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Marble Mountain Air Facility
Republic of South Viet Nam
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Part I. Organizational Data

1. (C) C.O. LtCol Samuel G. Beal	21 Sep 66
K.O. Maj Kenneth H. Wilcox	1 Mar 67
S-1 Maj Thomas A. Goldsborough	1 Mar 67
S-2 Capt Bert E. G. Sandvoss	17 Jul 67
S-3 Maj Eugene W. Rawlins	1 Mar 67
S-4 Maj George F. Ebbitt	1 Mar 67

2. (C) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marble Mountain 23 May 1967-31 August 1967.

3. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

Officer 51 NA	4 A/G	1 USN
Enlisted 186		

4. (U) Important Visitors to the Command: None.

Part II. Narrative Summary:

2 August 1967 - Two (2) aircraft transported 127,650 pounds of cargo and 100 troops from Hill 63 to Que Son and Nui Loc Son.

3 August 1967 - One (1) aircraft transported 177,650 pounds of fuel from Cocoa Beach to Phu Bai in 8.2 flight hours.

7 August 1967 - Three (3) aircraft transported 146,340 pounds of cargo and 79 troops from Hill 63 to Que Son and Nui Loc Son.

7 August 1967 - Two (2) aircraft externally transported 64,000 pounds of lumber and building materials from LZ-467 to Que Son.

9 August 1967 - Three (3) aircraft externally lifted 130,940 pounds and 95 troops from Hill 63 to Que Son and Thien Phouc.

10 August 1967 - Two (2) aircraft transported 540 ROK Marines from the ROK CP to surrounding outposts.

10 August 1967 - Two (2) aircraft externally transported six (6) 155mm guns from Ha Thanh to Quang Ngai.

11 August 1967 - Six (6) 155mm guns from coordinates BT539025 to Thien Phouc.

11 August 1967 - Five (5) aircraft transported 68,000 pounds of cargo externally, 42,000 pounds internally, and 69 troops from Hill 63 to Viet An.

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13 August 1967 - 100,575 pounds of cargo and 22 troops were transported from Hill 63 to Thien Phouc by three(3) aircraft.

15 August 1967 - Three(3) aircraft transported 91,500 pounds of cargo in support of Task Force Oregon in the Duc Pho TAOR.

18 August 1967 - Two(2) aircraft transported 71,6000 pounds of cargo externally, 19,700 pounds of cargo internally and 103 troops from Hill 63 to Que Son and Viet An.

18 August 1967 - Three(3) aircraft transported 129,700 pounds of cargo, consisting of four(4) 155 mm guns and ammunition, and 165 troops from Hill 29 to Viet An.

19&20 August 1967 - During the two day period the squadron launched sixteen(16) aircraft to provide logistical support for Operation Cochise II. On 19 August 1967 eight(8) aircraft transported 121,900 pounds of 105mm Howitzers, ammunition, supplies, and 194 troops from Hill 63, Viet An, and Thien Phouc to LZ Dove. On 20 August 1967 eight(8) aircraft were launched to transport additional artillery and ammunition to LZ Dove. Despite the fact that the squadron provided three(3) officers to establish liaison with the landing zone control party the landing zone was not adequately prepared to receive the cargo. As a result a great amount of time was wasted on deck and in the air orbiting the drop zone.

21 August 1967 - Four(4) aircraft transported 97,240 pounds of ammunition, rations, and water from Tam Ky and Hill 63 to LZ Dove.

22 August 1967 - Four(4) aircraft transported 79,300 pounds of cargo externally and 16,800 pounds of cargo internally from LZ 23 and Hill 63 to LZ Dove.

24 August 1967 - 117,628 pounds of ammunition were transported from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh by four(4) aircraft.

25 August 1967 - Two(2) aircraft transported 135,800 pounds of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

27 August 1967 - Two(2) aircraft transported 109,000 pounds of ammunition externally and 5,900 pounds of ammunition internally from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

28 August 1967 - Three(3) aircraft transported 770 troops and 23,300 pounds of cargo from LZ 23 and Que Son to Ky Ha, Thien Phouc and Hill 63.

28 August 1967 - Marble Mountain Air Facility came under enemy rocket attack. Ten(10) aircraft were damaged as a result of one rocket impacting in the HMM-463 aircraft parking area.

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Part III. Significant Events

1. Personnel

a. Transferred: 2 Officers 2 Enlisted

b. Promoted: 2 Second Lieutenants to First Lieutenants
2 Corporals to Sergeants

2. (U) Administration:

a. During the month the squadron fulfilled it's Savings Bond quota by realizing 75% participation in the program.

b. On 25 August 1967 the squadron underwent an Administration and Material inspection. The squadron's overall grade was satisfactory with discrepancies.

3. (U) Awards:

a. Squadron Officers were awarded the following Air Medals:

First Award	20
Second Award	30
Third Award	17
Fourth Award	7
Fifth Award	5
Sixth Award	7
Seventh Award	1
Eighth Award	1
Tenth Award	1
Eleventh Award	1
Fourteenth Award	2
Fifteenth Award	2
Sixteenth Award	2

b. Squadron Enlisted personnel were awarded the following Air Medals:

First Award	55
Second Award	41
Third Award	18
Fourth Award	7
Fifth Award	4
Seventh Award	1
Tenth Award	1
Eleventh Award	1

c. On 16 August 1967 HH-463 held its first awards ceremony. Twelve(12) officers and twenty-eight enlisted men received Air Medals and Combat Air crewman Wings. Six(6) enlisted men were awarded Good Conduct Medals and three(3) enlisted men were awarded meritorious mast. Two(2) Corporals were also awarded meritorious promotions to Sergeant.

