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## PART I Organizational Data

- |                                      |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. (C) C.O. LtCol Joseph L. SADOWSKI | 1 Feb 1968 -             |
| I.O. LtCol Charles H. NORTHFIELD     | 1 Feb 1968 -             |
| S-1 Maj. James B. BROWN              | 1 Feb 1968 -             |
| S-2 Capt. Donald F. MOTZ             | 1 Feb 1968 -             |
| S-3 Maj. Victor M. LEE               | 1 Feb 1968 - 15 Feb 1968 |
| S-3 Maj. William H. ROSS             | 15 Feb 1968 -            |
| S-4 Capt. Jack R. HOWELL             | 1 Feb 1968 -             |

2. (C) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of South Vietnam, 23 May 1967 - 29 Feb 1968.

## 3. (C) Average Monthly Strength

Officers: 45 N/A, 5 A/G, 1 USN(MC)

Enlisted: 260

## 4. Important Visitors to the Command:

25 Feb 1968 - Brigadier General H. W. HISE, Deputy Commander First Marine Aircraft Wing, escorted by Colonel E. O. REED, Commanding Officer Marine Aircraft Group 16, visited the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 squadron area. General HISE received a brief from Lieutenant Colonel J. L. SADOWSKI, Commanding Officer of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, on CH-53A combat operations.

## PART II Chronological Summary of Months Major Activities

1 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND two (2) CH-53A's flew 14 sorties in 9.1 flight hours lifting 15 troops and 20.9 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

2 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 10 sorties in 7.5 flight hours lifting 11.8 tons of cargo from LZ-23 to Khe Sanh.

2 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation FLYING DRAGON four (4) CH-53A's flew 39 sorties in 10.7 flight hours lifting 48.7 tons of cargo from LZ-30 to LZ-HAWK and LZ-411.

3 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND one (1) CH-53A flew 16 sorties in 8.5 flight hours lifting 6 troops and 10.0 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

4 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation FLYING DRAGON two (2) CH-53A's flew 46 sorties in 9.0 flight hours lifting 10 troops and 80.1 tons of cargo from LZ-22 to LZ-411, LZ-432 and BTL47617.

4 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND three (3) CH-53A's flew 12 sorties in 5.6 flight hours lifting 25 troops and 7.2 tons of cargo from

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Dong Ha and LZ-22 to Khe Sanh.

5 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND three (3) CH-53A's flew 30 sorties in 18.3 flight hours lifting 82 troops and 22.9 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

6 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND three (3) CH-53A's flew 40 sorties in 16.0 flight hours lifting 184 troops and 43.3 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

7 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation LANCASTER three (3) CH-53A's flew 51 sorties in 20.7 flight hours lifting 326 troops and 54.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

8 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND one (1) CH-53A flew 7 sorties in 5.0 flight hours lifting 14 troops and 7.8 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

11 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND two (2) CH-53A's flew 10 sorties in 7.9 flight hours lifting 7.9 tons of cargo from LZ-22 to Khe Sanh.

12 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND one (1) CH-53A flew 2 sorties in 1.3 flight hours lifting 8 troops and 3.3 tons of cargo from Dong ha to Khe Sanh.

12.Feb 1968 - In support of Operation HUE CITY one (1) CH-53A flew 10 sorties in 4.0 flight hours lifting 205 troops and 0.9 tons of cargo from Phu Bai to Hue Hospital.

13 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND two (2) CH-53A's flew 11 sorties in 6.2 flight hours lifting 60 troops and 15.1 tons of cargo from Phu Bai to Khe Sanh.

13 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation HUE CITY two (2) CH-53A's flew 7 sorties in 11.4 flight hours lifting 90 troops and 67.4 tons of cargo from Phu Bai ASP to YD743130 and YD756223.

14 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 62 sorties in 27.7 flight hours lifting 279 troops and 90.4 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Con Thien, Khe Sanh and the Rock Pile.

15 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation HUE CITY two (2) CH-53A's flew 33 sorties in 8.0 flight hours lifting 192 troops and 60.5 tons of cargo from Phu Bai to Hue Citadel.

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15 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 34 sorties in 18.7 flight hours lifting 362 troops and 110.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Phu Bai and Khe Sanh.

16 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND five (5) CH-53A's flew 59 sorties in 29.0 flight hours lifting 239 troops and 112.9 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

19 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND one (1) CH-53A flew 2 sorties in 1.5 flight hours lifting 2.5 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

22 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 37 sorties in 15.7 flight hours lifting 109 troops and 27.9 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

22 Feb 1968 - While flying in support of Operation SCOTLAND one (1) CH-53A sustained strike damage as a result of enemy fire. This resulted in fatal injury to the pilot, Capt J. T. RILEY, and the co-pilot, 1stLt C. E. SMITH, marking the first CH-53A combat loss in over one year of in-country combat operations.

23 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 15 sorties in 9.3 flight hours lifting 30 troops and 13.3 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh. six (6) Med Evacs were carried from Khe Sanh to Dong Ha.

24 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND one CH-53A flew 4 sorties in 3.0 flight hours lifting 3.5 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh, one (1) Med Evac was carried from Khe Sanh.

