, and party visited the Detachment area to observe the CH-53A and the Detachment area.

7 March 1967 - Lieutenant General Victor H. KRULAK, USMC, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, and party of seven visited MAG-16 to observe CH-53A facilities, supplies, and operations. See Appendix A, Schedule of Events.

31 March 1967 - Lieutenant General H. W. BUSE, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, HQMC, and party visited Marble Mountain Air Facility for an orientation tour and briefing including a static display CH-53A and briefing by LtCol BEELER. See Appendix B, Schedule of Events.

**PART II. Chronological Summary of Month's Activities**

2 March 1967 - A CH-46A being carried from PHU BAI to Marble Mountain broke loose by ripping out the forward right hand attaching point from the CH-46. The aircraft impacted in DANANG Bay.

11 March 1967 - An Air Force CH-3C was lifted and carried 60 miles to Udorn, THAILAND. The damaged nose prevented carrying the aircraft faster than 30 knots. The damaged aircraft was set down in a field while the CH-53 returned to base for fuel. The CH-3C was picked-up again and recovery completed without further incident.

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24 March 1967 - During a routine field recovery of a UH-34D from BT Ø1563Ø, the CH-53A took four (4) hits. During climb-out from the zone.

25 March 1967 - The capability, versatility, and productivity of the CH-53 was proven today. Three (3) aircraft recovered one (1) UH-34D two (2) CH-46A helicopters; carried 12,000 gallons of fuel; transported 58 combat loaded troops, and carried two (2) 155mm howitzers. Major General NICKERSON, CG, First MARDIV (Rein), sent congratulations on a job well done to the CG, First MAW in reference to the 155mm howitzer lift by the CH-53. See message Appendix C.

### PART III. Significant Events

#### 1. (C) Personnel

a. Transferred: Ø Officers Ø Enlisted

b. Joined: Ø Officers 2 Enlisted

c. Promoted: One Staff Sergeant to Gunnery Sergeant.  
Two Corporals to Sergeant.

#### 2. (U) Administration

#### 3. (U) Awards

#### 4. (U) Casualties: None.

#### 5. (U) Civic Action: None.

#### 6. (U) Morale/Welfare Programs

#### 7. (U) Informational Services

8. (C) Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence: Only two (2) aircraft were hit this month. Both aircraft were hit during approach to or departure from secure zones.

#### 9. (C) Air Operations:

a. Hours Flown: 26Ø.5

b. Sorties: 527

c. Passengers: 925

d. Cargo: TOTAL: 782.ØT

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(1) Internal: No. Lifts 49 Ave. Load 3.2T TOTAL 155.7T  
 (2) External: No. Lifts 85 Ave. Load 5.5T TOTAL 466.8T  
 (3) TAR: No. Recoveries 35 Total Wt. 159.5T  
 Dollar Value: \$17.7 MIL

## (A) Type Aircraft Recovered:

UH-34D	<u>16</u>	Ave. Wt.	<u>4.3T</u>
UH-1E	<u>7</u>	Ave. Wt.	<u>3.3T</u>
CH-3C	<u>1</u>	Ave. Wt.	<u>5.1T</u>
CH-46A	<u>9</u>	Ave. Wt.	<u>6.2T</u>
O-1C	<u>1</u>	Ave. Wt.	<u>1.3T</u>

## 10. (C) Air Control:

a. Detachment Aircraft Radar Controlled: 38

b. Hours of GCA Operation: 6.8 Hrs.

11. (C) Special Operations: CH-53A aircraft flew limited sorties in support of Operation SHINING BRASS, FLASH GORDON, and the USAF CH-3C recovery at Udorn, THAILAND.

## 12. (U) Ground Defense

## 13. (U) NBC Warfare

## 14. (U) Command Relationships/Command and Control

## 15. (U) Training:

a. Completed JEST School: 7

b. Completed PACEF School: 1

c. New Crew Chiefs: 2

d. Crew Chiefs in Training: 3

e. Aerial Gunners in Training: 4

## 16. (U) Logistics

## 17. (U) Supply

## 18. (U) Motor Transport

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19. (U) Engineering

20. (U) Maintenance:

a. Four engines removed for calendar inspection.

b. Calendar inspection cycle completed on all aircraft.

c. Some priority AOPP items have not been received in as long as eighteen (18) days.

d. Average daily aircraft availability was 52.4%.