4. (U) Casualties: None

5. (U) Civic Action:

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a. The squadron received information on the construction of low cost, durable dwellings. The information was a synopsis of the study on this type of structure conducted by California Polytechnic Institute in 1963.

b. A letter was written to the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co. requesting information on the procurement of the pneumatic forms used in the construction of these dwellings.

6. Morale/Welfare: None

7. Informational Services: None

8. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence: Incidents of aircraft receiving fire at higher altitudes and airspeeds have increased during this period.

9. (C) Air Operations:

a. Hours flown: 1190.6

b. Sorties: 3678

c. Passengers: 19,169

d. Cargo: Total: 4259.4T

Internal: 2187.1T

External: 1976.2T

TARs 95.8T (24)

(1) Type Aircraft Recovered

UH-34	12
CH-46	1
UH-1E	10
O-1C	1

e. Average flight time per pilot: 46.7

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10. (C) Air Control:

a. Squadron aircraft radar controlled: 55

b. Hours of GCA Operation: 35.9

11. (C) HMM-463 participated in the following operations: Cochise, Cochise II, Hood River, Kangaroo Kick, King Fisher, and Freemont.

12. (U) Ground Defense: None

13. (U) Command Relationships/Command and Control: None

14. (U) NBC Warfare: None

15. (U) Training:

a. Crew Chiefs in training: 29

b. Aerial Gunners in training: 0

c. JEST School: 5

16. Logistics:

a. The twice daily TACLOG flight made by the squadron lifted 511.4 tons of cargo and 9,362 passengers in 476 sorties and 242.3 flight hours.

b. A large percentage of the cargo transported this month was lifted from the Logistic Support Area at Hill 63. 1361.2 tons of cargo and 2265 passengers were lifted in 1097 sorties and 279.6 flight hours.

c. In support of operation Cochise, 1403.9 tons of cargo and 3776 passengers were lifted in 1113 sorties and 320.2 flight hours. A majority of the cargo transported (754 tons) was lifted externally.

17. Supply: None

18. Motor Transport: None

19. Engineering: None

20. Maintenance: Normal maintenance was performed on all squadron aircraft.

21. Avionics: None

22. Base Development/Military Construction: None

23. Communications/Electronics: None

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DATE	TOTAL			III MAF			ARVN			KOK			CARGO			TAR				
	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	TYP	WT	
1	45.8	35	174.5	468	24.5	77	13516	410	12.3	42	344	31	40.0	16	9.3	27	133.7	408	14-34	5.0
2	344	112	138.9	519	344	112	38.9	519	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	73.4	662	14-34	4.3
3	31.5	114	142.0	477	31.5	114	142.0	477	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.2	100.8	—	—
4	33.5	115	99.1	728	33.3	115	99.1	728	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.5	601.8	14-34	4.8
5	30.6	79	104.3	542	27.4	70	245	—	3.2	9	9.8	54.2	—	—	—	—	84.3	157.2	14-34	4.8
6	22.2	79	92.1	296	22.2	79	93.1	296	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.4	61.7	—	—
7	32.8	108	103.9	516	36.3	105	103.6	461	116	3	63	26	—	—	—	—	32.7	62.2	14-45	9.0
8	32.9	100	113.7	520	29.0	88	93.9	470	3.9	12	9.8	50	—	—	—	—	38.5	252	—	—
9	41.9	131	113.8	795	41.9	131	13.8	795	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34.0	255.5	14-34	4.3
10	30.7	102	850	1063	26.5	82	844	527	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	109.5	63.8	104.1E	2.7
11	44.5	138	176.0	414	36.0	111	132.0	370	8.5	2.7	39.1	14.4	—	—	—	—	67.8	120.6	—	—
12	46.0	143	188.4	538	28.1	109	1444	442	8.7	2.5	34.6	67	9.12	9	9.4	35	—	—	—	—
13	43.8	123	120.8	373	43.8	123	120.8	373	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53.4	62.4	—	—
14	36.6	122	103.2	272	36.6	122	103.2	712	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66.9	36.3	—	—
15	42.4	171	167.3	581	47.4	171	197.3	581	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	83.8	108.7	14-34	4.8
16	31.7	114	134.8	513	31.7	114	341.8	513	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63.8	61.0	101-34	9.8
17	30.6	84	110.3	415	24.4	68	86.0	382	6.2	1.6	24.3	3.3	—	—	—	—	81.1	24.3	104-34	4.9
18	45.8	146	165.7	876	24.5	64	67.7	683	21.3	8.2	860	19.3	—	—	—	—	102.9	60.8	104-1E	2.0
19	31.6	92	77.1	553	26.2	78	67.1	523	374	14	10.0	3.0	—	—	—	—	42.2	34.9	—	—
20	481	145	169.9	668	33.5	103	99.9	628	146	42	70.0	4.0	—	—	—	—	59.1	65.9	104.34	4.8
21	36.0	106	153.7	410	35.1	104	149.4	403	0.9	2	43	1	—	—	—	—	171.2	41.2	104-34	4.5
22	37.9	105	129.8	662	37.2	102	128.9	642	0.7	3	0.9	2.0	—	—	—	—	87.2	104.9	241-1E	3.3
23	45.6	191	210.9	730	37.8	162	180.6	641	7.8	3.9	36.3	8.9	—	—	—	—	92.3	—	—	—
24	42.1	119	175.8	465	42.1	119	175.8	465	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	115.5	60.3	—	—
25	42.1	127	169.6	631	361	106	194.1	584	5.2	2	253	4.5	—	—	—	—	72.4	76.3	—	—
26	38.9	109	26.8	1090	31.2	84	82.9	568	77	23	3.9	52.2	—	—	—	—	59.1	65.9	104.34	4.8
27	54.6	171	238.4	890	47.5	148	214.6	737	21	2.3	238	15.3	—	—	—	—	92.7	34.5	—	—
28	34.1	84	58.7	1126	34.1	84	367	1126	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	87.2	104.9	241-1E	3.3
29	32.1	103	118.2	674	37.1	103	118.2	674	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.6	76.0	—	—
30	44.4	122	169.4	484	44.4	122	169.4	484	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36.7	60.7	104-2M3	40.8
31	33.6	88	122.2	440	28.2	74	105.6	385	54	1.9	26.6	5.5	—	—	—	—	24.8	37.6	104-1E	3.0
TOTAL	14616	3678	4259	16916	10517	3246	37833	16631	20.5	387	4598	1940	18.4	4.5	94.3	598	21871	1976.2	24	95.8