25 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation LANCASTER four (4) CH-53A's flew 29 sorties in 9.5 flight hours lifting 3 troops and 43.2 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to the Rock Pile.

25 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 13 sorties in 6.2 flight hours lifting 71 troops and 8.5 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh, thirty three (33) Med Evacs were carried from Khe Sanh to Dong Ha.

26 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND three (3) CH-53A's flew 22 sorties in 11.9 flight hours lifting 69 troops and 14.0 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

27 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 25 sorties in 11.4 flight hours lifting 70 troops and 21.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh

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28 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND three (3) CH-53A's flew 57 sorties in 19.6 flight hours lifting 163 troops and 153.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh, and Khe Sanh to Dong Ha.

29 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND five (5) CH-53A's flew 62 sorties in 29.5 flight hours lifting 149 troops and 99.5 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

## PART III Significant Events

## 1. Personnel(C):

- a. Transferred: 1 Officers 11 Enlisted
- b. Promoted: 0 Officers 1 Enlisted
- c. Joined: 5 Officers 29 Enlisted

## 2. (U) Administration: None

## 3. (U) Awards:

## a. Squadron officers were awarded the following Air Medals:

First Award	5
Second Award	4
Third Award	2
Fourth Award	1
Fifth Award	1
Seventh Award	3
Eighth Award	7
Ninth Award	6
Tenth Award	6
Eleventh Award	7
Twelfth Award	3
Thirteenth Award	2
Fourteenth Award	3
Fifteenth Award	3
Sixteenth Award	1
Seventeenth Award	1
Eighteenth Award	1
Twenty-Second Award	1
Twenty-Third Award	1

## b. Squadron enlisted personnel were awarded the following Air Medals:

First Award	7
Second Award	9

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Third Award	5
Fourth Award	4
Fifth Award	5
Sixth Award	4
Seventh Award	2
Ninth Award	1
Eleventh Award	1
Twelfth Award	4
Thirteenth Award	1
Fourteenth Award	1
Fifteenth Award	1
Sixteenth Award	1

c. Three (3) enlisted personnel were awarded the Purple Heart.

4. (C) Casualties

Cpl SQUIER, Paul D. 2137980/6321	2Feb/22Feb	WIA
Cpl DOUGHERTY, Rexford G. 2156928/6321	4Feb	WIA
Sgt ZUEHLK, Byron C. 2146913/6321	7Feb	WIA
Capt DEETZ, Bill W. 091814/7564	19Feb	MIA
Capt TESSIER, Lucien C. 092299/7564	19Feb	MIA
Sgt EHNSIS, Kenneth P. 1993132/6321	19Feb	MIA
LCpl JOHNSON, Benjamin F. III 2185143/6321	19Feb	MIA
Sgt TORRE, Francis S. N. 2127294/6341	19Feb	MIA
Sgt SULLIVAN, William M. Sr. 1800112/6242	22Feb	WIA
Sgt LEECH, Karl R. 579433/6311	22Feb	WIA
Cpl MURGALLIS, Patrick M. 2120780/6321	22Feb	WIA
Capt RILEY, James T. 095179/7564	22Feb	KIA
1stLt SMITH, Gary C. 095599/7564 (MABS-16)	22Feb	KIA

The below listed personnel's status was changed from MIA to KIA *DAI* on 26 Feb 1968:

Capt CHAPMAN, John T 091527/7564  
 SSgt OLSON, Bennet W. 1631749/6242/6243  
 Capt SCHRAM, Frederick L. 091884/7564  
 Cpl STRAND, Phillip S. 2241120/6311/6321  
 Cpl VENEGAS, Vernon B. 2250667/6321/6341

5. (U) Civic Action: Due to considerable Communist offensives during the month of February, the Civic Action Program has been disrupted.

a. On 25 Feb 1968, a Group Civic Action Program Meeting was held. As a result of this meeting SSgt A. N. BACHE 851237/7113 conducted a tour of Nui Kim Son, and other villages around Marble Mountain, to meet the village chiefs.

6. (U) Morale/Welfare: None

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7. (U) Informational Services: None

8. (C) Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence:

a. A significant increase in the number of fire incidents was noted during the month of February. Of the forty-three (43) aircraft that received fire, seventeen (17) were hit. The majority of the aircraft hit, received these hits while flying in the area of the Khe Sanh TAOR.

b. On the morning of 25 Feb 1968, at approximately 0425 hours eleven (11) 122MM rockets hit Marble Mountain Air Facility. No injury to personnel or damage to aircraft resulted from this attack.

9. (C) Air Operations:

a. Hours Flown	1361.9	
b. Sorties	3671	
c. Passengers	9765	
d. Cargo: Total	4336.2 Tons	
Internal	1128.4 Tons	
External	3207.8 Tons	
TAR	234.4 Tons	45 Aircraft
Type Aircraft Recovered		Average Weight
25 UH-34		4.8 Tons
10 UH-1		3.4 Tons
7 CH-46		5.7 Tons
2 A-1		6.0
1 O-1		1.0

e. Average flight time per pilot: 59.5

f. Average flight time per aircraft commander: 61.8

10. (C) Air Control

a. Actual Instrument Hours:	150.2
b. Hours of GCA Operation	59.4
c. Number of aircraft radar controlled	104

11. (C) FMR-463 participated in the following operations: Kentucky, Napoleon, Scotland, Lancaster, Hue City and Flying Dragon.