21. (U) Avionics

22. (U) Base Development/Military Construction

23. (U) Communications/Electronics

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## MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Visit by Lieutenant General Victor H. KRULAK, USMC, CG FMFPAC  
 on 7 March 1967

1. On 7 March 1967, the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Lieutenant General KRULAK, and a party of seven will visit Marble Mountain Air Facility.
2. The following schedule of events will be used during the subject visit:

<u>7 March 1967</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1545-1555	Enroute by halo to MMAF	Arrive HMM-164 Flight Line. Parked on VIP spot. Met by MAG-16 C.O. and escorted to HMM-164 Ready Room. HMM-164 provide taxi director.
1600-1605	LtCol Tweed brief on MAG-16 "Halo Instruction Team".	
1605-1625	LtCol Beeler's presentation on CH-53A	
1625-1635	Visit Supply Warehouse for Group Supply Officer's brief on HMM-463 supply procedures and stock inventory.	
1635-1645	Visit H&MS-16 Hangar for Grumman brief on support for CH-53A-Display Rotor System with defective Damper bearings	

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3: ADM: dtc  
 3700  
 28 March 1967

MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Visit to MAG-16 by Lieutenant General H. W. BUSE USMC, Deputy  
 Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, HQMC on 31 March 1967

1. On 31 March 1967, LtGen H. W. BUSE USMC, and a party of two will  
 visit Marble Mountain Air Facility for the purpose of an orientation tour  
 and briefing.

2. The official party will consist of:

LtGen H. W. BUSE USMC  
 Major H. B. LEBOUF, Jr. USMC Aide  
 Major G. H. WELSH USMC, Director of Personnel Representative

3. The following schedule will be used for the subject visit.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1630-1645	Enroute to MAG-16 by halo via Monkey Mountain and "B" Battery 1st LAAM	
1645-1724	View Static CH-53 and CH-46 on HMM-463 Flight line. Proceed to HMM-164 Ready Room for briefing by Maj. Plummer and LtCol Beeler on accomplishments of CH-46 and CH-53 respectively	Met by CO, MAG-16 at VIP Pad on HMM-164 flight line. Drive by jeep to static display. Adj. arranged for three star plaque for jeep.
1725	Depart MAG-16 by halo.	

*F. M. Hepler*

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MAIL APR 67  
FM CG FIRST MAW  
TO MAG ONE SIX  
P 290801Z MAR 67  
FM CG FIRST MAW BY FEIN  
TO CG MAW  
FOURTH BN ELEVENTH MARINES  
FIRST SHORE PARTNERS BN  
INFO CG TF XRAY  
CG 1ST MAW  
BT  
UNCLAS E F T O  
RELO UFT 135 HOMS  
B CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE  
B THE UFT OF 135 HOMS TO DUG PRO IS AN OUTSTANDING EXEMPLAR  
INITIATIVE, AND PROFESSIONAL TEAMWORK  
MCEN NICKERSON SENDS