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HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 1 AUGUST 1967

ALL MISSIONS COMPLETED.

TOTALS: CARGO: 179.5 T.
INT: 133.7 T.
EXT: 40.8 T.
TAR: 5.0 T. (1 UH-34D)
PAK: 468

FLIGHT TIME: 45.8 HRS.

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HMH-163 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 2 AUGUST 1967

ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE.

TOTALS: CARGO:138.9

INT: 73.4

EXT: 61.2

TAR: 4.3 (UH-34D)

PAX: 519

FLIGHT TIME: 34.4

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MISSION 44 OF 2 AUGUST INCOMPLETE DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES.

MISSION 49 OF 3 AUGUST COMPLETED MISSION, 44, BUT TAR PORTION WAS INCOMPLETE.

ALL OTHER MISSIONS COMPLETE.

TOTALS: CARGO: 1142.0 T. t
INT: 41.2 T.
EXT: 100.8 T.
TAR: 0.0 T.
PAK: 477

FLIGHT TIME: 31.5 HRS.

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HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 4 AUGUST 1967
ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE.

TOTALS: CARGO: 29.1 T
INT: 33.5 T
EXT: 60.8 T
TAR: 4.8 T (1 UH-34D)
PAX: 728

FLIGHT TIME: 33.3 HRS.

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CONFIDENTIAL**CONFIDENTIAL****HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 5 AUGUST 1967****ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE.****INSTRUMENT APPROACHES:** One SIM TACAN AT PHU BAI
One SIM GCA AT KHE SANH**TOTALS:** CARGO: 104.3 T
INT: 84.3 T
EXT: 15.2 T
TAR: 4.8 T (One UH-34)
PAX: 52**FLIGHT TIME:** 30.6 HRS.

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE.

INSTRUMENT APPROACHES: TWO SIM TACAN AT PHU BAI
ONE ACT GCA KHE SANH

TOTALS: CARGO: 93.1

INT: 31.4

EXT: 61.7

TAR: 00.0

PAX: 296

FLIGHT TIME: 22.2

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TOTALS: CARGO: 103.9 T
INT: 32.7 T
EXT: 62.2 T
TAR: 3.3 T (UH-1E)
5.7 T (CH-46A)
PAX: 516

FLIGHT TIME: 37.8 HRS.

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HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 8 AUGUST 1967

ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE.

TOTALS: CARGO: 113.7
INT: 38.5
EXT: 75.2
TAR: 0.0
PAX: 520
FLIGHT TIME: 32.9

INSTRUMENT APPROACHES: ONE SIM TACAN AT PHU BAI
ONE SIM GCA AT KHE SANH

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE.

OPERATION REACON GATE.

ONE CH-53A FROM HMH-463, FLEW EIGHT (8) SORTIES LIFTING THIRTEEN (13) TROOPS AND 14,700 lbs OF CARGO FROM THE USS DULUTH TO BT 238318 AND BT 128459. THREE JEEPS WERE TRANSPORTED TO BT 238318 AND ONE MIGHTY MITE TC BT 128459 (MISSION #42)

TOTALS: CARGO: 113.8

INT: 34.0

EXT: 75.5

TAR: 4.3 *104-34*

PAK: 795

FLIGHT TIME : 41.9

INSTRUMENT APPROACHES: TWO SIM GCA AT KHE SANH
ONE SIM ADF AT DA NANG
ONE SIM ADF AT PHU BAI
ONE SIM GCA AT PHU BAI
ONE SIM TACAN AT DA NANG

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HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 10 AUGUST 1967

ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE.

TOTALS: CARGO: 85.0
INT: 26.0
EXT: 59.0
TAR: 0.0
PAX: 1063
FLIGHT TIME: 30.7

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE EXCEPT MISSION #41 WHICH WAS INCOMPLETE DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES.

IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COCHISE

1. MISSION #44 AT 061011H CONSISTED OF 2 CH53A's FLYING 18 SORTIES, MOVING 6 155 GUNS TOTALING 37.5 TONS.

2. MISSIONS 35 & 36 AT 065011H CONSISTED OF 5 CH53A's FLYING 69 SORTIES LIFTING 104 TROOPS, 9 CIVILIANS AND 94.2 TONS OF CARGO INCLUDING 8 105 GUNS FROM HILL 63 TO VIET AN AND TAM KY TO THIEN PHUOC.

TOTALS: CARGO: 176.0
INT: 109.5
EXT: 63.8
TAR: 2.7 (104.5)
PAX: 414
FLIGHT TIME: 44.5

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE EXCEPT:

MISSION #47 INCOMPLETE, CALLED ON FOR EMERGENCY AMMO SUPPLY MISSION #104.

MISSION #103 INCOMPLETE, ROUGH TERRAIN, A/C WAS ON ITS SIDE BOTH ROTOR MAST DOWN HILL. TWO UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS.

IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COCHISE.

1. AT 120650H 2 CH-53A's FROM HMH-463 FLEW 14 SORTIES LIFTING 18 TROOPS AND 28.2 TONS OF CARGO FROM AN HOA TO HILL 63 AND FROM LZ-23 TO HILL 29.
2. AT 120730H 2 CH-53A's FROM HMH-463 FLEW 27 SORTIES LIFTING 87 TROOPS AND 34.3 TONS OF CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON AND LZ-23 TO HILL 63.
3. AT 121215H 2 CH-53A's FROM HMH-463 FLEW 27 SORTIES LIFTING 26 TROOPS AND 39.8 TONS OF CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO VIET AN AND FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON.
4. AT 121505H 2 CH-53A's FROM HMH-463 FLEW 11 SORTIES LIFTING 18.5 TONS OF CARGO AND TWO U.S. TROOPS FROM TAM KY TO THIEN PHUOC.

TOTALS: CARGO: 188.4
 INT: 120.6
 EXT: 67.8
 TAR: 0.0
 PAX: 536
 FLIGHT TIME: 46.0

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE EXCEPT:

1. MISSION 104, 3CH-53s, NO RADIO IN PICKUP ZONE, INADEQUATE LIGHTING: GROUND UNIT REQUESTED ABORT OF MISSION AFTER 19,000LBS. HAULED.

2. MISSION #38, AIRCRAFT CONFIGURED WITH NORMAL POWER COULD NOT SAFELY LIFT DOWNED UH-34D.

IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COCHISE:

122300H MISSION 104 THREE (3) CH-53s LIFTED 9.5 TONS OF AMMO FROM TAM KY TO THIEN PHOU.

130730H MISSION 40 ONE (1) CH-53 LIFTED 4.3 TONS OF CARGO AND ELEVEN (11) US PAX FROM LZ23 TO HILL 63.

130920H MISSION 45 THREE (3) CH-53s LIFTED 19.1 TONS OF CARGO AND SIX (6) US PAX FROM HILL 63 TO VIET AN.

130920H MISSION 41 THREE (3) CH-53s LIFTED 50.3 TONS OF CARGO AND TWENTY-TWO (22) US PAX FROM HILL 63 TO THIEN PHOU.

TOTALS: CARGO: 120.8 T
INT: 53.4 T
EXT: 77.4 T
PAX: 373

FLIGHT TIME: 43.8 HRS.

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE EXCEPT MISSIONS #48 & 49. A/C RETURNED AFTER REPORTS SUBMITTED.

IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COCHISE.

MISSION #43 AT 140635H ONE CH-53 FLEW 2 SORTIES LIFTING 3 TONS AND 4 U.S. TROOPS FROM LZ23 TO HILL 63.

MISSION #44 AT 140800H 2 CH-53 FLEW 13 SORTIES LIFTING 14.2 TONS AND 35 U.S. TROOPS FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON.

MISSION 46 AT 141015H ONE CH-53 FLEW 9 SORTIES LIFTING 14 TONS AND 24 U.S. TROOPS AND 2 VN CIV FROM HILL 63 TO VIET AN ~~AN~~ (BT 018220)

TROOP LIFT

MISSION #41 140645H TWO CH-53'S FLEW 14 SORTIES LIFTING 3/4 TON AND 159 U.S. TROOPS FROM LZ 412 TO BT 067512 AND LZ 411 TO BT 067512.

TOTALS: CARGO:	103.2
INT:	66.9
EXT:	36.2
PAX:	712
FLIGHT TIME:	36.4

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETED EXCEPT MISSION #44 WHICH WAS CANCELLED BY GROUP.

MAJOR OPERATIONS:

OPERATION COCHISE (TASK FORCE X-RAY)

MISSION 42 AT 150650 H ONE (1) CH-53 FROM HMH-463 FLEW 2 SORTIES LIFTING 7,600LBS. OF PERISHABLE FOOD AND 15 U.S. TROOPS FROM LZ-23 TO HILL 63.

MISSION 43 AT 150640 H TWO (2) CH-53s FROM HMH-463 FLEW THIRTY-TWO (32) SORTIES LIFTING 5,000LBS. INTERNAL AND 75,000LBS. OF EXTERNAL CARGO AND 56 U.S. TROOPS FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON.