12. (U) Ground Defense: None

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

14. (C) NBC Defense: M5A3 Protective Ointment Kits were passed out to all squadron personnel.

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## 15. (C) Training:

- a. Crew Chiefs in training: 20
- b. Aerial Gunners in training: 49
- c. JEST 2
- d. Embarkation School: 1
- e. FAC School 2

## 16. (C) Logistics:

a. In support of Operation KENTUCKY, CH-53A helicopters flew 116 sorties in 35.7 flight hours transporting 397 troops and 177.1 tons of cargo.

b. In support of Operation NAPOLEON, CH-53A helicopters flew 26 sorties for 7.8 flight hours transporting 131 troops and 33.6 tons of cargo.

c. In support of Operation SCOTLAND, CH-53A helicopters flew 544 sorties in 268.9 flight hours transporting 1935 troops and 807.0 tons of cargo.

d. In support of Operation LANCASTER, CH-53A helicopters flew 262 sorties in 88.9 flight hours transporting 1026 troops and 375.0 tons of cargo.

e. In support of Operation Hue City, CH-53A helicopters flew 73 sorties in 31.7 flight hours transporting 615 troops and 152.5 tons of cargo.

f. In support of Operation KUNG DRAGON, CH-53A helicopters flew 168 sorties in 36.8 flight hours transporting 140 troops and 266.9 tons of cargo.

17. (U) Supply: None

18. (U) Motor Transport: None

19. (U) Engineering: None

## 20. (C) Maintenance:

a. Normal maintenance was performed on all squadron aircraft.

b. The following is a list of high utilization components replaced during the month:

WIC	NOMENCLATURE	ITEMS
15111	Adjustable Rod (Pitch Control)	78
11300	Rotary Wing Pylon Structure	76
1411E20	Stick Trim Position Sensor	43
15112	Link (Rotary Rudder Head)	34
7143100	RT 384/ARN 52 RCWR-XMTR	31
11220	Aft Spenser	28
14111	Tube/Hose	28
15310	Rotary Wing Blades	26
1311210	Brake	25
6115100	RT 294/ARC 44 RCUR-XMTR(FM)	24

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- 21. (U) Avionics: None
- 22. (U) Base Development/Military Construction: None
- 23. (U) Communications/Electronics: None

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DATE	TOTAL				III MAF				ARVN				ROKMC			
	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX	HRS	SOR	CGO	PAX
1	49.3	153	291.1	121	45.7	148	176.5	97	-	-	-	-	3.6	15	14.6	124
2	39.9	121	165.9	342	29.2	82	117.2	283	-	-	-	-	10.7	39	48.7	59
3	46.4	128	145.9	288	32.9	66	27.9	200	-	-	-	-	13.5	62	118.0	88
4	40.9	111	119.8	119	26.8	49	27.7	117	5.1	16	12.0	22	9.0	46	80.1	10
5	50.4	123	140.2	408	48.8	117	129.7	408	1.6	6	10.5	-	-	-	-	-
6	48.6	125	137.9	410	30.8	60	23.7	331	1.5	2	3.0	-	16.3	73	111.2	79
7	55.8	238	307.4	689	31.1	125	224.8	657	-	-	-	-	24.7	113	182.6	31
8	78.5	156	172.4	426	78.5	156	72.4	426	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	48.6	127	169.1	397	46.8	120	157.1	328	-	-	-	-	1.8	7	12.0	69
10	34.7	85	110.7	96	34.7	85	110.7	96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	87.4	233	349.3	638	42.6	112	238.4	458	-	-	-	-	19.5	83	110.9	180
12	80.8	243	314.0	657	17.8	51	196.0	424	4.0	10	0.9	205	19.1	82	117.1	28
13	60.5	187	226.1	391	2.0	7	175.6	387	-	-	-	-	6.1	33	50.5	4
14	58.5	145	198.2	458	26.7	58	132.4	319	10.3	18	15.8	112	10.1	32	50.0	27
15	49.1	140	208.1	430	12.5	42	186.5	418	-	-	-	-	4.2	19	21.6	12
16	49.4	130	206.6	314	5.8	11	144.3	277	-	-	-	-	7.8	14	62.3	37
17	31.6	84	91.6	399	15.6	33	83.8	393	1.1	5	7.3	6	-	-	-	-
18	28.8	92	116.3	391	23.2	72	112.7	326	2.6	6	3.6	65	-	-	-	-
19	35.5	101	109.7	308	18.5	61	109.7	308	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	25.6	51	34.9	125	25.6	51	34.9	125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	20.0	53	76.6	101	20.0	53	76.6	101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	44.7	92	94.3	164	41.2	89	91.1	164	3.5	3	3.2	-	-	-	-	-
23	21.3	45	24.7	193	21.3	45	24.7	193	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	37.7	62	51.2	218	37.7	62	51.2	218	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	52.3	142	147.6	481	52.3	142	147.6	481	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	24.1	56	35.6	221	24.1	56	35.6	221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	50.3	147	174.2	279	50.3	147	174.2	279	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	53.6	133	162.5	346	53.6	133	162.5	346	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	58.2	158	235.1	320	58.2	158	235.1	320	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30																
31																
TOTAL	1361.9	3671	4336.2	9765	1185.8	2987	3300.3	8705	29.7	66	56.3	111	146.4	618	979.6	649