290845Z APR 67  
For: DUG 135 HOMS 290845Z APR 67

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DATE	TOTAL				III MAF				ARVN				ROK				CARGO				TAR		
	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	LIFTS	INT	LIFTS	EXT	TYPE	WT	
1	0	0	0	0																			
2	6.0	12	20.0	8	6.0	12	20.0	8									1	3.5			1H-34		
3	4.7	11	18.3	1	4.7	11	18.3	1									1	0.6	3	9.7	2H-34	8.0T	
4	3.0	10	10.8	23	3.0	10	10.8	23									1	2.2			2H-34	8.6T	
5	0.0	0	0.0	0																			
6	2.6	4	4.3	0	2.6	2	4.3	0													1H-34	4.3T	
7	1.1	1	0.0	0	1.1	1	0.0	0															
8	3.1	7	3.0	6	3.1	7	3.0	6													10H-1E	3.0T	
9	1.1	3	0.0	1	1.1	3	0.0	1															
10	0.0	0	0.0	0																			
11	19.5	27	28.5	17	19.5	27	28.5	30									2	4.4	3	15.6	1H-3C	5.3	
12	11.8	17	26.9	27	11.8	17	26.9	27									1	0.3	3	14.7	10H-1D	3.6	
13	13.3	29	53.8	30	13.3	29	53.8	30									5	7.2	9	56.6	20H-3Y	8.6	
14	6.8	14	21.9	28	6.8	14	21.9	28									3	7.9	2	9.7	10H-3Y	4.3T	
15	4.6	9	9.4	8	4.6	9	9.4	8									2	4.3	2	5.1			
16	10.7	18	40.0	29	10.7	18	40.0	29									1	1.1	8	38.9			
17	14.4	31	62.1	48	14.4	31	62.1	48									5	4.5	11	53.3	10H-3Y	4.3	
18	1.3	23	20.3	95	1.3	23	20.3	95									2	3.0	0	0.0	30H-46	17.3	
19	8.1	19	19.0	69	8.1	19	19.0	69									6	10.0	0	0.0	10H-1E	3.0	
20	8.6	14	35.9	26	8.6	14	35.9	26									4	10.0	5	15.1	20H-46	10.8	
21	6.0	10	28.8	9	6.0	10	28.8	9									1	1.0	4	19.4	20H-3Y	8.4	
22	0.3	1	0.0	0	0.3	1	0.0	0															
23	1.3	2	0.0	0	1.3	2	0.0	0									0	0.0	6	25.8	10H-3Y	4.3	
24	10.0	19	30.1	9	10.0	19	30.1	9									1	5.6	9	51.9	20H-46	14.5	
25	19.8	38	72.0	58	19.8	38	72.0	58									2	7.4			30H-46	15.1	
26	9.7	13	22.5	39	9.7	13	22.5	39									2	10.8	8	29.2			
27	15.0	34	40.0	25	15.0	34	40.0	25									8	37.7	12	40.9	30H-46	8.0	
28	25.8	50	86.6	211	25.8	50	86.6	211									7.9		47.3	10H-1E	2.5		
29	21.1	56	57.7	32	21.1	56	57.7	32									20.3		44.9	10H-3Y	4.9		
30	14.7	36	36	40	14.7	36	36	40									6.0						
31	6.1	12	12	73	6.1	12	12	73															
TOT	260.5	527	782.0	925	260.5	527	782.0	925									49	155.7	85	466.8	17H-3Y	159.5	
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**DET. "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 1 MARCH 1967**

NO MISSIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE DAY. NEGATIVE REPORT SUBMITTED.

TOTAL FLIGHT TIME: 0.0

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LIFTED TWO UH-34 AIRCRAFT, ONE O-1C, AND ONE CH-46. 7,000LBS OF PARTS AND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT WERE CARRIED TO QUANG NGAI TO REPAIR DOWNED CH-53.

THE CH-46A ON AN EXTERNAL LIFT FROM PHU BAI TO MMAF BROKE LOOSE AND DROPPED TO THE WATER 150 YARDS WEST OF THE DEEP WATER PIER. NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONNEL INJURY. THE TWO FORWARD SLING STRAPS WERE RECOVERED WITH ONE HAVING THE AIRCRAFT ATTACHING POINT STILL ON IT. THE FORWARD ATTACHING POINT BROKE LOOSE FROM THE CH-46 LEAVING A 3 INCH SQUARE PIECE OF METAL IN THE LIFTING SLING.

TOTAL CARGO: INTERNAL: 3.5 TONS  
EXTERNAL: 16.5 TONS

TOTAL FLIGHT TIME: 5.4 HOURS

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**DET. "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 3 MARCH 1967**

MISSION 34 COMPLETED. AIRCRAFT CARRIED FUEL TO NUI DANG AND TWO 34'S TO DANANG FROM KY HA. 3 MARCH TOTALS INCLUDE ONE TEST HOP FLOWN 2 MAR 67.

TOTALS: FLIGHT TIME: 5.3 HOURS

CARGO: EXTERNAL: 16.5 TONS

INTERNAL: 0.6 TONS

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DET. "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 4 MARCH 1967

YH-9 RECOVERED FROM QUANG NGAI. MISSION 34 INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER.  
ACFT IS ROLLING AT PHU BAI TO COMPLETE MISSION 34 ON 5MAR67.

TOTAL FLIGHT TIME THIS MONTH: 11.4

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**DET. "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 5 MARCH 1967**

**INFORMATION AND STATISTICS FROM MISSION 34 NOT YET IN. NEGATIVE REPORT  
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INFORMATION AND STATISTICS FROM MISSION 34 NOT YET IN. MISSION 102 COMPLETE.  
RECOVERED ONE UH-34D FROM THE 155°R 6NM TO MMAF.