MISSION 44: MISSION #44 WAS CANCELLED BY GROUP BEFORE IT WAS STARTED.

MISSION 38 AT 151445 H TWO (2) CH-53As FROM HMH-463 FLEW FIFTEEN (15) SORTIES LIFTING 12 TROOPS AND 26.5 TONS OF CARGO FROM LZ 22 TO HILL 63.

MISSION 45 AT 150930 H TWO (2) CH-53As FROM HMH-463 FLEW 15 SORTIES LIFTING 46 TROOPS AND 16.7 TONS OF CARGO FROM LZ 23 TO HILL 63 AND VIET AN.

MISSION 48 LATE ENTRY FOR 14 AUG 67 AT 141358 H TWO (2) CH-53As FROM HMH-463 FLEW 22 SORTIES LIFTING 28 TROOPS AND 36.7 TONS OF CARGO FROM LZ 23 TO HILL 63.

TOTALS: CARGO: 197.3 T
INT: 83.8 T
EXT: 108.7 T
TAR: 4.8 T 104-34
PAX: 581

FLIGHT TIME: 47.4 HRS.

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MISSION 42 AT 160706H 1 CH-53A FROM HMH-463 FLEW 5 SORTIES LIFTING 80 TROOPS AND 900 LBS. OF CARGO FROM LZ 401 TO HILL 63.

MISSION 43 AT 160815H 2 CH-53As FROM HMH-463 FLEW 14 SORTIES LIFTING 4 TROOPS AND 27.4 TONS OF CARGO FROM LZ 22 TO HILL 63.

MISSION 44 AT 160710H 1 CH-53A FROM HMH-463 FLEW 2 SORTIES LIFTING 7 TROOPS AND 3.9 TONS OF CARGO FROM LZ 23 TO HILL 63.

MISSION 45 AT 160900 1 CH-53 FROM HMH-463 FLEW 10 SORTIES LIFTING 5 TROOPS AND 10 TONS OF CARGO FROM QUE SON TO NUI LOC SON.

MISSION 46 AT 160825 2 CH-53As FLEW FROM HMH-463 26 SORTIES LIFTING 82 TROOPS AND 32.5 TONS OF CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO THIEN PHOUA.

MISSION 47 AT 160945 2 CH-53As FROM HMH-463 FLEW 15 SORTIES LIFTING 41 TROOPS AND 20.5 TONS OF CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON.

MISSION 48 AT 161245 1 CH-53A FROM HMH-463 FLEW 12 SORTIES LIFTING 5 TROOPS AND 24.7 TONS OF CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO VIET AN.

ALL MISSION COMPLETE EXCEPT MISSION 49 WHICH WAS INCOMPLETE BECAUSE PEOPLE AT LANDING ZONE HAD NO IDEA CH-53s WERE COMING. THE TAR PORTION OF MISSION 49 WAS COMPLETED.

TOTALS: CARGO: 134.6 T
 INT: 63.8 T
 EXT: 66.0 T
 TAR: 9.8 T (one UH-34, one O-10)
 PAX: 513

FLIGHT TIME: 31.7 HRS.

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HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 17 AUGUST 1967

ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE.
MAJOR OPERATIONS

OPERATION COCHISE: MISSION 12: AT 170830H 2 CH-53A FROM HMH-463
FLEW 13 SORTIES LIFTING 38 TROOPS, 1 BATTLE EVAC AND 15.5 TONS OF
CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO VIET AN.

MISSION 43: AT 1710Z OH 2 CH-53A FROM IEMH-H63 FLEW 9 SORTIES LIFTING 32 TROOPS AND 13.1 TONS OF BARGO FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON.

MISSION 45: AT 171345H 2 C153A FROM HILL 63 FLEW 17 SORTIES
LIFTING 8 TROOPS AND 26.5 TONS OF GARGO FROM LZ22 TO HILL 63.

KY HA 1/0	PHU BAI 3/0	DONG NAI 2/0	KHE SANH 2/0
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TOTALS: CARGO: 110.3T
INT: 81.1T
EXT: 24.3T
TAR: 4.9T (44-34)
PAY: 1.15

FLIGHT TIME: 30.6

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETED. MISSION #47 WILL BE REPORTED ON 19 AUGUST 1967.

MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:

OPERATION COCHISE: MISSION #43 AT 180630H 3CH-53A FROM HMH-463 FLEW 51 SORTIES LIFTING 165 TROOPS AND 65 TONS FROM HILL 29 TO VIET AN.
MISSION #42 AT 180700H 2CH-53A FROM HMH-463 FLEW 31 SORTIES LIFTING 101 TROOPS AND 45.5 TONS OF ~~CARGO~~ FROM HILL 63 TO VIET AN AND QUE SON.

PHU BAI KHE SANH
2/2 2/1

TOTALS: CARGO: 165.7T
 INT: 102.9T
 EXT: 60.8T
 TAR: 2.0T UN-1E
 PAX: 876
FLIGHT TIME: 45.8

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AT 191400H 8 CH-53A'S FROM HMH-463 FLEW 64 SORTIES LIFTING 174 US TROOPS, 20 ARVN, AND 61 TONS OF CARGO FROM VIET AN, HILL 63, AND TIEN PHUC TO AT 907243. MISSION INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER. ONE 105, 8600# OF AMMO, 40 ROUNDS OF AMMO AND 8 ARVN LEFT AT HILL 63.