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 1 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 153 SORTIES 49.3 HOURS LIFTING 121/000  
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 191.1 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 31.5  
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 159.6 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.)). Mission #24 was incomplete due to zone unsecure.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

FLYING DRAGON: At 011900H 2 CH-53A aircraft flew 21 sorties for 3.6 hours  
lifting 42 troops and 20.1 tons of cargo, 16.6 tons internal and 3.5  
tons external, from LZ 411 to BT 131 631, to BT 074 515, and to BT 132 624.

SCOTLAND: At 011000H 2 CH-53A aircraft flew 14 sorties for 9.1 flight  
hours lifting 15 troops and 20.9 tons of cargo, 20.4 tons external from  
Dong Ha to Khe Sanh, Camp Carroll and the Rock Pile.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

Msn # 22 - No A/C available

Msn # 22A - Weather

Msn # 23 - Weather A/C diverted to Msn #22A

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1. HMH-463 FLEW 121 SORTIES 39.9 HOURS LIFTING 342  
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 162.0 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 17.5  
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 144.5 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.). Weather prevented missions 25, 26, 27, 29, and 30 from  
being completed. Missions 26 and 30 were also hampered by intensive enemy  
fire. The aircraft on mission 27 was diverted.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

LANCASTER: At 021400H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 7 sorties for 1.9 hours lifting  
23 troops and 13.2 tons of cargo, 0.5 tons internally and 12.7 tons externally,  
from Dong Ha LSA to Camp Carroll and the The Rockpile.

SCOTLAND: At 021040H 4 CH-53A aircraft flew 10 sorties for 7.5 hours, lifting  
11.8 tons of cargo internally from LZ 23 to Khe Sanh.

KENTUCKY: At 020900H 3 CH-53A aircraft flew 35 sorties for 11.3 hours lifting  
227 troops and 53.5 tons of cargo, 7 tons internally and 46.5 tons externally  
from Dong Ha to A-3 and Con Thien.

FLYING DRAGON: At 021005H 4 CH-53A aircraft flew 39 sorties for 10.7 flight  
hours lifting 48.7 tons of cargo, 2 tons internally and 46.7 tons externally,  
from LZ-30, to LZ Hawk and LZ 411

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

25 Inc. weather

29 Inc. weather

26 Inc. weather/enemy fire

30 Inc. weather/enemy fire

27 Inc weather/aircraft diverted

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 3 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 128 SORTIES 46.4 HOURS LIFTING 288  
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 115.9 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 37.6  
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 108.3 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.)). ~~Weather prevented the completion of missions 24, 25, 27,~~

~~28, 29, 36, and 42. Aircraft on Dinner flight 6-0 sustained battle  
damage from enemy .50 caliber fire and is down at Quang Tri.~~

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

~~SCOTLAND: At 030725H 1 CH-53A flew 16 sorties for 8.5 hours lifting 6  
troops and 10.9 tons of cargo internally and 3.5 tons externally, from  
Dong Ha LSA to Khe Sanh.~~

~~LANCASTER: At 030753H 1 CH-53A flew 18 sorties for 4.6 hours lifting  
97 troops and 25.4 tons of cargo, 5.1 tons internally and 20.3 tons  
externally, from Dong Ha to Camp Carroll and Camp Carroll to the Rock pile.~~

~~DRAGON FIRE: At 030750H 2 CH-53A aircraft flew 62 sorties for 13.5 hours  
lifting 88 troops and carrying 118.0 tons of cargo, 4.0 internally and  
114.0 externally, from LZ 22 and LZ 23 to LZ 411.~~

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

~~25 - Inc. weather~~  
~~29 - Inc. weather~~  
~~24 - Inc. weather~~  
~~27 - Inc. weather/ Battle Damage~~  
~~28 - Inc. weather~~

~~36 - Inc. Lack of nets~~  
~~42 - Inc. weather~~

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 4 FEBRUARY 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 111 SORTIES 40.9 HOURS LIFTING 119  
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 119.8 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 26.0  
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 93.8 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.)). THE WEATHER THROUGHOUT I CORPS WAS SUCH THAT ALL  
MISSIONS EXCEPT ONE WERE INCOMPLETE.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

SCOTLAND: AT 010900H 2 CH-53A FLEW 12 SORTIES FOR 5.6 HOURS LIFTING 25  
TROOPS AND 7.2 TONS OF CARGO, 3.5 TONS INTERNAL AND 3.7 TONS EXTERNAL  
FROM LZ-23 TO KHE SANH AND DONG HA TO KHE SANH.

LANCASTER: AT 010900H 1 CH-53A FLEW 3 SORTIES FOR 2.3 HOURS LIFTING  
0.25 TONS OF CARGO INTERNALLY FROM DONG HA TO CA LU.