TOTALS: EXTERNAL CARGO: 4.3  
FLIGHT TIME: 0.4

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MISSION #34 OF 4 MAR 67 RETURNED. ONE UH-34 RECOVERED FROM YD 087655  
TO DONG HA. REMAINDER OF MISSION CANCELLED FOR WEATHER.

TOTALS: CARGO: EXT: 4.3  
INT: 0.5

FLIGHT TIME: 5.6 HOURS

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**DET. "A" HMM-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 8 MARCH 1967**

MISSION #34 ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER. ONE UH-1E LIFTED FROM KY HA TO MMAF.

TOTALS: CARGO: EXT: 3.0 T

FLIGHT TIME: 3.1 HOURS

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MISSION #34 ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER. MISSION 104 WAS LAUNCHED TO MONKEY MOUNTAIN 15 MINUTES AFTER A CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM MAG 16. THE MISSION WAS TO LIFT A WRECKED TRUCK FROM A MOUNTAIN SLOPE TO A ROAD BED, SO THE DRIVER COULD BE REMOVED FROM THE CRUSHED CAB. THE PILOT LANDED ON THE ROAD BED AND INVESTIGATED THE CRASH SITE BY JEEP DUE TO IFR CONDITIONS AT THE SITE. WHILE THE PILOT WAS AT THE SITE, A PHYSICIAN PRONOUNCED THE VICTIM DEAD AND A HEAVY LIFT CRANE ARRIVED. MISSION WAS SECURED AND AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO MMAF.

TOTALS: CARGO: NONE

FLIGHT TIME: 1.1 HOURS.

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**DET. "A" HML-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 10 MARCH 1967**

INFORMATION AND STATISTICS FROM MISSION #103 NOT YET IN. NEGATIVE  
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THREE AIRCRAFT UP TODAY. A CH-3C WAS LIFTED AND CARRIED 60NM. THE NOSE OF THE CH-3C WAS DAMAGED WHICH PREVENTED THE FUSELAGE FROM STREAM-LINING. A DROGUE CHUTE WAS USED BUT DEPLOYED NICELY AT A 90° ANGLE TO THE FLIGHT PATH. THE LOAD WAS UNSTABLE AND COULD NOT BE CARRIED FASTER THAN 30 KTS. FUEL CONSUMPTION WAS MUCH HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED DUE TO THE SLOW AIRSPEED. THE LOAD WAS SET DOWN IN A LEVEL FIELD, WHILE THE CH-53A RETURNED TO BASE FOR REFUELING. THE LOAD WAS PICKED UP AGAIN AFTER REFUELING AND THE MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

FUEL SHUTTLE FROM KY HA TO NUI DANG WAS RUN AND COMPLETED BY RETRIEVING A UH-34 FROM BS6299 TO KY HA.

TOTALS: CARGO: 19.0T

INT: 4.4T

EXT: 14.6T

TAR 2 A/C: 9.5T

1 HH-3C: 5.3T

1 UH-34: 4.2T

PAX: 30

FLIGHT TIME: 19.5 HRS.

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**DET. "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 12 MARCH 1967**

THREE AIRCRAFT RECOVERED IN ADDITION TO FUEL SHUTTLE BETWEEN KY HA AND NUI DANG. ONE UH-1D WAS CARRIED FROM MINH LONG TO MMAF. TWO UH-34D AIRCRAFT WERE CARRIED FROM DONG HA TO PHU BAI.

TOTALS: CARGO: TOTAL: 14.7 T  
EXT: 14.4 T  
INT: 0.3 T  
FLIGHT TIME: 11.8 HOURS  
  
TAR: 3 A/C 12.2 T  
1 UH-1D 3.6 T  
2 UH-34D 8.6 T  
PAK: 30

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**DET. "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 13 MARCH 1967**

THE AIRCRAFT CARRIED EXTERNALS FROM KY HA TO NUI DANG PLUS AN INTERNAL  
10,000lb. ROAD GRADER FROM QUANG NGAI TO MINH LONG.

TOTALS: CARGO: TOTAL 51.8 T  
EXT 46.6 T  
INT 7.2 T  
PASSENGERS: 30  
FLIGHT TIME: 13.3 HRS.