TOTALS: CARGO: 77.1T
INT: 42.2T
EXT: 34.6T
TAR: 0
PAK: 553

FLIGHT TIME: 31.6

STATISTICS FOR MISSION #47 18Aug67 CARRIED FORWARD THIS DATE.

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE.

IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COCHISE:

BETWEEN 200600H AND 201830H ¹⁵ CH-53A'S FROM HMH-463 FLEW 116 SORTIES,
LIFTING 219 US TROOPS AND 41 ARVN TROOPS, 76.8 TONS INTERNAL, 71.3 TONS OF
EXTERNAL CARGO, FROM HILL 63, THIEN PHUOC, LZ 401, LZ 23, VIET AN TO
LZ DOVE.

TOTALS: CARGO: 169.9T
INT: 98.6T
EXT: 71.3T
PAK: 668

FLIGHT TIME: 48.1

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HMH- 1463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 21 AUGUST 1967

ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE EXCEPT: MISSION #38: ACFT NOT BACK WHEN REPORTS SUBMITTED. ACFT DOWN AT PHU BAI WITH MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES.

IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION COCHISE

AT 210700H 6 CH-53'S FROM HMH-1463 FLEW 82 SORTIES LIFTING 115.5 TONS OF CARGO AND 119 DROOPS FROM HILL 63, AND TAM KY TO TIEN PHUOC, LZ DOVE, AND QUE SON.

TOTALS: CARGO: 153.7T

INT: 77.4T
EXT: 76.3T
TAR: 0
PAK: 410

FLIGHT TIME: 36.0

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HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 22 AUGUST 1967

ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE

MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:

OPERATIONS FREMONT: ONE ACFT FROM HMH-463 FLEW 9 SORTIES, CARRIED 49 US TROOPS AND HAULED 9.8 TONS OF CARGO.

OPERATION COCHISE: ^{6AC6} TWO ACFT FROM HMH-463 FLEW ⁵⁴ SORTIES, CARRIED ¹⁹⁶ US TROOPS, AND HAULED ^{25.7} TONS OF CARGO.

73-8

MISSION 38 CARRIED OVER FROM 21 AUGUST

TOTALS: CARGO: 129.8T
INT: 59.1T
EXT: 65.9T
TAR: 4.8T (UH-34)
PAX: 662

FLIGHT TIME: 37.9

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE EXCEPT:

MISSION #38: INCOMPLETE. LZ 467 INFORMED ACFT FROM HMH-463 THAT THE MSN WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY BY A TRUCK COMPANY. A MAINTENANCE RUN WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR THIS MSN CARRYING PARTS TO HILL 63.

MSN #42: INCOMPLETE. MSN WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO NONAVAILABILITY OF ACFT. MSN WAS A ROUTINE FRAG.

MSN #45: INCOMPLETE. DUE TO DARKNESS. NO AMERICAN ADVISOR IN EITHER ZONE. NO CONTACT WITH "MALONE BY WORD" AT KY TRA.

MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:
OPERATION COCHISE:

MSN #39: AT 231120H TILL 231330H, ONE CH-53A FROM HMH-463 FLEW 9 SORTIES, CARRIED 38 US TROOPS, ONE CIV AND HAULED 11.0 TONS OF CARGO FROM QUE SON TO NUE LAC SON.

MSN #40: AT 230752H TILL 230945H, ONE CH-53A FROM HMH-463 FLEW 5 SORTIES, CARRIED 3 US TROOPS, AND HAULED 6.5 TONS OF CARGO FROM LZ 23 TO HILL 63.

MSN #41: AT 230750H TILL 231540H, TWO CH-53'S FROM HMH-463 FLEW 16 SORTIES, CARRIED 32 US TROOPS, 2 ARVN'S, 1 VC PRISONER, HAULED 23.8 TONS OF CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON.

MSN #44: AT 231517H TILL 231927H, TWO CH-53'S FROM HMH-463 FLEW 8 SORTIES, CARRIED 6 US TROOPS, 17 ARVN'S, HAULED 1.1 TONS OF CARGO FROM MMAF TO QUE SON.

MSN #46: AT 231000H TILL 231540H, ONE CH-53 FROM HMH-463 FLEW 18 SORTIES, CARRIED 1 US TROOP, 5 ARVNS, HAULED 26.3 TONS OF CARGO FROM TAM KY TO VIET AN.

MSN #49: AT 231517H TILL 231800H, TWO CH-53'S FROM HMH-463 FLEW 15 SORTIES, CARRIED 5 US TROOPS, AND HAULED 29.0 TONS OF CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO LZ DOVE.

TOTALS: CARGO: 216.9T
INT: 171.2T
EXT: 41.2T
TAR: 4.5T (UH-34)
PAX: 730

FLIGHT TIME: 45.6

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE EXCEPT:

MISSION 38: H&MS MAINTENANCE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE "A" FRAME.

MISSION 49: CANCELLED BY BUNKER.

MISSION 50: CANCELLED BY BUNKER.

OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:

OPERATION COCHISE:

MISSION 41. AT 240715H 1 A/C FROM HMH-463 FLEW 5 SORTIES LIFTING 5 TROOPS AND 6.5 TONS OF CARGO FROM LZ 23 TO HILL 63.

MISSION 42. AT 240700H 2 A/C FROM HMH-463 FLEW 9 SORTIES LIFTING 1 TROOP AND 12.5 TONS OF CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO LZ DOVE.

MISSION 43. AT 241115H 2 A/C FROM HMH-463 FLEW 15 SORTIES LIFTING 38 US TROOPS 12 VN CIV, AND 29.4 TONS OF CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON.

MISSION 44. AT 241200H 2 A/C FROM HMH-463 FLEW 17 SORTIES LIFTING 16 TROOPS AND 22.9 TONS OF CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON.

MISSION 45. AT 241245H 2 A/C FROM HMH-463 FLEW 8 SORTIES LIFTING 23 TROOPS AND 7.8 TONS OF CARGO FROM HILL 63 TO NUI LOC SON.

MISSION 47. AT 241100H 2 A/C FROM HMH-463 FLEW 7 SORTIES LIFTING 3 TONS OF CARGO FROM LZ DOVE TO TAM KY.

INSTRUMENT APPROACHES:

PHU BAI

KHE SANH

NONG HA

3/2

0/1

2/1

TOTALS: CARGO: 175.8 T
 INT: 115.5 T
 EXT: 60.3 T
 TAR: 00.0 T
 PAX: 465

FLIGHT TIME: 42.1 HRS.

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE EXCEPT MISSIONS #42, #45, #46, #47, #48. THESE MISSIONS WERE INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER. MISSION #103 IS CARRIED OVER FROM 24 August 1967.

MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:
OPERATIONS COCHISE:

MSN #44: AT 250725H TILL 250905H, TWO CH-53'S FROM HMH-463, FLEW 18 SORTIES, LIFTED 44 US TROOPS, AND HAULED 8.2 TONS INTERNAL AND 16.5 EXTERNAL, FROM LZ DOVE TO VIET AN IN 3.9 HRS.

MSN #45: AT 250905H TILL 251500H, TWO CH-53'S FROM HMH-463, FLEW 21 SORTIES, LIFTED 45 ARVN'S, AND HAULED 12.5 TONS INTERNAL AND 13.0 TONS EXTERNAL FROM LZ DOVE TO HILL 29 IN 5.2 HRS.

MSN #47: AT 251215H TILL 251603H, ONE CH-53 FROM HMH-463, FLEW 5 SORTIES, LIFTED 100 US TROOPS, AND HAULED 0.5 TONS INTERNAL CARGO, FROM LZ DOVE TO HILL 63 IN 1.5 HRS.

INST APPROACHES

PHU BAI	KY HA	KHE SANH	DONG HA	DANANG
2/1	0/0	11/0	0/0	2/0

TOTALS: CARGO:	169.6T
INT:	93.6T
EXT:	76.0T
TAR:	0
PAX:	631

FLIGHT TIME: 42.1

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ALL FLIGHTS WERE COMPLETED EXCEPT MISSIONS # 30, 47, AND 48; CANCELLED BY MAG - 16 S-3. MISSION # 40 WAS INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER.

OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:

OPERATION COCHISE.

MISSION #41 - AT 261200H THREE CH-53s FROM HMH-463 FLEW 22 SORTIES LIFTING 20.3 TONS INTERNALLY AND 10 TONS EXTERNALLY CONSISTING OF FOUR (4) 105 GUNS IN 7.0 FLIGHT HOURS.

MISSION #43 - AT 260830H ONE CH-53 CARRIED 81 US MARINES FROM LZ DOVE TO HILL 63 IN 1.5 HOURS FLIGHT TIME AND 5 SORTIES.

MISSION #44 - AT 260900H ONE CH-53 CARRIED 25 ARVN TROOPS AND 5,000LBS INTERNAL CARGO IN 2 SORTIES AND 0.8 HRS. FLIGHT TIME.

MISSION #45 - AT 261500H ONE CH-53 CARRIED 171 USMC TROOPS FROM LZ DOVE TO QUE SON. ONE (1) POW WAS CARRIED AND 9 SORTIES AND 2.1 HOURS FLOWN.

MISSION #46 - AT 260830H TWO CH-53s CARRIED 3 US, 388 ARVN, AND 106 VNCIV FROM LZ DOVE TO TAM KY IN 21 SORTIES AND 6.9 HOURS FLIGHT TIME. 2,700LBS. INTERNAL CARGO WAS CARRIED.

MISSION #37 INCOMPLETE DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES.

TOTALS: CARGO: 65.8 T
INT: 54.3 T
EXT: 32.5 T
TAR: 00.0 T
PAK: 1090

FLIGHT TIME: 38.9 HRS.

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ALL MISSIONS WERE COMPLETED EXCEPT FOR MISSION #47. AIRCRAFT ON MISSION #47 DIVERTED TO PHU BAI FOR FUEL NECESSITATED BY DELAYS IN RIGGING UH-1E AND 50 KNOT IAS CALLED FOR BY MAIN ROTOR BLADES NOT BEING REMOVED FROM LOAD. GOING INTO PHU BAI HMH-463'S AIRCRAFT SUSTAINED BATTLE DAMAGE FROM AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILES NNW. MISSION #47 WAS ABORTED AT THIS POINT. THE UH-1E WAS LEFT AT PHU BAI. DAMAGE TO UH-1E SUSTAINED FROM GROUND FIRE UNKNOWN.