FLYING DRAGON: AT 010700H 2 CH-53A FLEW 16 SORTIES FOR 9.0 HOURS  
LIFTING 10 TROOPS AND 80.1 TONS OF CARGO, 3.5 TONS INTERNAL AND 76.6 TONS  
EXTERNAL FROM LZ-22 TO LZ-111, LZ-132, RM AND BT 117 617.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 32

INC DUE TO WEATHER

# 30 INC DUE TO INTENSE ENEMY FIRE

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

1 UR-34 ADMIN

1 UR-1E ADMIN

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 5 FEBRUARY 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 135 SORTIES 18.6 HOURS LIFTING 110  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 137.9 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 38.5  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 99.4 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.).

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

~~SCOTLAND: AT 050000H THREE (3) OH-53A FLEW 30 SORTIES FOR 18.3 HOURS  
 LIFTING 82 TROOPS AND 22.9 TONS OF CARGO, 12 TONS INTERNAL AND 10.9 TONS  
 EXTERNAL FROM DONG HA TO KINH BACH.~~

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

~~# 15, 23, 30 INC DUE TO WEATHER~~

~~# 14, 20 INC DUE TO BEING DIVERTED~~

~~# 21 INC DUE TO DARKNESS~~

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin  
 NONE

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 6 FEBRUARY 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 123 SORTIES 14.7 HOURS LIFTING 408  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 110.2 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 31.4  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 108.8 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.).

## 2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

~~SCOTLAND: AT 060800H 3 CH-53A FLEW 40 SORTIES FOR 16.0 HOURS LIFTING  
 184 TROOPS AND 13.3 TONS OF CARGO, 9.7 TONS INTERNAL, 35.8 TONS EXTERNAL,  
 FROM DONG HA LSA TO THE SAMH.~~

~~LAMARSH: AT 060800H 2 CH-53A FLEW 29 SORTIES FOR 10.1 HOURS LIFTING  
 180 TROOPS AND 37.2 TONS OF CARGO, 7.1 TONS INTERNAL, AND 30.1 TONS  
 EXTERNAL FROM DONG HA TO ID 985 515.~~

## 3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

~~25 DIVERTED TO 26~~~~40 TONS A/C DOWN~~~~28 DAMAGED~~~~38 DIVERTED BY CAPTAINS~~

## 4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 7 FEBRUARY 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 238 SORTIES 74.8 HOURS LIFTING 682  
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 307.4 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 50.2  
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 249.2 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.).

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

~~LANCASTER: AT 0700H 3 CR-52A FLEW 51 SORTIES IN 20.7 HOURS LIFTING 326  
TROOPS AND 51.1 TONS OF CARGO FROM DONG HA TO A-3, GHO LINE AND CHIEF CARROLL.~~

~~HUE CITY: AT 0700H 2 CR-52A FLEW 23 SORTIES IN 8.3 HOURS LIFTING 128  
TROOPS AND 21.7 TONS OF CARGO FROM PHU DAT AND AK-17 TO THE OFFICE.~~

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

~~# 18 INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER~~

~~# 20 AND 21 TO BE RE-PLANNED~~

~~# 21 & 23 A/C DIVERTED~~

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

1 UN-1E ADMIN

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 8 FEBRUARY 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 156 SORTIES 64.5 HOURS LIFTING 426  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 172.4 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 20.0  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 152.4 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.)).

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

~~SCOTLAND: AT 0800LST ONE (1) CH-53A FLEW 7 SORTIES IN 5.0 HOURS LIFTING~~  
~~XX~~  
~~XX 14 TROOPS AND 7.8 TONS OF CARGO INTERNALLY FROM TONG HA TO KHE SANH.~~

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

~~#s 19, 20, 26, 27 WERE INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER~~

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

1 UH-34 ADMIN

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 9 FEBRUARY 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 127 SORTIES 48.6 HOURS LIFTING 397  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 169.1 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 32.3  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 136.8 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.). MISSIONS WERE INCOMPLETE DUE TO EITHER WEATHER OR DARKNESS

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format) \_\_\_\_\_

NONE

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 19, 28, 30, 34, 32 WERE INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER

# 25, 33 WERE INCOMPLETE DUE TO DARKNESS

# 36 WAS INCOMPLETE DUE TO BEING DIVERSED.

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin \_\_\_\_\_)

NONE

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR \_\_\_\_\_

1. HMH-463 FLEW 85 SORTIES 34.7 HOURS LIFTING 96TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 110.7 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 55.2TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 55.6 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.)). WEATHER WAS POOR IN NORTHERN AREAS.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format) \_\_\_\_\_

NONE

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 18, 28, 24 WERE INCOMPLETE DUE TO WEATHER

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

3 UH-34 ADMIN

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 11 Feb 19681. HMH-463 FLEW 233 SORTIES 87.4 HOURS LIFTING 638TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 349.3 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 67.1TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 281.2 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND

ATTACK, ETC.). Three (3) missions were incomplete due to weather.Weather caused late launched on some missions up North.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Lancaster: At 110730H 2 CH-53A aircraft flew 26 sorties for 9.3 hours  
lifting 196 troops and 40.0 tons of cargo; 8.0 tons were carried internally  
and 32.0 tons externally, from Dong Ha USA to VN 065 535 and VN 085 515.