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MISSION #42 NOT COMPLETED. #1 AIRCRAFT DOWN AT DONG HA FOR MAINT. ALL RADIO GEAR WAS MOVED TO DONG HA AND COMM VAN RETURNED TO MMAF. THE TAR PORTION OF MISSION #42 COMPLETED WITH ONE UH-34D RETURNED TO MMAF FROM AN HOA. MISSION #43 COMPLETED. REMAINING STATISTICS FROM MISSION #42 WILL BE INCLUDED AT A LATER DATE.

TOTALS: CARGO: 19.4

EXT: 14.0

INT: 5.4

PAX: 20

FLIGHT TIME: 5.4

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#1 AIRCRAFT MISSION #42 14 MAR RETURNED FROM RON AT DONG HA. AIRCRAFT WAS UNABLE TO RECOVER CH-46 DUE TO DIFFICULTIES WITH SLING. MISSION#111 COMPLETED. MISSION #42 OF 15 MAR 67 WAS ABORTED DUE TO MECH DIFFICULTIES. #2 AIRCRAFT TOTALS OF 14 MAR MISSION #42 WERE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

TOTALS: CARGO: 11.9

EXT: 5.1

INT: 6.8

PAX: 16

FLIGHT TIME: 5.9

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ONE AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED ON MISSION #45 AND ABORTED FOR WEATHER. MISSION WAS  
RELAUNCHED WHEN WEATHER BROKE. #2 AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED LATE DUE TO MECHANICAL  
DIFFICULTIES.

TOTALS: CARGO: TOTAL: 50.0 T  
EXT: 38.1 T  
INT: 1.9 T  
PAX: 29  
FLIGHT TIME: 10.2 HRS.

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MISSION 50A LAUNCHED WITH ADDITIONAL CARGO OF ONE CH-46 ENGINE AND ONE CH-37 ENGINE. THE AIRCRAFT WAS DOWN AT DONG HA DUE TO A HYDRAULIC LEAK. AIRCRAFT WAS REPAIRED AND PROCEEDED TO KHE SANH FOR CH-46 RECOVERIES. FIRST RECOVERY WAS NOT READY UNTIL 1700. CH-46 COULD NOT BE LIFTED FROM ITS LOCATION. LIFTING SLING HAD TO BE CUT TO FREE IT FROM THE CH-46. AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO MMAF.

MISSION 45 INVOLVED TWO AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTING FUEL TO NUI DANG. MAG-36 REQUESTED THAT A UH-34 BE LIFTED FROM KY HA TO DA NANG. LAND LINE CONTACT WITH FLYING DISC WAS ATTEMPTED FOR OVER ONE HOUR WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PILOT ELECTED TO CARRY THE AIRCRAFT AND ATTEMPT CONTACT IN THE AIR. FLYING DISC WAS CONTACTED BY LANDSHARK, BUT DID NOT HAVE TIME TO POSITION RECOVERY CREW, SO PILOT CARRIED THE UH-34 TO MMAF.

TOTALS: CARGO: 62.1 T  
INT: 4.5 T  
EXT: 53.3 T  
TAR: 1 UH-34D: 4.3 T  
PAX: 48  
FLIGHT TIME: 14.4 HRS.

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MISSION 106 INCOMPLETE. ONE CH-46 FIELD RECOVERY INTO KHE SANH, TWO CH-46 AIRCRAFT LIFTED FROM KHE SANH TO DONG HA.

MISSION 34 WAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPECIAL OPERATING GROUP AND WAS INCOMPLETE.

MISSION 107 WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY.

TOTALS: CARGO: 20.3 T

INT: 3.0 T

EXT: 17.3 T

PAX: US: 43

ARVN: 52

FLIGHT TIME: 11.3 hrs.

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MISSION #44 COMPLETED.

MISSION #45: UH-34 WAS FLOWN OUT OF ZONE. PROCEEDED TO KHE SANH, AND LIFTED ONE UH-1E FROM KHE SANH TO MMAF.

TOTALS: CARGO: 13.0 T

EXT: 9.0 T

INT: 10.0 T

TAR: 1 UH-1E: 3.0 T

PAX: 69

FLIGHT TIME: 8.1 HRS

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MISSION #48 LAUNCHED LATE DUE TO WEATHER. ONE A/C LAUNCHED AT 1330 AND CARRIED COMM CANS TO DONG HA. THE SECOND A/C LAUNCHED AT 1600 WITH AN EXTERNAL GENERATOR. ONE H-46 WAS CARRIED FROM KHE SANH TO DONG HA. ONE GENERATOR WAS EXTERNALED FROM DONG HA TO MMAF.