OPERATIONS SUPPORTED:

OPERATION COCHISE.

MISSION #41 - AT 270800 THREE CH-53s FROM HMH-463 FOEW 23 SORTIES LIFTING 8.8 TONS INTERNALLY AND 25.0 TONS EXTERNALLY. SUPPLIES, 26 US TROOPS AND 126 ARVN TROOPS WERE CARRIED FROM VIET AN TO HILL 29 IN 7.1 FLIGHT HOURS.

MISSION #42 - AT 271200 THREE CH-53s FLEW 28 SORTIES LIFTING 25.0 TONS INTERNALLY AND 15.8 TONS EXTERNALLY FROM VIET AN TO HILL 29. LOGISTICS CARGO AND 50 US TROOPS WERE TRANSPORTED IN 7.0 FLIGHT HOURS.

MISSION #45 - AT 271330 TWO AIRCRAFT FROM HMH-463 FLEW 20 SORTIES CARRYING 2.9 TONS INTERNALLY, 30.0 TONS EXTERNALLY, AND 11 U. TROOPS FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON IN 3.8 FLIGHT HOURS.

MISSION #43 - AT 271555 ONE AIRCRAFT FROM HMH-463 FLEW .7 SORTIES IN 3.5 FLIGHT HOURS CARRYING 5.8 TONS INTERNALLY, 14.2 TONS EXTERNALLY, AND 35 US TROOPS FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON.

MISSION #46 - AT 271245 ONE CH-53 FROM HMH-463 FLEW 4 SORTIES FROM HILL 63 TO QUE SON CARRYING 6.5 TONS EXTERNALLY, 0.8 TONS INTERNALLY AND 6 US TROOPS IN 0.9 FLIGHT HOURS.

MISSION 47 - AT 271340 ONE CH-53 FROM HMH-463 FLEW 10 SORTIES IN 2.4 FLIGHT HOURS. 11.6 TONS OF WATER AND CARGO AND 81 US TROOPS WERE TRANSPORTED FROM QUE SON TO NUI LOC SON.

INSTRUMENT APPROACHES:

PHU BAI 1/0 DONG HA 0/1

TOTALS: CARGO: ~~251.7~~

INT: 87.2 T

EXT: 144.9 T

TAR: 6.3 T (2 UH-1E)

PAX: 890

FLIGHT TIME: 54.6 HRS

MISSION #47 - ONE AIRCRAFT FLEW 10 SORTIES CARRYING 11.6 TONS OF WATER AND 81 US PASSENGERS FROM QUE SON TO NUI LOC SON IN 2.4 HRS.

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE EXCEPT:

MSN #43 WAS INCOMPLETE: NO ACFT WAS AVAILABLE TO BE ASSIGNED THIS MISSION AS 50% OF THE SQUADRON'S "IN COMMISSION" ACFT RECEIVED BATTLE DAMAGE ON THE NIGHT OF 27/28 AUGUST.

MSN #41 WAS INCOMPLETE: DUE TO DONG HA BEING UNDER ROCKET ATTACK AND THE AIRCRAFT WERE FORCED TO DEPART THE AREA.

MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED
OPERATION COCHISE:

MSN #42: BETWEEN 280713H AND 281500H 3 CH-53A's FROM HMH-463 FLEW 44 SORTIES LIFTING 11.6Tons OF LOGISTICS CARGO AND 770 US TROOPS FROM QUE SON TO KY HA.

PHU BAI	DONG HA	DANANG
1/0	1/0	1/0

TOTALS: CARGO: 56.7T
INT: 25.9T
EXT: 30.8T
TAR: Ø
PAX: 1126

FLIGHT TIME: 34.1

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HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 29 AUGUST 1967

ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE.

NO MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED THIS DATE.

KHE SANH PHU BAI
1/1 1/1

TOTALS: CARGO: 118.2T
INT: 36.7T
EXT: 60.7T
TAR: 20.8T (4-UH-34---2-UH-34)
PAK: 674

FLIGHT TIME: 37.1

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ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE EXCEPT: MISSION #41: CARRIED ONE LOAD OF CARGO. HAD MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES AND WEATHER MOVED IN.

MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED.

OPERATION TASK FORCE OREGON

MSN #42: AT 300600H ONE CH-53A FROM HMH-463, FLEW 15 SORTIES, LIFTING SIX 155 HOWITZERS EXTERNALLY FROM TIEN PHOU TO BT 516046.

TWO ACFT FLEW INST APPROACHES

KHE SANH
2/0

TOTALS: CARGO: 169.4T
INT: 74.8T
EXT: 91.6T
TAR: 3.0T 10M-16
PAX: 484

FLIGHT TIME: 41.4

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HMH-463 NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 31 AUGUST 1967

ALL MISSIONS COMPLETE.

NO MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED THIS DATE.

FOUR ACFT MADE INT APPRAOCHES

KHE SANH
10/5

PHU BAI
2/0

TOTALS: CARGO: 127.2T
INT: 92.7T
EXT: 34.5T
TAR: 0
PAX: 140

FLIGHT TIME: 33.6

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