Scotlands: At 102155H 2 CH-53A aircraft flew 10 sorties for 7.9 hours  
lifting no troops and carrying 7.9 tons of cargo internally from LZ-22  
to Khe Sanh.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

24, 26, 28: Inc. due to weather29: Inc. due to A/C mech. difficulties25, 30, 31: A/C diverted22: Inc. due to A/C availability

4. TARI'S (List Field or Admin)

1 UA-34 Admin1 UA-34 Field

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 12 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 243 SORTIES 80.8 HOURS LIFTING 657  
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 314.0 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 54.4  
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 259.6 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.). Weather was below minimums at Khe Sanh.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Kentucky: At 120800H 2 CH-53A aircraft flew 22 sorties for 7.2 hours lifting 60  
troops and 29.4 tons of cargo, 1.3 tons internally and 28.1 tons externally from  
Dong Ha LSA to Alpha 3.

Scotland: At 121500H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 2 sorties for 1.3 hours lifting 8  
troops and 3.3 tons of internal cargo from Dong Ha LSA to Khe Sanh.

Lancaster: At 121350H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 36 sorties for 9.5 hours lifting 36  
troops and 59.5 tons of cargo, 4.3 internally and 55.3 externally from Dong Ha  
LSA to Camp Carroll.

Hue City: At 120930H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 10 sorties for 4.0 hours lifting 205  
troops and 0.9 tons of internal cargo from Pim Bai to Hue Hospital.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 17, 19, 22, & 28 were incomplete due to weather.

# 20 was incomplete due to weather and mechanical difficulties.

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

2 OH-1: Admin lifts

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**CONFIDENTIAL**HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 13 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 187 SORTIES 60.5 HOURS LIFTING 391  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 226.1 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 46.1  
<sup>188.0</sup>  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 188.0 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.). Weather at Khe Sanh throughout most of the day prevented  
missions 27 and 29 from being completed.

## 2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Lancaster: At 131105H 1 CH-53A flew 7 sorties for 1.7 hours lifting 10  
troops and 10.6 tons of external cargo from Quang Tri to Dong Ha LSA to  
the Rock Pile.

Hue City: At 130840H 2 CH-53A flew 7 sorties for 11.4 hours lifting 90  
troops and 67.4 tons of cargo, 18.3 tons internally and 49.1 tons externally  
from Phu Bai ASP to YD 743 130 and YD 756 223.

Scotland: At 130730H 2 CH-53A flew 11 sorties for 6.2 hours lifting 60  
troops and 15.1 tons of cargo, 4.1 tons internally and 11.0 tons externally  
from Phu Bai to Khe Sanh.

## 3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 26 & 30 Incomplete due to mechanical difficulties

# 27 & 29 Incomplete due to weather

# 31 A/C was overfragged

## 4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

1 UH-34 Field

2 UH-1 Admin

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BMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 14 Feb 1968

1. BMH-463 FLEW 145 SORTIES, 58.5 HOURS LIFTING 458  
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 198.2 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 11.5  
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 156.7 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQIN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE IE. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.)).

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED (See Format)

Scotland: At 140730H 4 CH-53A aircraft flew 62 sorties in 27.7 flight  
hours lifting 279 troops and 90.4 tons of cargo. 5.8 tons internally  
and 84.6 tons externally, from Dong Ha LSA to the Rockpile, Khe Sanh,  
and Camp Carroll. One sortie was flown to Khe Sanh during which A/C  
took one round of 12.7mm fire. Three passengers received minor wounds  
and one passenger was seriously wounded. Pilot of aircraft took incoming  
at Khe Sanh and had to take wounded passengers to "D" Med at Dong Ha.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify Reason)

#21 Incomplete due to weather

#27 Incomplete due to weather and  
mechanical difficulties

#22 Incomplete - no fuel bags

#23 Incomplete - bad slings/mech. diff.

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

4 UH-34 Field

1 UH-34 Admin

1 A-1 Admin

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 15 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 140 SORTIES 49.1 HOURS LIFTING 140  
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 208.1 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 50.8  
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 157.3 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.)).

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Hue City: At 150730H 2 CH-53A aircraft flew 33 sorties for 8.0 hours  
lifting 192 troops and 60.5 tons of cargo, 28.0 tons internally and 32.7  
tons externally, from Phu Bai to Hue Citadel.

Scotland: At 150745H 4 CH-53A aircraft flew 34 sorties for 18.7 hours  
lifting 362 troops and 110.1 tons of cargo 10.1 tons internally and  
100.0 tons externally from Dong Ha and Phu Bai to Khe Sanh.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 28 Weather

# 21 Weather

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin  
2 UH-34 Admin

1 CH-46 Admin

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 16 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 130 SORTIES 19.4 HOURS LIFTING 314

TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 206.6 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 10.7

TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 165.9 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.).