TOTALS: CARGO: 35.9 T  
EXT: 25.9 T  
INT: 10.0 T  
PAK: 26  
FLIGHT TIME: 8.2 HRS.

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MISSION #48 LAUNCHED LATE DUE TO GROUND FOG. ONE UH-34D WAS EXTERNALED FROM MMIAF TO DANANG. ONLY ONE A/C WAS LAUNCHED ON MISSION #43 DUE TO A/C AVAILABILITY. ONE UH-34D WAS RECOVERED FROM NUI DANG TO KY HA AND FUEL WAS CARRIED TO NUI DANG.

TOTALS: CARGO: 28.8 T  
INT: 1.0 T  
EXT: 27.8 T  
PAK: 9  
FLIGHT TIME: 6.0 HRS.

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**DET. "A" HML-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 22 MARCH 1967**

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NO FLIGHT OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER. 1.3 HRS. FLOWN ON TEST HOPS.

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DET. "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 24 MARCH 1967

MISSION 49 AND 105 DELAYED DUE TO WEATHER. ON MISSION 105 A UH-34 WAS RECOVERED FROM BT/15630 TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN. AIRCRAFT TOOK FOUR HITS DURING CLIMB-OUT FROM ZONE.

BULK FUEL WAS CARRIED FROM KY HA TO NUI DANG. ONE AIRCRAFT WENT DOWN AT KY HA AND OTHER AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTED PARTS FROM MARBLE MOUNTAIN TO KY HA IN SUPPORT.

TOTALS: CARGO: 30.1T  
EXT: 30.1T  
PAX: 9  
FLIGHT HOURS: 10.0HRS.

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DET. "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 25 MARCH 1967

THE CAPABILITY, VERSATILITY, AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE CH-53 WAS PROVEN TODAY. ONE CH-46 WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE LIFT FROM DONG HA TO MMAF. ONE CH-46 WAS RECOVERED FROM THE FIELD AT NUI LOC SON TO MMAF. ONE UH-34 WAS RECOVERED FROM THE ROK CP TO DANANG. TWO 155 GUNS WHERE LIFTED FROM QUANG NGAI TO NUI DANG LSA, A FIRST FOR THE H-53. IN ADDITION TO THIS A TOTAL OF 12,000 GALS. OF AV GAS WAS CARRIED FROM KY HA TO NUI DANG FUEL FARM. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 19.8 FLIGHT HOURS.

TOTALS: CARGO: 72.0 T  
INT: 5.6 T  
EXT: 66.4 T  
PAX: 58 US  
FLIGHT TIME: 19.8 HRS.

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**DET. "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 26 MARCH 1967**

MISSION #44 WAS COMPLETED. ONE PERSONNEL CARRIER WAS CARRIED INTERNALLY FROM KY HA TO NUI DANG.

MISSION #49 COMPLETED RECOVERING TWO (2) CH-46s FROM DONG HA TO MMAF. THE AIRCRAFT THEN CARRIED CARGO AND PAX TO DONG HA AND RECOVERED ONE CH-46 FROM KHE SANH TO MMAF.

TOTALS: CARGO: 22.5 T  
INT: 7.4 T  
EXT: 15.1 T  
PAX: 39

FLIGHT TIME: 9.7 HRS.

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**DET. "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 27 MARCH 1967**

MISSION #43 WAS NOT COMPLETED. THE TWO AIRCRAFT CARRIED HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT FOR THE SEABEES. THE EQUIPMENT WAS MOVED FROM MINH LONG TO TIEN PHOUUC. THE AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT AND THE DISTANCE PRECLUDED COMPLETION IN ONE DAY. A TOTAL OF EIGHT (8) EXTERNAL LIFTS WERE COMPLETED.

**TOTALS:** CARGO: 40.0 T  
INT: 10.8 T  
EXT: 29.2 T  
PAX: 25  
**FLIGHT TIME:** 15.0 HRS.

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**DET. "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 28 MARCH 1967**

MISSION #49 WAS COMPLETED IN SUPPORT OF SOG AT KHE SANH. THE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED UPON COMPLETION TO MISSION 106 AND CARRIED TROOPS AND CARGO FROM PHU BAI TO DONG HA. ONE UH-1E WAS RECOVERED FROM AU 825065 TO PHU BAI AND ONE UH-1E FROM KHE SANH TO PHU BAI.