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Scotlands: At 161130H 5 OH-53A aircraft flew 59 sorties for 29.0 hours  
lifting 239 troops and 112.9 tons of cargo, 11.9 tons internally and 101.0  
tons externally from Dong Ha LSA to Khe Sanh.

Kentucky: At 161000H 1 OH-53A aircraft flew 20 sorties for 6.2 hours  
lifting  
lifting 68 troops and 32.9 tons of cargo, 0.6 tons internally and 32.1  
tons externally from Dong Ha to Alpha - 3.

Lancaster: at 160730H 2 OH-53A aircraft flew 17 sorties for 4.5 hours,  
lifting 19 troops and 34.5 tons of external cargo from Dong Ha LSA to  
Camp Carroll and the Rockpile.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 28 weather

# 29 A/C diverted

# 30 Cargo not ready

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

2 UH-34 Admin

1 UH-1 Admin

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 17 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 81 SORTIES 31.6 HOURS LIFTING 399  
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 91.1 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 26.5  
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 64.6 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.)). Weather at Khe Sanh was below minimums all day.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Lancaster: At 170730Z 2 CH-53A aircraft flew 19 sorties for 6.8 hours  
lifting 113 troops and 24.8 tons of cargo, 3.5 tons internally and 21.3  
tons externally from Dong Ha to the Rockpile and Camp Carroll.

Kentucky: At 170915H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 7 sorties for 2.0 hours  
lifting 10 troops and 10.5 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to  
Alpha - 3.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 22, 23, & 21: weather

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

3 UH-34 Admin

1 CH-46 Field

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**CONFIDENTIAL**HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 18 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 92 SORTIES 28.8 HOURS LIFTING 391  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 116.3 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 11.2  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 105.1 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.)). Weather prevented the completion of missions 25 & 27.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

No major operations were supported.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 25 Weather

# 27 weather & mechanical difficulties

# 26 Lines B & C cancelled

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

1 CH-46 Admin

1 CH-46 Field

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**CONFIDENTIAL**HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 19 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 101 SORTIES 35.5 HOURS LIFTING 308  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 109.7 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 2.5  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 78.2 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.). Weather delayed the launch of several northern missions  
and caused six (6) other missions to be incomplete.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Kentucky: At 190903H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 10 sorties for 2.0 hours lifting  
9 troops and 19.0 tons of cargo, 0.5 tons internally and 18.5 tons externally  
from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

Scotland: At 190715H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 2 sorties for 1.5 hours lifting  
2.5 tons of cargo internally from Dong Ha LSA to Khe Sanh.

Napoleon: At 190903H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 1 sortie for 1.0 flight hours  
lifting 35 troops and 6.0 tons of cargo, 1.0 tons internally and 5.0 tons  
externally from Dong Ha LSA to Alpha-1.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 23, 24, 28, & 31: weather

# 25 Mechanical difficulties

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

1 A-1 Admin recovery

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 20 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 51 SORTIES, 25.6 HOURS LIFTING 135

TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 31.9 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 26.9

TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 8.0 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQIN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE IE. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.)). Weather was a significant factor affecting squadron  
operations.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED (See Format)

Because of the poor weather throughout the area, no cargo or troops were lifted in  
support of an operation.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify Reason)

# 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32,

33, 34: WEATHER.

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 27 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 51 SORTIES 20.0 HOURS LIFTING 101  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 76.6 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 43.0  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 33.6 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.)). Missions 24, 25, & 27 were incomplete due to weather.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

None.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

24, 25, & 27: weather

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

None.

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 22 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 22 SORTIES 44.1 HOURS LIFTING 138/26  
AND 17/20  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 94.3 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 58.2  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 36.1 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.)). Weather prevented completion of missions 20, 21 and 25.

1 Aircraft destroyed by enemy fire at Khe Sanh.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Scotland: At 220355Z 1 OH-53A aircraft flew 37 sorties for 15.7 hours lifting 109  
troops and carrying 27.9 tons of cargo. 4.4 tons internally and 23.5 tons  
externally from Dong Ha LAA to Khe Sanh.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

20, 21, 25: weather

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

1 OH-3H Admin

1 OH-1 Admin

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 23 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 35 SORTIES 21.3 HOURS LIFTING 187/6  
Med Evacs  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 24.7 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 16.1  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 8.6 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.). Missions 25, 27, 28, 29 & 30 incomplete due to weather.  
Mission 26 cancelled.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Scotland: At 220907H 4 CH-53A aircraft flew 15 sorties for 92.3 hours lifting  
30/6 passengers/med evacs; and carrying 13.3 tons of cargo 4.7 tons  
internally and 8.6 externally from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 25, 27, 28, 29, 30: weather

# 26: cancelled

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 24 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 62 SORTIES 37.7 HOURS LIFTING 211.4  
~~MED EVACS~~  
~~TROOPS/PASSENGERS~~. A TOTAL OF 51.2 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 39.4  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 11.8 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.)). Missions 21, 22, & 23 incomplete due to weather. Mission  
24 incomplete; aircraft diverted to missions 27 & 5 U.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Scotland: At 211600H 1 OH-53A aircraft flew 4 sorties for 3.0 hours lifting  
3.5 tons of cargo internally from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh. 1 Med evac was  
carried from Khe Sanh to "D" Med at Dong Ha.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

# 21, 22, 23: weather

# 24: A/C diverted

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 25 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 142 SORTIES 52.3 HOURS LIFTING 450/34  
 in MED EVACS  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 147.6 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 29.1  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 118.5 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.). 20 Inc weather. 21 Inc BatDam. 22: "A" Cancelled. "B"  
no fuel bags, "C" weather, "D" No cargo at Danang A.F. 24 Inc weather and  
over fragged. 25 Inc: did not find A/C.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Lancaster: At 250730H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 29 sorties for 7.5 hours  
 lifting 3 troops and 43.2 tons of cargo externally, from Dong Ha LSA to  
 the the Rockpile (AD 985 H45).