MISSION #50 WAS COMPLETED. TWO AIRCRAFT MOVED 155s AND AMMUNITION FROM QUANG NGAI TO MINH LONG. THE 105 PORTION OF THIS MISSION WAS CANCELLED BY THE SUPPORTED REGIMENT. MISSION #50 WOULD HAVE BEEN EXPEDITED AND GROUND TIME CUT DOWN BY THE USE OF FORKLIFTS AND THE CARGO PRE-PALLETIZED. ON COMPLETION OF MISSION #50 BOTH AIRCRAFT WERE ASSIGNED ADDITIONAL MISSIONS BY NAILFILE 3. BOTH AIRCRAFT WERE ASSIGNED TO MISSION #69 SHUTTLING FUEL TO NUI DANG. AFTER MISSION 69 WAS COMPLETED ONE AIRCRAFT FLEW MISSION #97 MOVING TROOPS FROM KY HA TO MINH LONG AND THE OTHER AIRCRAFT RECOVERED ONE UN-1E FROM AN HOA TO MMAF ON MISSION #109.

TOTALS: CARGO: 86.6 T  
INT: 37.7 T  
EXT: 48.9 T  
PAK: 211  
FLIGHT TIME: 25.8 HRS.

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DET. "A" HMM-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 29 MARCH 1967

MISSION 104 WAS COMPLETED INSUPPORT OF SQG. A LACK OF COORDINATION RESULTED IN LOST TIME TRYING TO COORDINATE FIXED WING AND HELOS. THE USE OF EXTERNAL LOADS USING CARGO NETS WOULD EXPEDITE RESUPPLY OF THE LZ, ON HILL 1739. ONE UH-1E HULK WAS RETURNED TO MMAF.

MISSION 103 WAS COMPLETED. TWO AIRCRAFT CARRIED FUEL AND TROOPS TO DUC PHO. THE NUMBER ONE AIRCRAFT RECEIVED ONE HIT JUST NORTH OF THE NUI DANG LSA.

MISSION 105 WAS NOT COMPLETED WITH SEVEN (7) LOADS REMAINING. TWO AIRCRAFT SHUTTLED CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT FROM MINH LONG TO TIEN PHOUUC.

TOTALS: CARGO: 57.7 T  
EXT: 473 T  
INT: 10.4 T  
PAX: 32  
FLIGHT TIME: 21.1 HRS.

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MISSION #40 WAS COMPLETED. THE SUPPORTED UNIT DID NOT HAVE CARGO READY FOR PICKUP ON TIME.

MISSION #43 WAS COMPLETED. CARRIED FUEL FROM KY HA TO NUI DANG AND TWO 155 FIELD GUNS FROM MINH LONG TO QUANG NGAI.

MISSION #102 WAS INCOMPLETE. CARRIED 1500 GALLONS OF FUEL AND 4,500 LBS OF OIL FROM MMAF TO HUE/PHU BAI. UNABLE TO COMPLETE FUEL LIFT DUE TO OTHER MISSIONS TAKING PRIORITY.

MISSION #104 WAS COMPLETED. FIELD RECOVERY OF ONE UH-34D TO HUE/PHU BAI.

TOTALS: CARGO: 71.1

INT: 20.3

EXT: 50.8

PAX: 40

FLIGHT TIME: 14.7

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DET "A" HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 31 MARCH 1967

MISSION #48 WAS COMPLETED. NC-5 TAKEN TO CHU LAI AND RETURNED WITH A NC-6.

MISSION #49 WAS CANCELLED IN FAVOR OF HIGHER PRIORITY MISSION.

MISSION #50 WAS INCOMPLETE. FIRST AIRCRAFT DEVELOPED MAINTENANCE DIFFICULTIES AND SECOND AIRCRAFT WAS LAUNCHED AFTER IT WAS RELEASED FROM STATIC DISPLAY. AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION AT NIGHT, BUT ABORTED DUE TO LOW VISIBILITY.

TOTALS: CARGO: 6.0 T  
INT: 6.0 T  
EXT: 0.0 T  
PAX: 73  
FLIGHT TIME: 6.1 HRS.

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