Scotland: At 250730H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 13 sorties for 6.2 hours lifting  
 71 troops and 33 Med Evacs and 8.5 tons of internal cargo from Dong Ha  
 to Khe Sanh.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

20: weather

24: overfragged/weather

21: BatDam

24: A/C not located

23: "A" CNY, "B" No fuel bags, "C" weather.

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

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**CONFIDENTIAL**HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 26 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 56 SORTIES 24.1 HOURS LIFTING 221  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 35.6 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 5.6  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 30.0 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.)).

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Scotland: At 260800H 3 OH-53A aircraft flew 22 sorties for 11.9 hours  
 lifting 69 troops and 14 tons of cargo, 0.5 internally and 13.5 externally  
 from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh. Dinner flight 1-0 reported seeing SAM contrails  
 approximately 6 miles NW of Khe Sanh at 1530H.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

#23: Mechanical difficulties

#24: Weather

#25: Weather, Enemy Action

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 27 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 147 SORTIES 50.3 HOURS LIFTING 269/3  
7 MED EVACS.  
TROOPS/~~PERSONNEL~~ A TOTAL OF 174.2 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 25.2  
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 149.0 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.)). All missions were complete.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Kentucky: At 271400H 2 CH-53A aircraft flew 8 sorties for 2.6 flight  
hours lifting 5 troops and 7.5 tons of external cargo from Dong Ha to  
Alpha - 3.

Lancaster: At 271000H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 10 sorties for 4.3 flight  
hours lifting no troops or pax and carrying 11.3 tons of external cargo  
from Dong Ha to the Rockpile and Camp Carroll.

Napoleon: At 270830H 1 CH-53A flew 12 sorties in 2.6 flight hours lifting  
85 troops and transporting 15.5 tons of external cargo from Dong Ha to  
Alpha - 1.

Scotland: At 0750H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 25 sorties for 11.4 flight  
hours carrying 70 troops and transporting 21.1 tons of cargo, 9.0 tons  
9.0 tons int., and 12.1 tons ext. from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh,  
interruptions INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

1 UH-34 Field recovery.

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 28 Feb 1968

1. HMH-463 FLEW 133 SORTIES 53.6 HOURS LIFTING 31.8  
 TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 162.5 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 109.5  
 TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 52.0 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
 ATTACK, ETC.)). ~~Mission #23 was incomplete due to weather and mechanical~~  
~~difficulties.~~

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format)

Kentucky: At 280950H 2 OH-53A aircraft flew 9 sorties in 3.0 flight hours  
lifting 18 troops and carrying 15.5 tons of cargo, 1.3 tons internally and  
14.2 tons externally from Dong Ha to Alpha - 3.

Napoleon: At 281300H 1 OH-53A aircraft flew 6 sorties in 1.5 flight hours  
carrying no troops and lifting 8.8 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha  
to Alpha - 1.

Scotland: At 280830H 3 OH-53A aircraft flew 57 sorties in 39.6 flight  
hours lifting 163 troops and 153.1 tons of cargo, 9.0 tons internally  
and 144.1 tons externally from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh,

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

#23: weather and mechanical difficulties

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

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HMH-463 SITUATION REPORT FOR 29 Feb 19681. HMH-463 FLEW 158 SORTIES 58.2 HOURS LIFTING 320TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 235.1 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 66.5TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 168.6 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE, I.E. (WEATHER, GROUND  
ATTACK, ETC.)). \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED: (See Format) \_\_\_\_\_

Scotland: At 290725H 5 CH-53A aircraft flew 62 sorties in 29.5 flight  
hours lifting 149 troops and carrying 99.5 tons of cargo, 16.1 tons  
internally and 83.4 tons externally from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.Lancaster: At 290725H two CH-53A aircraft flew 10 sorties for 3.7  
flight hours carrying 23 troops and lifting 21.0 tons of cargo, 3.0 tons  
internally and 18.0 tons externally from Dong Ha to Ca Lu.Kentucky: At 290725H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 5 sorties in 2.0 flight hours  
lifting no troops and carrying 8.6 tons of external cargo from Dong Ha to  
Alpha - 3.Napoleon: At 290725H 1 CH-53A aircraft flew 4 sorties in 3.3 flight  
hours lifting 11 troops and carrying 3.3 tons of cargo, 1.3 tons  
internally and 2.0 tons externally from Dong Ha to Alpha - 1.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify reason)

None. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin

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